

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 18, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:12 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; Judy Posch; Patti Wilkie; Marge Holmes; Marilyn Geshick; Marcella Connor; George Mihelich; Ray Toutloff; Jeneal Goggeleye; Carl Dagen; Kim Greiner; Mary Strong; Brandon Benner; J. Kay Davis; Simona Benner; Davelle Morrison; Carol Burr; Pete Drift; Donovan Strong; Kristal Strong; Shirley Benner; Mavis Drift; Isabelle Strong; Darin Steen; Billie Mason; Rose Berens; Shane Drift; Wendy Thompson; Jerome Whiteman; Millie Holmes; Shaw Guelcher; Dawn Benner; Bill Spang; Gary Adams; Alec Pete; Jim Tolan; Steve Peterson; Andy Datko

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held May 4, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota, with the following corrections: 1) add on to page 2, paragraph 6, "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." 2) Char Leecy's name is Char Lewis. Carried 4-0-0.

The Elders Committee bring up the issue of accumulation of garbage in yards, and the roaming of dogs. Pete Drift states the conservation code has a leash law in it and the conservation officers cite people for the unleashed dogs, but if the dogs continue to be a problem, he can have his police officers start ticketing owners of the dogs. In regard to the accumulation of garbage in people's yards, Darin Steen states there is a solid waste code. Carol Burr states Housing sends letters to the Housing tenants informing them it is a violation of the lease and they have a certain number of days to clean it up. Individuals at the meeting feel some reasons for the accumulation of garbage are: 1) the store is often out of garbage coupons, which Patti Wilkie will take care of, 2) some people don't have cars to haul the garbage, Carl Dagen will look at curbside pickup, 3) some of the elders aren't getting their garbage picked up, Carl Dagen will make sure his crew does this, 4) the dumpsters and recycling bins are full when people get to the transfer station. A suggestion is to have a couple dumpsters in the village. The recycling issue will be placed on the next community meeting's agenda.

Mary Strong presents an addition to the letter of support for Chairman Leecy. It has 80 names on it and it is given to David Morrison, Sr., Secretary-Treasurer.

Mary Strong states the elders feel an elder's trip every other year would be good instead of every

year. Chairman Leecy states the Council can budget for a trip every year, but if the elders want it every other year then it's whatever the elder's decide.

New staff introduced are: Davelle Morrison and Simona Benner – Administrative Assistants.

This week is National Police Week and the police officers are recognized for their work and service – Pete Drift, Commissioner of Law Enforcement, Officer Donovan Strong, and Officer Mike Hayes are present, and Officer Marcus Knife Chief and Officer Jeremy Wendland are away at training.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to designate May 13-20 each year as National Police Week on Bois Forte Reservation. Carried 4-0-0.

Brandon Benner is planning to have a summer traveling basketball team, both boys and girls from the Bois Forte and Fond du Lac reservations. He is requesting funds to help with the cost. He will also be asking Fond du Lac.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve a \$6,000 challenge match to Fond du Lac for the summer traveling basketball team. Carried 4-0-0. The Council would like to compensate Brandon Benner for his involvement in this and will discuss it further.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to authorize Judy Posch to pursue the Head Start FY2006 One-Time Program Improvement Funds for a playground at the Vermilion Center. Carried 4-0-0. It requires a 20% match which can be in-kind and Housing will help with this, also Judy will see about having the parents help with the ground prep and installation.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the revision to the Higher Education provisions: G.7 “Students will be eligible for financial assistance (subject to the maximum amount under paragraph G.8, below, plus \$3,000.00) for summer session provided the courses taken are prerequisites for fall term or will apply toward graduation requirements.” Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the Bois Forte Summer Youth Eligibility Criteria 2006 and striking section V. and moving section IV. to #4 under section III. Carried 4-0-0.

Billie Mason is to meet with Pete Drift on the possibility of the youth attending the Jr. Police Academy get paid for attending it otherwise they would miss out on the summer youth program.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the 2006 Community Clean Up budget and to approve \$12,000 be put each year in Darin Steen's budget for the community clean up so that he doesn't have to keep coming back each year to request the funding. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #158-2006, USDA loan resolution for the Indian Point sanitary sewer project. Carried 4-0-0.

Kristal Strong sits on the Native Vote Alliance Minnesota (formerly Minnesota Get Out The Vote

Statewide Planning Committee), and she is requesting the release of Bois Forte's enrollment records to the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits in order to compare our list against the State's to see where our Band members are registered. Mark Anderson informs Kristal that under Bois Forte Data Privacy Ordinance, Band member's names can't be released without the Band member's consent.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #159-2006, submission of grant application to the Indian Community Development Block Grant for funding for the Nett Lake C-store Project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; approve the submission of the grant continuation application for Victim Services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #160-2006, designating Spirit Island in Nett Lake as a "no hunting or fishing" area and reserving it for traditional spiritual purposes. Carried 4-0-0. Mark Drift, Sr. wants it noted in the minutes that Dorothea Kletschka's letter was received and action was taken. Her letter stated she went to Spirit Island and while there picked up three garbage bags of shells, beer cans, and garbage and there is still more there.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Kevin Koski and Tara Geshick to travel to Odanah, Wisconsin from June 5-9, 2006 to perform indoor air quality inspections and blower door airtightness test on homes and buildings. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Darin Steen to attend the EPA Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting in Bayfield, Wisconsin on May 30-31, 2006. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to waive the 90-day period of no out of state travel for newly hired employees, to approve out of state travel for Deanna Drift to attend the Fundamental of Probation and Parole and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Court Technology Conference and Vendor Exposition Technology for Tribal Justice to be held May 22-24, 2006 in Longmont, Colorado. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Judy Posch and Denise Friend to attend the Child Care Bureau National Conference to Tribal and State Administrator's to be held August 7-11, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Lisa Anderson to attend the Lactation Counselor Certificate Training Program to be held June 19-23, 2006 in Salinas, California. Carried 4-0-0.

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