

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

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Mark Anderson; Henry Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Teresa Hill; George Mihelich; Louise Isham; Mavis Drift; Jerome Whiteman; Theresa Drift; Brent Chosa; Kim Greiner; Leo Vidal; Corinne Whiteman; Edith Villebrun; Marcella Connor; Donovan Strong; Deanna Drift; Carl Dagen; Adrienne Zapata; Mary Strong; Carol Burr; Dawn Benner; Jeneal Goggeye; Geraldine Polasky; Kim Greiner; Gary Gotchnik; Marilyn Geshick; Corinna Wettlin; Brad Anderson; Teresa Strong; Judge Margaret Treuer; Wendy Thompson; Doris Isham; Jackie Koski; Billie Mason; Corey Strong; Marge Holmes; Lorna Landren; Rocky King

A moment of silence is observed in memory of Les Connor.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of an out of state travel request for Barb Brodeen. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held February 7, 2007 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Mary Strong informs the Council the Elders decided to cancel the trip to Albuquerque because it was too expensive. Corinne Whiteman states the hotels and buses are booked and if the elders do not go, that money will be lost. There will be an elders meeting on Monday and the elders will make a final decision then on whether or not the trip will be cancelled. Chairman Leecy states it is up to the elders on whether they want to go or not, but when deciding, they are not to let money be an issue.

New staff: Billie Mason introduces Jacki Koski who is the new Early Childhood Program Director. Barb Brodeen introduces Teresa Hill who is the new Communications Director.

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Mark Drift, Sr. informs the audience Chairman Leecy, along with the other tribal leaders, signed the ICWA Tribal/State Agreement and wants to recognize Chairman Leecy for his leadership for that. Mark presents Chairman Leecy with a painting in recognition of that.

Mark Drift, Sr. informs the audience that the Mid-Winter Pow-wow was the last pow-wow Adrienne Zapata and Louise Isham will organize and wants to recognize them for their work on that committee. He presents each of them with a painting.

Brent Chosa, Deanna Drift, Donovan Strong, Leo Vidal, and Corinne Whiteman attended the Blandin Foundation Leadership Training and as part of the training they are working on a team project. The project they decided on is a cultural revitalization program for the kids where the kids will be taught how to make their own traditional dance outfits and will also be given dance instruction. The leadership team is requesting a financial contribution for the project. Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve a \$10,000 contribution to the Blandin Reservation Leadership Team for the project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the 2007 Poverty Level Guidelines at the 250% level to be used by the Bois Forte Needs Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Geraldine Polasky is to do a cost analysis of the Needs Program on expanding the program to include all elder Band members who live out of state. She is to submit this with the FY 08 budget request.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to change the funding organization from Federal to ANA for the submission of the grant application for the electronic health record system at Bois Forte Health Services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the amendment of the existing resolution for the submission of the grant application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) grant program for the electronic health record system. Carried 4-0-0.

Teresa Strong and Theresa Drift are requesting a donation to bring a traditional dance group from Cass Lake for the Family Fitness Night to be held March 13, 2007. The object of family fitness is to promote physical activity in a traditional way. Fortune Bay is donating five rooms and breakfast for the dance group, and Teresa's committee (Youth Obesity and Diabetes Prevention Committee) is donating \$950.00. Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a donation in the amount of \$750.00 for the dance group. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the amendments to the Conservation Code Special Permits Request Criteria SP.01 First, by changing “Lac la Croix First Nation” to “All First Nation members with a historical tie to the band”, and Second, changing “Lac la Croix” to “All First Nation members”. The application form will be changed to reflect the amendments. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the 2007 Bois Forte Hunting Seasons. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks what the 1854 Authority’s position is on moose calls and if the microphone call is legal. Ray Villebrun, Sr. states there is no artificial or electronic means for calling or baiting allowed. Corey Strong states Bois Forte’s position is basically the same, and under electronics, it also addresses the duck hunting season in regard to people in the duck blinds with two-way radios. Corey is asked about the motorized decoys for duck hunting. Corey states the dates for the allowance of motorized duck decoys during the guiding season is determined sometime in July.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #178-2007, lease cancellation – Loretta F. Knutson. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #179-2007, residential lease – Lester and Karen Drift. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #180-2007, lease termination – Anita L. Brown. Carried 3-0-1. Ray Toutloff silent.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the expenditure of \$58,000 (budgeted from the indirect cost line item) for the new electronic time clock system, fiber optic installation, and servers for email and time trak. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Barb Brodeen states there are two Band seals being used, one has a thick band, and the one registered/trademarked has a thin band. She wants to know which one is the official one, and also if the Council will consider using “Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe” instead of “Bois Forte Band of Chippewa” on the seal. Barb is to bring these to the Elders to decide on the seal and the use of Ojibwe instead of Chippewa.

Krech Ojard & Associates, P.A. submitted a Fee Proposal for Surveying, Architectural and Structural Engineering Services for the Bois Forte Veteran’s Memorial in the amount of \$11,500.00. Barb Brodeen states there is no official contract approved yet for the project, and also the cost for the architectural work for the veterans’ memorial will have to come from the 2008 budget cycle because no grant proposals were submitted for the project. Barb also said she

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will be tracking the architectural contracts because several of the architectural firms, even though the contracts states they will not exceed a certain amount, they have been exceeding the amount. Also, the \$11,500.00 for the veteran's memorial is 18.5% of the estimated cost of the project when this type of cost is usually between 7-8% of the cost, but Barb states this can be negotiated.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; that since the veteran's memorial project is not in the budget cycle yet, to open up the bidding process and request RFP's for the project. Carried 4-0-0.

Barb Brodeen informs the Council Tim Meyer said someone called him about an indoor swimming pool for the Nett Lake fitness center. Barb will tell him not to start projects until a contract is in place.

Kim Greiner is working on an analysis of all the firms and overages for various projects completed on the reservation. She will be submitting this report to the Council for informational purposes at the next meeting.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Corey Strong, Billie Mason, and three other employees to attend the 2007 Woods Institute Training Congressional Briefing Conference to be held April 17-19, 2007 in Washington, D.C. Carried 4-0-0.

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

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Bertha Graue, Simona Benner, and Davelle Morrison to attend the Falmouth Institute's 14th Annual Tribal Secretaries Conference to be held april 22-25, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve out of state travel for Teresa Hill to attend the NIGA Indian Gaming '07 Trade Show & Convention to be held March 25-28, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Brad Anderson to attend the Internal Auditors' Annual Gaming Conference to be held April 9-12, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Rose Berens, Vern Adams, and Mary Strong to travel to the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology in Cambridge, Massachusetts on March 20-22, 2007 to retrieve two drum bags.
Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve out of state travel for Barb Brodeen to attend the National Congress of American Indians 2007 Mid-Year Conference and Tradeshow to be held June 10-13, 2007 in Anchorage, Alaska. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0.