

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 4, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Invocation by Henry Goodsky.

Members Present: Kevin W. Leecy; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Ray Villebrun, Sr.; Mark Drift, Sr.; Kevin Strong

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Mark Anderson; Henry Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Jeneal Goggleye; Pete Drift, Sr.; Marge Holmes; Alec Pete; Karen Drift; Axel Holmes, Jr.; Marilyn Geshick; George Mihelich; Myra Thompson; Kristal Strong; Randy Long; Lester Drift, Sr.; Wendy Thompson; Nikki Klakoski; Darin Steen; Helen Wilkie; Isabelle Strong; Ray Toutloff; Dave Danz; Phyllis Boshey; J. Kay Davis Brown; Donovan Strong; Mary Strong; Shirley Benner; Mavis Drift; Shaw Guelcher; Jason Sherman; Billie Mason; Carol Burr; Charles Grolla; Kelly Dunkley; Deanna Drift; Effie Drift; Earl Villebrun; Jane Villebrun; Tara Geshick; Jerome Whiteman; Marybelle Isham; Rhonda Hoagland; Dawn Benner; Jennie Reynolds; Char Lewis; Janet Thompson; Kevin Koski; Jennie Woodenfrog; Florence Huisentruit; Bill Latady; Ruth Ann Strong; Marcella Connor; Jan Connor; Rose Berens; Jon Connor; Marcus Knife Chief; Millie Holmes; Valerie Boness

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the deletion of Vern Barsness' Housing Grant item, and the addition of 1) out of state travel request for Justin Wendland, and 2) Phillis Boshey with concern of fire protection. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held February 22, 2006 with a correction on page 2, paragraph 3, inserting "or" so it reads "personal or political views". Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held March 16, 2006 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held April 21, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes has nothing from the Elders Committee. Mary Strong thanks the Council for the elder trip to Washington, D. C. Mary Strong states they heard there was a petition going around for the removal of Chairman Leecy, and she presents a

letter of support for Chairman Leecy which was signed by Band members. Barb Brodeen reads the letter of support, the signatures are counted and there are 128 names on it.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks about the elders driveways and if they received Class 5 gravel for them. There are two elders who need some. Jerome Whiteman is to get a list of the elders who need the Class 5 gravel.

A letter was received in regard to garbage being left on Spirit Island. This letter will be brought to the next Elders Committee meeting.

New staff introduced are: Deanna Drift – Probation Officer and Earl Villebrun – Environmental Technician.

Phyllis Boshey addresses the Council in regard to fire protection for Vermilion. She states her and other homeowners are finding out through the TimberJay there is no fire protection coverage at Vermilion. She attended a meeting where the fire and ambulance crew were going to vote on whether or not to provide coverage because the agreement was not signed and no payment was received. She suggests the Council enter into a four-year agreement. She also received a copy of the agreement from Greenwood Township which she states there are wrong names on some of the buildings. Chairman Leecy assures her the payment made, and the Council is seeking a 3-4 year agreement. He also states there was a disagreement on the language of the agreement but there was never any danger of coverage not being provided. Three council members disagreed with her based on language in the contract. We are protecting our sovereignty. At no time was Vermilion Reservation in danger.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #144-2006, modification to Janice E. Connor and Leslie J. Connor lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #145-2006, residential lease – Jerome and Clara Whiteman. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #146-2006, residential lease – Vivian Proulx. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #147-2006, residential lease – Floyd and Arlene M. Morrison. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr. to adopt resolution #148-2006, lease cancellation – Kelly Ann Strong. Carried 3-0-1. Kevin Strong silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #149-2006, residential lease – Michael T. Rowlette and Faith A. Rowlette. Carried 4-0-0.

Dave Danz informs the Council the Indian Community Development Block Grant application is due May 31, 2006 and he will be providing the Council with a list of possible projects to apply for under the grant.

Dave Danz and Lester Drift, Sr. give an update on the grant addressing homelessness. A grant was awarded to St. Louis County to address homelessness in N.E. Minnesota. The project is comprised of a coalition of seven counties (Cook, St. Louis, Lake, Koochiching, Carlton, Itasca and Aitken) and three Bands (Bois Forte, Fond du Lac and Grand Portage). There will be an advisory committee formed to identify clients and provide services to them. Bois Forte is slated to receive one full time Coordinator position to work with clients at Bois Forte and Northern St. Louis, Koochiching and Itasca Counties.

Darin Steen, Kevin Koski and Carol Burr give an update on the blower door airtightness testing that the Bois Forte Environmental Services did on the twenty new tax credit homes. All the homes, compared to the airtightness portion of the MN building code, have been at least 3 to 5 times leakier than the code allows. They provide pictures which is posted so the public can view them. The Council schedule a public meeting on May 17 so the homeowners can get this information. Darin and Kevin will provide the information and possible solutions. They are also to provide to Mark Anderson a list of everyone involved when the homes were built, the codes, contracts, drawings. Environmental Services and Housing also plan to do this testing on all the Housing homes at Bois Forte.

Shaw Guelcher gives a report on the elder trip to Washington, D.C. Except for a couple of the hotels, everything went okay, and she received good comments from the elders. Shaw will be putting together a scrapbook for everyone to see. Chairman Leecy states the Council is looking at an elder trip being an annual event.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agreements (one for Nett Lake and one for Vermilion) with the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches Division of Indian Work for a culturally specific teen pregnancy prevention program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the security services agreement with Per Mar Security Services for 18 buildings on Bois Forte, this is pending further review by legal counsel and any changes legal counsel makes. Carried 4-0-0. This does not include video cameras but Randy Long will meet with Todd Montgomery from Fortune Bay and Teresa Strong from the Nett Lake School to look at the cost and maintenance of installing video cameras at Head Start (Head Start parents had submitted a petition requesting the installation of video surveillance cameras at Head Start).

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #150-2006, grant application to the National Park Services NAGPRA Grant Program for funding to cover expenses associated with the repatriation of twenty-three sacred items from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and two items from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #151-2006, adoption of NIMS (National Incident Management System) and the implementation of and compliance with NIMS for emergency preparedness. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #152-2006, Bois Forte's tribal government participation in the Minnesota Department of Health's mass dispensing drill on September 14 and 15, 2006 that will prepare communities for biological and bacterial releases that threaten human health and safety. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the legal services agreement with Mark Anderson for the USDA Grant Ambulance Contract and loan documents and to authorize the chairman and secretary-treasurer to execute the documents. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Randy Long and Eddie Chavers to attend the NativeTech 2006 Enriching Tribal Communities Through Information Technology conference to be held May 17-18, 2006 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Victoria Holmes to attend the Professional Excellence II Business Communications Skills for Tribal Secretaries and Administrative Assistants conference to be held June 21-23, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Judy Posch and Billie Mason to attend the National Indian Head Start Directors Association 16th Management Training Conference to be held June 18-22, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Mike Hayes and Justin Wendland to attend the Police Officer In-service training program to be held May 16-18, 2006 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Marcus Knife Chief to attend the Police Officer In-service training program to be held May 31 – June 1, 2006 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Justin Wendland to transport one prisoner from Koochiching County Jail to the Eagle Butte Jail Facility in South Dakota from May 9-11, 2006. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.