

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 15, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m.

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; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Marcella Connor; Marge Holmes; Pam Hughes; Brad Anderson; Leanne Barto; Mary Strong; Carl Dagen; Toni Wakemup; David Farmer; Marlene Farmer; Pete Drift, Sr.; Bill Latady; Ray Toutloff; Jacki Koski; Shane Drift; Rose Berens; Effie Drift; Mark Drift, Jr.; Andy Datko; Marilyn Geshick; Jeneal Goggeley; Florene LaRoque; Jerome Whiteman; Robin Boshey; Kim Greiner; Dawn Benner; Louise Isham; Billie Mason; Jason Sherman; Carol Burr; Corey Strong; Wendy Thompson; Patti Wilkie; Kristal Strong; Darin Steen; Lela Goodsky; Nikki Klaskoski; Esther Connor; George Mihelich; Dave Connor; Doris Isham; Ronald Pettinell; Dr. Micheal Evans

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

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 1, 2006 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Mary Strong said because the council was going to send the elders on a trip each year, without even trying, they have 68 people that want to go. They want to bring their spouses too, and the elders would make guidelines for the trip. They want the next trip to be the Gathering of Nations Pow-wow. They are letting the council know now so things can get started, like hotel reservations and fund raising. Chairman Leecy states he agrees with whatever the elders decide and will ask the Council if they will put it in the budget to make it a permanent vacation each year.

Mary Strong asks if the council could direct someone to spray for poison ivy. Her granddaughter got poison ivy and got a staph infection and was in the hospital for awhile. Mary is informed the County and the State were told not to spray on the reservation because the herbicides used were going to get in the lake and start ruining the rice crop. Corey Strong and Darin Steen are to work on spraying the small areas where there is poison ivy.

New RTC Staff: Toni Wakemup introduces Robin Boshey who is the Assistant Program Accountant. Billie Mason introduces Leanne Barto who is the Education Administrative Assistant and Florene LaRoque who is the Summer Youth Coordinator.

Ray Toutloff states the Nett Lake School Board is requesting the Council waive the 2% TERO fee on the Nett Lake School Project. Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to deny the waiver of the TERO Ordinance Fee for the Nett Lake School Project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the agreement with Dorothea Kletschka for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Advocate services and to authorize Shane Drift to sign the agreement. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the revisions to the Burial Fund Policy, that the \$500 stipend is given to applicant Band members whose immediate deceased family member who is not enrolled. And to add after "Such stipend shall be paid by check to the designated representative of the deceased," "*as designated in a living will or health directive or in funeral arrangements.*" Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the revisions to the Emergency Fund Guidelines, as recommended by Kim Greiner and Corey Strong. Income guidelines are included and because they are the same income guidelines used for the Food Distribution Program, the income guidelines will be changed when the Food Distribution income guidelines are changed. Carried 4-0-0.

It was suggested that just one person coordinate all the emergency funds. Barb Brodeen states the commissioners will be discussing the emergency funds at the management retreat.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to table the revisions to the Personnel Policy. Carried 4-0-0. Patti Wilkie is to give a report on the expense of all the time staff are given off, such as the _ hour for paydays, and holidays, etc.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve an extension for making improvements on the lot on the lease for Esther Connor at Indian Point. Carried 4-0-0.

David Morrison, Sr. states a Band member requested a lot at Vermilion but heard the lot was going to have an access made to the lake. David feels if no action has been taken, the individual should be able to go ahead with the process for obtaining the lot. Kevin Strong states he wants to keep a lot for public access on each of the areas at Vermilion, so the kids can go swimming, picnic, etc. Since public accesses aren't designated on the Land Use Plan, Barb Brodeen is to insert them in. Also, it was the leasing manager's understanding the lots were already designated, and that if the lot was available there are other people ahead of the person who requested the lot.

Ronald Pettinelli is requesting a 10-year lease at a reduced rate and will pay up front for a 10-year fixed rate (he has 5 years remaining on his current lease and want to extend it to 10 years). Ronald is informed the fair market value is what the Council has adopted and will follow.

Nikki Klakoski informs the Council the lessees want the Council to reconsider the lease rates.

David Farmer informs the Council he was going to enter into an agreement with someone to purchase property on a leased lot but when he was going to finalize it the other person said the property was sold. David is requesting the Council not take any action on this lot until more information is obtained. He is looking at other lots but if he can't find any, he wants this lot without the buildings.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #168-2006, lease cancellation – Sara Kochie. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #169-2006, residential lease – Arika Leigh Bliss. Carried 3-0-1. Kevin Strong silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #170-2006, recreational lease – Michael J. Poola, Scott A. Lesnau and Michael R. Lesnau. Carried 3-1-0. Mark Drift, Sr. against. Mark Drift, Sr. states he is against because our people want to come home and they should be given priority for the leases.

Chairman Leecy calls for a motion to adopt resolution #171-2006, recreational lease – Kelly McGregor. Chairman calls for a motion again. Dies for lack of a motion.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #172-2006, lease cancellation – Joe Kletschka. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #173-2006, lease cancellation – Timothy Kletschka. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #174-2006, lease cancellation – Ray Geshick, Jr. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #175-2006, lease cancellation – Elaine Tibbetts. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to post until August 20, 2006 for comments on the future of leased lots. The results will be given at the September 20 town meeting. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to: 1) authorize participation in the Community Revitalization Fund, 2) authorize the Housing Division to negotiate a

contract with the MCT Finance Corporation, and 3) authorize the Chairman to execute such documents as may be necessary to facilitate Bois Forte's participation, subject to review and approval of legal counsel. Carried 4-0-0.

Rose Berens introduces Dr. Michael Evens who will be conducting the Ethnobotany Project in the Voyageurs National Park. This project will help identify plant species important to Bois Forte and identifying the best management practices for those species. Dr. Michael Evens will be talking with the elders and getting their participation in this project.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #176-2006, application to the National Park Service for the Bois Forte Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) to assume the functions of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for tribal lands under the jurisdiction of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the revised Higher Education allowance for summer school graduate level at \$3,600.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #177-2006, audit procedures for Title 31 compliance. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #178-2006, amendments to the Bois Forte Minimum Internal Control Standards Ordinance. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Jessica Villebrun to attend the Finance Contracting and Purchasing for Tribes and Tribal Organizations workshop to be held July 18-19, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for Dawn Benner to attend the National TERO Convention to be held August 6-10, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for the TERO Commissioners: Geraldine Hanks, Sharyn Strong, Geraldine Polasky, Ellen King, Daniel James Morrison, Sidney Adams, and Darla Flett to attend the National TERO Convention to be held August 6-10, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. Carried 4-0-0.

Esther Connor informs the Council she is a graduate of Bemidji State University and is working on her Masters. She will be going to Argentina for a language immersion. She is \$566.00 short of the cost to go and she is asking the Council to see if there is any other funding Bois Forte could help with towards the \$566.00.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.