

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 7, 2007 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:17 a.m.

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

Others Present: Edith Villebrun; Henry Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Marge Holmes; Marilyn Geshick; George Mihelich; Corinna Wettlin; Pete Drift; Gary Gotchnik; Lester Drift, Sr.; Louise Isham; Carol Burr; Mary Strong; Farrah Drift; Wendy Thompson; Trudy King; Shane Drift; Marcella Connor; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Brad Anderson; Kim Greiner; Jeneal Goggeye; Janelle Burton; Billie Mason; Corey Strong; Dawn Benner; Carl Dagen; Nikki Irving; Doris Isham

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of Doris Isham with a contract proposal from McCrady & Associates to develop a grant proposal for a Health Information Technology system for the Bois Forte Clinic. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held January 18, 2007 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota, with the first paragraph on page 3 to read, "to approve the loan financing proposal from American Bank for the construction of the new C-store project in Nett Lake (the total project construction amount is \$2.3 million of which \$500,000.00 is the amount being financed from American Bank)". Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: The Elders do not have anything for the agenda. Louise Isham provides an update on the Elders trip. The hotel rooms and buses have been booked. The guidelines are being finalized and the letters to the Elders will be sent out.

Mark Drift, Sr. updates the Elders on a meeting he attended that Senator Byron Dorgan had with the Midwest tribes. Senator Dorgan is the new Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and one of their items on their agenda they will be presenting to Congress is the issue of the health care costs on the reservations. A concern Mark also expressed to Senator Dorgan was the issue of the paving of roads on the reservation.

Mary Strong informs the Council she attended a meeting in Tower in regard to the naming of wild rice and paddy rice. She said White Earth has a DVD with good information on this issue. Chairman Leecy informs Mary that this has been brought up in the State Legislature, that Bois Forte has worked with White Earth and there is a two-year moratorium on the genetic altering of wild rice, and this issue will continue to be looked at. Mary said also discussed at this meeting was the hunting and fishing in the 1854 territory. She said there were only two Indians in attendance and she feels more should attend those meetings (this meeting notice was in the 1854 newsletter).

New tribal government employees: Lester Drift, Sr. introduces Janelle Burton who is the new Outreach Worker for the homelessness grant program. Trudy King introduces Farrah Drift who is filling in as Receptionist at Human Services.

Linda Tibbetts-Barto informs the Council the Harvey Goodsky Memorial Powwow committee raised over \$7,000.00 for that powwow and had \$2,222.00 left which Harvey Goodsky's family and the committee decided they wanted to donate it to the Vermilion Boy's & Girl's Club. On behalf of the family and the committee Linda presents the donation to Corinna Wettlin (Vermilion Office Manager) for the Boy's & Girl's Club.

Ray Villebrun, Sr. informs the audience that wild rice will be the topic on the Native Report which will be on Channel 8 at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 8th. That segment is about Bois Forte.

Lester Drift, Sr. and Janelle Burton presented the Hearth Connection Homelessness Grant Contract and Budget. Lester states the in-kind was taken out and the Indirect Cost will be \$17,000 for the first year and asks if the Council will consider other alternatives in getting more money in that program. Lester states the salary is really low compared to another reservation and just for Janelle getting to work will take a lot of her salary. Janelle states she thought the wage was negotiable but it was not and will work at the starting wage and asks if the Council will consider her having office space at Vermilion instead of Nett Lake. Lester is informed there will be a budget meeting on February 26th and the issue of the indirect cost will be discussed at that meeting. Lester and Janelle are to meet with Barb Brodeen to discuss the budget and their other issues.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to authorize the letter of intent under the Chairman's signature, to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, for the submission of an application for funding under the FY 2007 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program for the Violence Against Women Discretionary Grant Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #170-2007, modification to resolution #137-2007, correcting the lot number to Ronald W. Adams' lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #171-2007, rescinding resolution #145-2007, residential lease – Nina Villebrun. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #172-2007, residential lease – Nina Villebrun. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #173-2007, residential lease – Lorraine Villebrun. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #174-2007, residential lease – George J. Strong. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #175-2007, rescinding resolution #120-2006, recreational lease – Sharon M. Bass, Bart E. Bass and Vaughn M. Palmer. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to authorize a letter under the Chairman's signature, to the USDOJ BIA Midwest Region, submitting the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Carried 4-0-0.

