

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 6, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Invocation by Henry Goodsky.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 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; Henry Goodsky; Kelly Dunkley; Dawn Benner; Doris Isham; Mary Strong; Wendy Thompson; Jerome Whiteman; Marcella Connor; David Farmer; Marlene Farmer; Warren Villebrun; George Mihelich; Marge Holmes; Mavis Drift; Ed Isham; Nikki Klakoski; Marjorie Villebrun; Marilyn Geshick; Gary Gotchnik; Pete Drift, Sr.; Duane Columbus; Jeneal Goggleye; Toni Wakemup; Bonita Gonier; Carol Burr; Edith Villebrun; Alec Pete; Miranda Lilya; Jeremy Hoagland; Randy Long; Ray Toutloff; Corey Strong; Billie Mason; Andy Datko; Rosemary King; Kim Greiner; Rocky King; Jason Sherman; Brad Anderson; Jim Tolan; Patti Wilkie; Kristen Strong; Dr. Andrew Jones; Tim Meyer; Clark Dryud; Joe Potter; Rick Smith

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the agenda with the addition of: 1) Randy Long with a quote from Per Mar Security for surveillance equipment, and 2) Rick Smith from Blandin Research. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Leecy introduces Margie Villebrun, summer youth worker, who is shadowing him learning how tribal government works.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 15, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Mary Strong asks if someone can start helping them on the plans for the elder trip next year. They will need to start making hotel reservations. Chairman Leecy informs them Shaw Guelcher will start working with them on this.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks Carol Burr about the screen at Birdie LaRoque's unit. Carol Burr states the Housing maintenance crew is working on the screens for the units as fast as they can. Carol Burr is also asked about the hot water heater at the Assisted Living Center. She states Housing is getting estimates on that. Mark Drift, Sr. asks Carol Burr to work on the skirting on one of the elder's trailer.

New RTC staff: Jeneal Goggleye introduces Dr. Andrew Jones, Dentist; Jeremy Hoagland, Fitness Center Worker, and Kristen Strong, Fitness Center Worker. Billie Mason introduces Kelly Dunkley, Vermilion Summer Youth Supervisor. Kelly Dunkley introduces the Vermilion

Summer Youth Workers: Jerako Deegan, Keith Boshey, Danelle Goodwin, Monica Porter, and James Boshey, Jr.

Duane Columbus and State of Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Clark Dyrud inform the Council they are trying to get veteran's offices on each of the reservations in order to help the veteran's with obtaining benefits, compensation, etc., because they are finding there are a lot of Native Americans who are not receiving benefits because of all the paperwork that needs to be filled out and also it is confusing to know what all benefits are available. Duane had submitted a proposal to the Tribal Council requesting \$125,000 for a veteran's office which the Council inform him will be considered at the budget meeting for the next fiscal year. Ernie Steel and Floyd Morrison would be the tribal veteran's service officers at Bois Forte. Mark Drift, Sr. wants to recognize Floyd Morrison, who already has been taking Band members down to Fort Snelling to apply for benefits, on his own time. Commissioner Dyrud said the other reservations had asked if there was any state funding available and he feels the reservations could put together a proposal to bring to the legislature to request state money to fully fund or partially fund a tribal service office. Chairman Leecy is the Chair of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and will put Duane and Commissioner Dyrud on the agenda for their next board meeting to talk about the reservations putting together a proposal for the legislature. Chairman Leecy suggests Commissioner Dyrud think about sitting on that board as there are other commissioners on there such as the commissioner of transportation and Chairman Leecy feels it would be helpful if there was representation from the Veterans Affairs Office.

Kevin Strong leaves the meeting.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the service agreement with Berkley Risk Administrators Company who will be the 3rd party administrator for the workers compensation plan, for the period of January 1, 2006 – January 1, 2007, and will be automatically renewed each year unless terminated. Carried 3-0-0.

Kevin Strong returns to the meeting.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #1-2007, recreational lease – William Bearce. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #2-2007, recreational lease – Mark Andrews. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #3-2007, lease modification, removing William J. Anderson's name from the Juanita J. and William J. Anderson lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to deny resolution #4-2007, lease modification – Sidra Boutto (who was requesting changing lease from recreational lease to residential lease and adding adjoining lot to lease). Carried 4-0-0. This lease modification was denied because she was not on the waiting list for lots, there are other people on the waiting list for lots who were not notified this lot was available.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #5-2007, rescinding resolution #134-2006 (Lela M. Correa and Wilfredo Correa lease). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to adopt resolution #6-2007, residential lease – Ira O. Isham. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #7-2007, lease cancellation – Andrea Champa, Lee Pappone and Darlene Karakas. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #8-2007, residential lease – Marlene Farmer and David W. Farmer. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #9-2007, lease cancellation – Joseph A. Cuffe. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #10-2007, lease modification – Pamela M. Hughes (adding adjoining lot on lease where she purchased property). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #11-2007, lease cancellation – Theresa M. Augustson. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #12-2007, recreational lease – Peter L. and Nancy A. Calder. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to table resolution #13-2007, lease cancellation – William M. and Sharon L. Claviter. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to table resolution #14-2007, recreational lease – Theda Drift. Carried 4-0-0.

