

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 20, 2007 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:19 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Edith Villebrun; Mark Anderson; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Jeneal Goggeley; Jan Connor; Rae Edstrom; Billie Mason; Carol Burr; Marty Connor; Marcella Connor; Marilyn Geshick; Marge Holmes; Jason Sherman; Pete Drift, Sr.; Brad Anderson; Terri Hill; Brandon Benner; Bill Whiteman; Lynette Villebrun; Corinna Wettlin; Dawn Benner; Jon Olson; Gary Gotchnik; Wendy Thompson; Donald Chosa; Rocky King; Frances Isham; Patti Wilkie; Jeanine Whiteman; Miranda Lilya; Deanna Drift; Monica Nilsson

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1) FY2008 State Head Start Funding Application, 2) Clarification under TERO Program, and 3) Indian Point Water and Sewer. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 8, 2007 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0. Ray Toutloff suggests that in the future when any agenda items are added, they be submitted with information so the items can be reviewed prior to discussion. Mark Drift, Sr. feels Council members can add or delete any agenda items.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes said there were 311 surveys mailed out in regard to the use of the Band logo, 15 were returned and those want the thick border used, and the logo to say Bois Forte Anishinabe, otherwise, could wait for more responses to come back. In regard to the elders trip, 311 surveys were mailed out with 100 returned. Nashville had the most votes with 56. The elders haven't had a meeting yet to discuss the use of the Band logo by the 4-H camp but will get to that as soon as possible.

New tribal government staff: Edith Villebrun introduces Lynette Villebrun who is the Administrative Assistant in the human resources department. The health department has a new employee but that employee is on a transport today. Billie Mason introduces Pete Drift, Jr. who is the Summer Youth Coordinator.

Jon Olson gives an update on the reorganization of the fire department. They will be electing officers for that department. They will be having an open house during the next Council meeting for anyone who wants to attend. Jon goes over the equipment list and they need a new fire truck and a tender, and Jon has a quote for a used one, which the Council will review. They also need safety equipment to fight fires, right now they can't enter buildings, they can only do surround firefighting. Jon also asks who his supervisor is and he is told his supervisor will be the Commissioner of Public Works and right now that is Jan Connor as she is the acting commissioner. Jon said they will also be updating the bylaws of the fire department.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the proposal from Range Reliable Agency, Inc. for commercial property insurance from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008 with the deletion of earthquake coverage, and Rae Edstrom to check on the flood coverage to see if waterbreaks are covered. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the priority list of the Sanitation Deficiency Systems list as recommended by the Utility Advisory Committee, and the submission of the list to the Indian Health Service. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks about the contract for the Indian Point water and sewer project. Jan Connor informs him that Darin Steen is the contact person for that project, but it will start in either July or August.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Reinstatement Fee Guidelines which is a program under the TERO Program that assists Band members with driver's license reinstatement fees. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #231-2007, modification to Donald Chosa lease to add Lester and Karen Drift to the lease. Carried 3-0-1.
Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the departmental procedures that are required by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) MICS and the Tribal MICS. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Anderson and Brad Anderson are to respond to the compliance report received from the NIGC in regard to the gaming facility license, that Bois Forte is in compliance because it is valid until revoked.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #232-2007, amendment to the 401(k) Plan to provide loans to active participants without restriction except those required by the Federal Tax Code and Treasury Regulations. Carried 3-1-0. Ray Toutloff against. Ray Toutloff against because he feels it defeats the purpose of setting up a retirement plan in that it allows a person to borrow half of their retirement plan for any purpose at all, that they can already get loans for hardship.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to appoint Alan Sam, Doris Isham, Brandon Benner, Curt Sheehy, and Danny Lambert to the Conservation Committee; to appoint Jeneal Goggeye and Michael Connor as alternates to the Conservation Committee; to appoint Marcella Connor and Marge Holmes as elder representatives to the Conservation Committee; and to appoint Ed Villebrun as the conservation officer non-voting advisory member of the Conservation Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the FY 2008 State Head Start Funding Application. Carried 4-0-0.

A request was received from Marcus Knife Chief, Jason Lawrence, and Mike Hayes to attend the Meth Training Conference to be held July 16-20, 2007 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Marcus Knife Chief and Jason Lawrence, with the exception of Mike Hayes to attend the Meth Training Conference to be held July 16-20, 2007 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Pete Drift, Sr., Brent Chosa, and Donovan Strong to attend the Meth Training Conference to be held July 9-13, 2007 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Geraldine Polasky and Darla Flett to attend the National TERO Convention to be held July 22-26, 2007 in Niagara Falls, New York. Carried 4-0-0.

Dawn Benner is asked if Sydney Adams can be made a voting member because he is present at all the meetings. Dawn Benner said they will be revising the TERO Bylaws and Ordinance at the TERO Convention to address the issue of TERO Commissioners being absent too much from their meetings, and also to make the Ordinance stronger.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Chris Holm to attend the Lake of the Woods Foundation Watershed Meeting to be held July 11, 2007 in Kenora, Ontario. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Corey Strong and Bill Whiteman to attend the 2007 BIA Regional Realty Conference to be held July 9-13, 2007 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Barb Brodeen, Kim Greiner, Corinna Wettlin, Terri Hill, Edith Villebrun, Billie Mason, Jeneal Gogleye, Carol Burr, Deanna Drift, and Wendy Thompson to attend the Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations Conference to be held July 11-13, 2007 in Temecula, California, with the cost to come from their programs. Carried 4-0-0.

Dawn Benner is asked if there is a procurement policy under the TERO Ordinance in regard to federal procurement with minority contractors to help minority businesses. Dawn said yes there is, and when it is an RTC project, it is up to the Council who gets the contracts because the Council is the owner. Mark Anderson said under the current procurement policy it does make provisions for Indian owned businesses providing goods or services to the tribe, and they don't have to be the low bidder, they have to come within a certain percentage of the low bidder. Dawn Benner asks if the Council would consider assessing the vendors that come on the reservation a TERO fee. She will bring this up at the TERO Convention to see what other tribes do this.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to table the Bois Forte Athletic Camp Scholarship Guidelines because there are unanswered questions on it (audience questions), such as income guidelines, can golf be included, age limit – are both elementary and high school students included, can non-Band member students be included, and what Brandon Benner's involvement should be and his job duties. Billie Mason was going to transfer funds to Brandon Benner so he could administer this program. Also, Brandon Benner feels the coaches teach them the same thing they would learn at the camps, and also he can ask people to put on camps up here instead of sending students out to other camps. Billie Mason and Brandon Benner to review and bring back recommendations. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.