

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 18, 2007 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; 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; Marcella Connor; Cathy Chavers; Marge Holmes; Marilyn Geshick; Randy Long; George Mihelich; Mavis Drift; Pete Drift, Sr.; Carol Burr; Lester Drift, Sr.; Brad Anderson; Jane Lawrenz; Rose Berens; Edith Villebrun; Valerie Boness; Donald Chosa; Gary Gotchnik; Billie Mason; Dawn Benner; Nikki Irving; Carl Dagen; Jerome Whiteman; Darin Steen; Ed Fairbanks; Jane Villebrun; Lynette Villebrun; Wendy Thompson; Jolene Swan; Patti Wilkie; Miranda Lilya; Marty Connor; Jim Morrison; Mary Strong; Amanda Koivisto

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following changes: add Kevin Leecy with a resolution, add Mark Drift, Sr. with a clarification on the special hunting permits, delete the Orthodontal Program Guidelines, delete the resolution amending the Long Range Transportation Plan, delete the resolution updating the IRR Inventory, and add Mark Drift, Sr. with an item to Gary Gotchnik. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held April 4, 2007 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes said there will be an election of officers at the next elders meeting. At that meeting, they will also be discussing the next elders' trip. The elders' are also having a fund raiser which is a raffle for a jingle dress.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks Gary Gotchnik if there were any policies for the elders for Fortune Bay's furniture sale. Gary Gotchnik said some came up before the sale to look at the items and community members/elders' were given first choice of the items.

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New tribal government employees: Edith Villebrun introduces Donald Chosa who is the new Grants Administrator.

Lester Drift, Sr. and Jane Lawrenz (Minnesota Department of Human Services) present the results of the Wilder Homeless Survey that was conducted on the Bois Forte Reservation in October of 2006 for the purpose of identifying individuals who may be in need of homelessness services. The information will be helpful in grants and planning. This survey was also conducted on other reservations in Minnesota. Bois Forte owns the results of the survey conducted on Bois Forte, and Lester and Jane are asking the Council if they want Bois Forte's reservation data included in an aggregate report of all the reservations that participated in the survey (the other reservations participating were Red Lake, Fond du Lac, Leech Lake, White Earth, and Mille Lacs). Later on the Council will be asked if they want that report released to the State of Minnesota, Department of Human Services, in order to pursue funding from the legislature and the federal government. At the same time the reservation surveys were conducted there was a statewide survey done, the results which Lester has a copy.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to aggregate the information with those of the other MCT Bands and Red Lake, and to place this on the next MCT Housing Subcommittee meeting agenda and the next Tribal Executive Committee (TEC) meeting agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #196-2007, requesting EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office to provide funding to the Bois Forte Band so that it is able to evaluate in a timely manner environmental issues associated with mining projects in Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Darin Steen is to contact Doug Johnson and they are to set up a meeting and invite the new EPA Regional Director up to Bois Forte to meet with the Council.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to table the agenda item, in regard to the installation of video monitors at the Head Starts at Nett Lake and Vermilion. Randy Long is to prepare a policy for this, for the Head Start monitors and also the MSC Foods monitors, which addresses coverage of the video cameras, storage and retention, lock box, and the requests for viewing (the requests will be made to the MIS department). Carried 4-0-0.

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

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #197-2007, modification to resolution #135-2007 - Kevin W. Leecy lease, correcting the lot number. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #198-2007, lease cancellation – George Mihelich, because there are two active leases for him for his lot so one of them needs to be cancelled. Carried 3-0-0.

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Vice-Chair Villebrun calls for a motion on resolution #199-2007, modification to resolution #167-97, William Day lease – correcting the township. Vice-Chair Villebrun calls for a motion again. Moved by David C. Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #199-2007, modification to resolution #167-97, correcting the township. Carried 3-0-0.

Chairman Kevin Leecy returns to the meeting.