Kevin Strong is concerned there might be individuals who get a lot but let the previous lessees stay on the lot. Nikki is asked if she does compliance checks. She states she tries to do them once a month. Nikki is to make a compliance checklist.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt the following resolutions which are rental adjustments to leases:

Resolution #15-2007, Kile and Ann Thoreson,
Resolution #16-2007, W. Larry and Patricia Suihkonen,
Resolution #17-2007, Mary A. Strand,
Resolution #18-2007, Reynold Renzaglia,
Resolution #19-2007, Frank and Mona Putzel,
Resolution #20-2007, Steve Prebarich,
Resolution #21-2007, Renold and Helen Pettinelli,
Resolution #22-2007, Ronnie M. and Ann Ozan,
Resolution #23-2007, Craig and Cindy Olson,

Resolution #24-2007, Susanna Miller and Elizabeth Butler,
Resolution #25-2007, Ronald G. and Lisa A. Marinaro,
Resolution #26-2007, Nancy and Scott Mandler,
Resolution #27-2007, Sharon and John Mack,
Resolution #28-2007, Dennis A. Leen and Denise Holman,
Resolution #29-2007, Daniel J. and Karen E. Kedrowski,
Resolution #30-2007, William D. and Terry L. Johnson,
Resolution #31-2007, Stuart B. Johansen,
Resolution #32-2007, Robert P. and Shirley J. Hedlund,
Resolution #33-2007, Jay R. and Robert Hartlieb,
Resolution #34-2007, Merton P. and D. Jeanne Hansen, Stephen and Barbi Hansen,
Resolution #35-2007, Tom and Sharon Hall,
Resolution #36-2007, Harold L. and Kathryn A. Fuson,
Resolution #37-2007, Dale and Gail Erickson,
Resolution #38-2007, Ronald and Susan Ebnet,
Resolution #39-2007, Roger L. and Bette A. Dolinar,
Resolution #40-2007, Floyd and Dorothy Blaeser,
Resolution #41-2007, Curtis L. and Marlys A. Carlson,
Resolution #42-2007, Ricky D. Dahl,
Resolution #43-2007, Marlo S. and Rosemary Smith,
Resolution #44-2007, Joseph and Susan Kacheroski,
Resolution #45-2007, Gene and Ruth Kacheroski,
Resolution #46-2007, Pamela and Leroy L. Jenson,
Resolution #47-2007, Juanita J. Anderson.
Carried 4-0-0.

Corey Strong asks if all the lease holders at Vermilion were supposed to hook into the water and sewer system after a certain length of time after the system was installed. Corey states there are non-Indians not hooked up to the system and they are still trying to sell their properties to Band members at high prices. Also, the user fees were to pay for the new system. Ray Villebrun, Sr. states the previous lease manager and Darin Steen did a compliance check on the water/waste water systems of the lots at Vermilion and the majority were not in compliance with the waste systems and that was why they were supposed to hook up to the water and sewer system. It was supposed to be written into the leases that they hook up but Ray doesn't know if that was ever done. Corey and his department are doing research on this to do follow up on the lease compliance issues. They are also drafting a zoning ordinance.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve a \$1,500.00 donation to the Bois Forte Diabetes Program for the purchase of prizes to be offered at a Diabetes Bingo educational activity. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Equipment Use Policy as amended so it will be a heavy equipment use policy: 1) the name will be "Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Heavy Equipment Use Policy, 2) strike "Light Cars and Trucks", Small Motorized Equipment", and "Light Hand Equipment" from the list of definitions, 3) changing the daily rental rate from \$50 to \$25 and the rental deposit from \$100 to

\$50, 4) delete “verbal” from “Heavy equipment may be loaned to Bois Forte Band Members upon verbal and/or written request, 5) change “acts of God” to “acts of Nature” in #11 of the equipment use agreement, 6) add an “Approval” signature line to the signature page, and 7) adding and bolding “All contingent on availability.” Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2006, 2007, and 2008. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to table the request to move the tribal government and Bois Forte Development Corporation bank accounts from the American Bank. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Architectural and Engineering Agreement with Krech-Ojard Associates for the design and engineering work for the Nett Lake C-Store project, with a fixed fee of \$80,000.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Tim Meyer of Krech-Ojard Associates gives an update on the land use plan. They are currently updating the graphics of the plan based on the community meetings that were held. They are also working on the narrative part of the plan. There is still one more public meeting to be held in Vermilion.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve the purchase the CCTV surveillance systems from Per Mar Security for the Vermilion Head Start, the Elders Apartment, and the Nett Lake Head Start/Day Care. Carried 4-0-0. Randy Long will start installing the equipment in two weeks.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Kevin Strong; to approve out of state travel for: 1) Doris Isham to attend the Regional Special Diabetes Program Grantee Meeting and Diabetes Conference to be held July 24-28, 2006 in San Francisco, California, 2) Judy Posch to attend The Program for Infant/Toddler Care’s Trainer Institute, Module I: Social-Emotional Growth & Socialization Development and Module II: Group Care training to be held July 23-28, 2006 in Baltimore, Maryland, 3) Dave Larson to attend the BIA Forestry – Remote Video Surveillance System Training held July 6, 2006 in Ashland, Wisconsin. Carried 4-0-0. Pete Drift, Sr.’s request is not acted on because the conference was cancelled.

The Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program is a program that has a goal to empower and encourage teams of participants to share their leadership gifts to develop and sustain the health of their community. The program will be holding an 8-day training consisting of a five-day residential retreat and three days of follow-up workshops. Rick Smith, Recruitment Consultant for the Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program is requesting approval/sanction of the program, nominations of applicants (employees and community members, preferably _ of applicants to be from the 21-30 age group and _ from the over 30 age group, and a mixture of males and females) from the Council, and excusing employees to attend so they do not have to use leave. The only cost to the Band would be mileage since the Blandin Foundation covers the scholarship for everything else.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to sanction the Blandin Reservation Community Leadership Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Kevin Strong; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 1 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.