

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held November 21, 2006 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:12 a.m.

Members Present: Kevin W. Leecy; Ray Villebrun, Sr.; Mark Drift, Sr.;
Ray Toutloff

Members Absent: David C. Morrison, Sr. (excused, will be present later)

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Mark Anderson; Henry Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; George Mihelich; Kim Greiner; Pam Baber; Jeneal Goggeye; Justin Wendland; Marcella Connor; Effie Drift; Norm Adams; Marge Holmes; Jane Villebrun; Darla Flett; Edith Villebrun; Gary Gotchnik; Wendy Thompson; Carl Dagen; Carol Burr; Judy Posch; Marilyn Geshick; Rose Berens; Rosemary King; Bob Hedlund; Bill Latady; Corey Strong; Doris Isham; Nina Villebrun; Mary Strong; Billie Mason; Corinna Wettlin; Jerome Whiteman; Nikki Irving; Keith Secola; Tracey Dagen; Lorna Landgren; Stan Day; Valarie Boness; Dawn Benner; Jim Tolan; Shawn Villebrun; Craig Olson

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of the request from the 1854 Authority for a Band flag and the request from the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce (MAICC) for a flag carrier for the annual MAICC dinner and award presentation. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held November 2, 2006 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 3-0-0.

Elders Committee: 1) The Council is thanked for the gift cards for Veteran's Day. 2) The elders want to know who will be helping with the planning of the Elders trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico and that they want someone to come to the next Elders meeting to give an update. It is decided that Corinne Whiteman will be the contact person and will help with the planning.

New Tribal Government staff: Darla Flett is the new Community Health Representative.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the renewal of the Network of Emergency Services Training contract with Pam Baber to provide training and ancillary services for the Bois Forte Band and Fortune Bay Resort and Casino for 2007. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve changes to the Medical Plan as presented by Edith Villebrun and Norm Adams for the government employees and Fortune Bay employees, effective January 1, 2007. Carried 3-0-0.

Chairman Leecy recognizes Keith Secola, who helped with the language CD and who did benefit concerts in Hibbing and Virginia for the homeless.

Ray Toutloff leaves the meeting.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the increases in the funding rates for the single and family medical and dental premiums for the Self-funded Medical and Dental Plan for the government employees and Fortune Bay employees for calendar year 2007. Carried 2-0-0.

Ray Toutloff returns to the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve a provisional license for the Nett Lake and Vermilion Head Start/Day Care Centers. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #144-2007, revisions to the Programmatic Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding consultation on federal transportation projects in Minnesota that have the potential to impact cultural resources of the Band. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #145-2007, residential lease – Nina Villebrun. Carried 2-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #146-2007, residential lease – Dorothy A. Strong and Jeffrey Geshick. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #147-2007, lease modification – adding Wendy Mae Drift to Mavis Drift lease. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the revisions to the Bois Forte Education Division Bois Forte Scholarship Program as recommended by Billie Mason, Commissioner of Education. Carried 3-0-0.

Gary Gotchnik presents a check in the amount of \$5,650.00 to Billie Mason for the Bois Forte Scholarship Fund. The money is from the Bois Forte Scholarship Golf Tournament that was held this summer at The Wilderness Golf Course.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to contribute \$6,579.06 to Greenwood Township for fire protection for Vermilion for 2007. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to contribute \$2,250.00 to the city of Tower for ambulance/EMS services for Vermilion for 2007. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; to table the blight ordinance until the next meeting. Ray Villebrun, Sr. asks if it is a question about enforcement because there is an ordinance in place right now. Ray Toutloff states there are two trailers at Vermilion that are not occupied and are deteriorating. One is at Eagle Point and one is on the main road, County Road 104. Ray Toutloff is informed Council action is not needed to enforce the ordinance, that Corey Strong and Pete Drift, Sr. enforce the ordinance and they just need a request to look into it.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #148-2007, urging the Members of Congress from Minnesota and the United States Congress to restore funding for the DHHS Centers of Excellence and the Health Careers Opportunity Programs to FY 2005 levels. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #149-2007, concurring with the determination of the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the condition of Building 722 warrants its demolition (suffered water damage and subsequent mold infestation to the extent that rehabilitation of the building is not feasible), and authorizing the Bois Forte DNR to coordinate the demolition with the BIA. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to authorize Fortune Bay to negotiate the Gaming Industry Tip Compliance Agreement with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and to authorize the General Manager of Fortune Bay to execute it so it will be in place by January 1, 2007. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve requesting the MCT Legislative Subcommittee and the Tribal Executive Committee acknowledge that 100% of the proceeds of timber sales on Minnesota Chippewa Tribe land within Bois Forte's jurisdiction are handled completely by Bois Forte and the TEC's approval on how Bois Forte spends the money (the 10%, 25%, and 65% Forestry Accounts money) is not required anymore. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Brent Chosa, Ed Villebrun, and Louis Drift to attend the Explosives Safety Course to be held December 6-7, 2006 at Odanah, Wisconsin. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Teri Morrison to attend the Public Health Preparedness Summit to be held February 19-23, 2007 in Washington, D.C. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Darin Steen and Kevin Koski to attend the EPA Region 5 Tribal Air Conference to be held December 12-14, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois. Carried 3-0-0.

Council is informed Jerome Whiteman will be the Bois Forte Honor Guard member who will attend the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner/ Awards Presentation and will be the flag carrier.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the request from the 1854 Authority office for a Bois Forte Band flag to display at their office. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. Carried 3-0-0.