Carl Dagen is informed the Council will be meeting with Congressman Oberstar on February 21st and Carl is to submit information on the roads projects to the Council and also attend the meeting. The other commissioners are to provide written comments to the Council on their problem areas so the Council can relay the information to Congressman Oberstar.

Mary Strong informs the Council that when Fortune Bay was building the golf course, her road was tore up and needs a new culvert. She also needs a new address because of the road issue. When she needed an ambulance, they couldn't find her house. Mary is informed Greenwood Township provides the addresses and provides the mapping to the Tower Ambulance, but the homeowners have to pay a \$65.00 fee for the updating of addresses. Mary feels she shouldn't have to pay the fee because the road was displaced by Fortune Bay. Carl Dagen's roads program is to pay the fee and Carl is to help her with the application. Fortune Bay is to reimburse Carl's program.

Mark Drift, Sr. informs Carl Dagen all his contracts need to be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer, and he also needs to charge TERO fees and the TERO Ordinance needs to be followed. Carl Dagen and Dawn Benner are to work together on the TERO issue.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to table the amendments to the Equipment Use Policy and the Equipment Use Agreement so the tribal attorney can review them. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to authorize a letter sent to our senators and congressman, under Chairman's signature, encouraging them to support funding for the National Iron Workers Training Program for Native American Indians. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the contract proposal from McCrady & Associates to work with the Bois Forte Tribal Health Services Department on the development of a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Service Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Grant Program for the implementation and evaluation of a new health information technology system at the Bois Forte Clinic. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #176-2007, authorizing the United Way of NE Minnesota to conduct a raffle within the territory of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #177-2007, authorizing the Associated Contract Loggers & Truckers of Minnesota to conduct a raffle within the territory of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

In the future these requests are to clarify the beginning and ending dates of the raffles.

Bois Forte Judicial Services staff and Bois Forte Law Enforcement staff are to meet to review the statutory requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, Pub. L. 109-248, 120 Stat. 587, Act of July 27, 2006 and provide their comments/recommendations to the Council.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the consultant agreement with Esther Connor to provide grant writing services for the 2007 Vocational Rehabilitation grant program. Chairman Leecy calls for a second. Chairman Leecy calls for a second again. Seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to table discussion on the official Band Seal (the logos on the stationery, flag, and other items are all different). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve out of state travel for Victoria Holmes, Nina Villebrun, and Geraldine Hanks to attend the Falmouth Institute's Fourteenth Annual Tribal Secretaries Conference to be held April 22-25, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Carol Burr and Barb Brodeen to attend the GLIHA/USET/HUD Seminole Housing Conference to be held March 12-16, 2007 in Hollywood, Florida. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Tara Geshick to attend the Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreement training to be held February 26 – March 1, 2007 in Chicago, Illinois. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Ernie Steel to attend the NW Minnesota CVSO Training Seminar, the NW CVSO Quarterly Hospital meeting, and the Integration Convention to be held February 6-7, 2007 in Fargo, North Dakota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Janice Connor to attend EPA Advancing Asset Management in Your Utility: A "Hands-On" Workshop (Managing Your Facility for Long-Term Sustainability) to be held March 14-15, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Jeneal Goggleye to attend 2007 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services Conference to be held May 6-10, 2007 in Garden Grove, California. Carried 4-0-0.

Mary Strong states there were elders who went on last year's elder trip who she thinks weren't Band members, but the criteria for going on the trip is that the elders must be Band members. Edith Villebrun informs her that Accounting can provide a list of the elders' names to Corinne Whiteman and Louise Isham that they can use for cross-referencing.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0.