

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 4, 2007 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:22 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; Vicki Holmes; Char Lewis; Marge Holmes; Marcella Connor; George Mihelich; Edith Villebrun; Brad Anderson; Steve Peterson; Brian Anderson; Kim Greiner; Pete Drift; Deanna Drift; Jeneal Goggeye; Brent Chosa; Gary Gotchnik; Vern Adams; Dawn Benner; Dorothea Kletschka; Ryne Villebrun; Alana Drift; Breanne Porter; Marilyn Geshick; Andy Datko; Ernie Steel; Dave Larson; Jerome Whiteman; Wendy Thompson; Gene Boshey, Sr.; Terri Hill; Carol Burr; Bill Roloff; Patti Wilkie; Brandon Benner; Toni Wakemup

A moment of silence is held in memory for the two youth from the Red Lake Nation.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following changes: delete Mavis Drift's agenda items and Carl Dagen's agenda items, delete the Bois Forte license plates item, move Andy Datko and Bill Rollof from executive session to regular session, add presentation to Gene Boshey, Sr. for his retirement, add out of state travel request for Pete Drift, Sr., and add Orr Junior Class students – Ryne Villebrun, Alana Drift, and Breanne Porter with a donation request for the Orr Junior Class Prom. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held March 7, 2007 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes said the elders made a list of where they would like to go for the elders' trip. Barb Brodeen said Terri Hill has the list and Barb is having her and Corinne Whiteman doing a powerpoint presentation on each place which they will bring to the elders' meeting. Chairman Leecy said there were three different Band logos being used, which were referred to the elders committee for their input on which one to use. Barb Brodeen said Terri Hill will be bringing this item to the elders' and also asking them to consider changing "Bois Forte Band of Chippewa" to something else like "Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe". Jeneal Goggeye said the list of places the elders might like to visit are Nashville, Tennessee; Grand Canyon,

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Arizona skywalk; Branson, Missouri; Las Vegas, Nevada; Niagara Falls, New York; and Country Music Month in October; Rapid City, North Dakota. Barb said after the powerpoint presentation the selection of the trip will be done by the elders' by ballot.

New Staff: Barb Brodeen introduces Deanna Drift who is the new Commissioner of Human Services; Pete Drift, Sr. introduces Brent Chosa who is the new Police Officer; and Deanna Drift introduces Ernie Steel who is the new Tribal Veteran's Officer, and Dorothea Kletschka who is the new ICWA Targeted Case Manager.

Ryne Villebrun, Alana Drift, and Breanne Porter read letters from students of the Orr Junior Class requesting an additional donation for the Orr Junior Class Prom. Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve an additional \$1,200.00 donation to the Orr High School Junior Class for their prom. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Leecy leaves the meeting. Vice-Chair Ray Villebrun chairs the meeting.

Char Lewis is requesting to hold a sweat lodge for women in April for spring and also a monetary donation for it. Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to table this until after Char Lewis meets with the elders' for their recommendation. Carried 3-0-0. If necessary, a special meeting will be held for approval of this.

Char Lewis said she has been working at Fortune Bay for 14 months. During that time a lot of staff have been coming to her with personnel issues, that a lot of the staff don't know the process for complaints. Char would like the Council to consider hiring a person to act as a liaison between Andy Datko, Barb Brodeen, and the Tribal Council. Char has a draft job description which she will give to the Council as a suggestion.

Chairman Leecy returns to the meeting.

This item will be placed on the agenda for the next Bois Forte Development Corporation management meeting.

Mark Drift, Sr. thanks Gary Gotchnik and Fortune Bay because they donated the trophies for the Police Department's basketball tournament which will be held this weekend.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #184-2007, grant application to the Agricultural Marketing Services, USDA for funding for expanding direct marketing of wild rice. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #185-2007, Budget and Use Plan for the Forestry 10% Account for activities which will facilitate forest management and wildland fire management. Carried 4-0-0.

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It was suggested to Dave Larson, Reservation Forester, that one thing Bois Forte could do, in regard to global warming, on Arbor Day or Earth Day, that he get trees so a tree could be planted for every Band member. He could have a picnic and get the staff, students, and elders involved in it.

Dave Larson is asked about the firefighting season and if it is possible to get our crews out any sooner. Dave Larson said most of the out of state fires are being handled by their own local crews, but that our crews are on board, but also they aren't sent if the fire danger is high in our area.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to appoint Sharyn Strong to the TERO Commission, two-year term to expire in April of 2009. Carried 4-0-0.

The Tribal Council recognizes Gene Boshey, Sr. for his years of services as a great tribal leader and a great worker, also a great citizen. He is presented with a gift.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to appoint Eileen Barney, Trudy King, Geraldine Polasky, Eddie Chavers, Marty Connor, and Danny Lambert to the Interview Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. leaves the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to close the Treaty Fund checking account and open a new checking account for it due to security reasons. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #186-2007, purchase of a Ford truck for the environmental services program. Carried 3-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. returns to the meeting.

Bill Roloff and Andy Datko, because the WELY signal doesn't reach Nett Lake, are applying for a grant to obtain equipment for a low power broadcast radio station they want to put in the Nett Lake School.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #187-2007, grant application to the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration for funding for a project to construct a non-commercial educational radio station in Nett Lake. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #188-2007, authorizing Bill Roloff, General Manager of WELY, to apply for a low power FM broadcast license for the Nett Lake Community. Carried 4-0-0.

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Jeneal Goggleye said she is the Chairman of the Nett Lake School Board and would like Bill Roloff and Andy Datko to come to the next school board meeting on May 14 to present this information to the Nett Lake School Board.

Discussion held on the potential project of an eagle aviary on Bois Forte. An individual who has an eagle center in Dollywood in the Tennessee mountains is requesting and willing to help Bois Forte set up an aviary and he would transfer some of those eagles to it. Bois Forte could then have a direct annual feather supply. A plan would need to be developed and approval obtained from the federal government. Terri Hill is to set up a meeting with the elders and the spiritual advisors to get their guidance on this.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Chris Holm and Louis Drift to attend the annual BIA-sponsored "Circle of Flight" Waterfowl Habitat Enhancement funding meeting held March 28, 2007 in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Marty Connor to attend the Background Investigations and Vendor Licensing for the Tribal Gaming Operation training to be held April 24-25, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Kathie Holman and Eddie Chavers to attend the 2nd Annual Bemidji Area Indian Health Service Technical Conference to be held April 10-12, 2007 in Grand Traverse, Michigan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Kathie Holman and Amanda Goggleye to attend the 9th Annual Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Health Information Management/Business Officer Partnership Conference to be held April 17-19, 2007 in Reno, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Terri Drift-Hill to attend the Public Relations and Marketing in Indian Country - Promoting Your Tribe and Tribal Enterprises Through Publicity and Advertising training to be held April 17-19, 2007 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Rae Edstrom to attend the AMERIND Special Business Meeting and workshops to be held April 30 – May 3, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Margaret Treuer to attend the 32nd Annual Indian Law Conference to be held April 19-20, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Tribal Judicial Summit to be held April 24-26, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Carried 4-0-0.

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Mark Drift, Sr. states for the record that he would like to see any airline travel over four hours be upgraded to first class travel.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve out of state travel for Pete Drift, Sr. to attend the 2007 Chief of Police In-Service training to be held April 30 – May 4, 2007 in Artesia, New Mexico. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Jerome Whiteman informs the Council that last week he and other housing staff attended the EPA training on doing assessments on lead paint, and that now they can do risk assessments anywhere, and this could be a money maker.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.