Mark Drift, Sr. and David Morrison, Sr. leave the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to table resolution #200-2007, new residential lease for Corinna and George Wettlin, because they are not on the waiting list. Carried 2-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. and David Morrison, Sr. return to the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #201-2007, new residential lease – Eugene Boshey, Jr. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #202-2007, new residential lease – Katheryn Boshey. Carried 4-0-0.

Nikki Irving informed the Council that Richard Klander sent a letter to previous parties interested in buying his cabin that he is bidding out the cabin. Nikki is asking for direction on this because it is not in the leasing policy. His lease will expire in a few weeks. She is told Richard Klander can not bid it out because the bidding of property is not in the leasing policy, and that if his lease expires and he chooses not to renew, and doesn't remove the cabin after a certain amount of time, then it will become the property of the Band.

Ray Toutloff leaves the meeting.

Dawn Benner presents a letter from the TERO commissioners requesting a tribal council member be appointed to the TERO Commission. Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; to appoint Ray Toutloff to the TERO Commission.

Mark Anderson informed the Council the Tribal Council hears the appeals from individuals who appeal decisions of the TERO Commission and if a council member was on the commission, that council member could not hear the appeal of a decision they made while on the commission, that it would be a conflict of interest.

Mark Drift, Sr. withdraws his motion.

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Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to not appoint any council member to the TERO Commission based on it being a conflict of interest in the appeal process for a council member to be a member of the TERO Commission and the appeal board. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution #203-2007, authorizing the Bois Forte Band of Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Indians participation in a nationwide elders' needs assessment on health and social needs. Carried 3-0-0.

Ray Toutloff returns to the meeting.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Generic Drug Policy for the Bois Forte Medical Clinic Pharmacy and the Bois Forte Contract Health program, with an effective date of July 1, 2007. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #204-2007, approval of two agreements with AdEdge Technologies, Inc., one for the filtration unit for the Palmquist pumphouse project and one for the filtration unit for the Vermilion pumphouse project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution 205-2007, approval of the construction contract with Ulland Brothers, Inc. for the Palmquist pumphouse project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Deanna Drift, Jeneal Goggeye, and Corinna Wettlin to attend the Woods Institute Congressional Briefing Training to be held April 17-20, 2007 in Washington, D.C. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Rose Berens, Vern Adams, and Phyllis Boshey to travel, April 23-25, 2007, to Denver, Colorado, to take possession of items being repatriated to the Band from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #206-2007, supporting a resolution by the Tribal Executive Committee pursuant to Article XII to call an election to amend Article II, Section 1(c) so that it provides: All children of at least one quarter (1/4) degree Chippewa blood born after July 3, 1961, to a member, provided that an application for enrollment was or is filed with the Tribal Executive Committee after the birth of such children. Carried 4-0-0. This will be presented to the next TEC meeting being held April 27.

Mark Drift, Sr. requests clarification on the number of special permits that may be issued for hunting/rice/gathering. He said there is confusion in that the number was decreased from 30 to 10 that may be issued, but there is more than 10 being issued. Mark Drift, Sr. is informed the

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number of special permits that may be issued is 10 per activity. Mark Drift, Sr. said the elders wanted it so just 10 are issued, not 10 per activity.

Marty Connor, Jolene Swan, and Amanda Koivisto (Head Start Parent Policy Council) address the Council to ask for the reason why the Early Childhood Program Director was terminated, and what is going on with that program being there is no leadership for that program now. Marty said the Head Start Parent Policy Council has the right to approve the hiring and terminations of Head Start employees. Marty is informed the reasons for the termination can not be shared because of the Data Privacy Ordinance. Marty is asked to get a list of questions that they have so they can be answered, and also questions relating to the role and responsibility of the parent policy council. Marty said there will be a parent policy council meeting at 6 p.m., April 19 at Fortune Bay and requests the Council members to attend. Marty said he would bring a list of questions and the parent policy regulations to the parent policy meeting.

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