

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 18, 2007 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:20 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; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Holmes; Jerome Whiteman; Nina Villebrun; Margie Villebrun; Edith Villebrun; Marge Holmes; Marybelle Isham; Dawn Benner; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Donald Chosa; Jon Olson; Mavis Drift; Caroline Boshey; Kim Greiner; Corey Strong; Esther Connor; Deanna Drift; Gary Gotchnik; Lance Kingbird; Jeneal Goggleye; Carol Burr; Marty Connor; Dave Larson; Chester Graue; Rocky King; Cathy Strong; Shane Drift; Pete Drift; Marcella Connor; Corinna Wettlin; Andy Datko; Billie Mason; Doris Isham; Wendy Thompson; Bill Whiteman; Terri Hill

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) delete Rita Vidal's agenda item, 2) delete Gene Goodsky and Bill Latady's agenda item, 3) delete Brandon Benner's out of state travel request, 4) add Corey Strong's out of state travel request, 5) delete the resolutions placing land into trust, and 6) delete the Carrie Strong – Tower State Bank item. Carried 3-1-0. Mark Drift, Sr. against because he had placed an item on the agenda at the last meeting and it is still not taken care of, that there is an elder waiting for a house, she needs the title for the house, that all the affidavits were received and all she needs is the title.

Barb Brodeen said she faxed the information to the tribal attorney, but also the house title's need to go through the leasing department. Chairman Leecy informs Mark Drift, Sr. that a special meeting can be held for the elder who is waiting for the title to the house.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 20, 2007 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

The June 1, 2007 minutes are specified as executive session minutes.

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Elders Committee: Marge Holmes asks about the issue of people drinking at the elderly units, both in Nett Lake and Vermilion, and the Assisted Living Center. At Vermilion one elder had to go away for the weekend because of people drinking, and in Nett Lake there is an individual keeping the elders' awake at night and then they are late for work. Carol Burr said Housing is addressing that. They send the tenants' letters, especially when there are police reports, informing the tenants' complaints were received, and that usually stops the situation. Carol is asked if there is an alcohol policy in place. Carol said there is for the Senior Assisted Living Center (ALC) but not for the other units. She said the elders in the ALC are drinking in their units, and there is one young gentleman there who will be moving out. Carol said they are looking at no alcohol in all the units, and also looking at just only elders living in the units. Carol is to develop a policy on no drinking in the units, she is to attend an elders' meeting to get their input on it, send to Mark Anderson for legal review, and place on the council meeting agenda.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks Carol Burr if a ramp was built for Viola Villebrun. Carol said Henry Goodsky will work on it next week.

Marybelle Isham requests assistance in moving her grandfather's house. Marybelle thinks the house is over a hundred years old and would fit under being a historical site. Her son Ed wants to move it out by his house. If it is not stable enough to be moved Marybelle asks that it be demolished. Marty Connor is to look into this and get costs on it.

Marge Holmes asks about the elders' trip, they received letters asking where they want to go, but haven't heard any more about the trip. Barb Brodeen said she just sent Nina to go locate Terri Hill so she can give an update, but that she will get a report from Terri for the elders.

New staff: Dave Larson introduces Lance Kingbird who is the new Forestry Technician, and Chester Graue and Rocky King who are seasonal Forestry Fire Aides. Jeneal Gogglye introduces Kathy Strong who is the new Family Caregiver Aide, and Linda Tibbetts-Barto who is the new Clinic Manager. Barb Brodeen introduces Marty Connor who is the new Commissioner of Public Works.

Jon Olson had previously submitted information on a used fire truck and is now requesting the Council to purchase it in the amount of \$130,000. There are two options, the first one is payment in full, and the second option is a down payment of \$25,000 with the balance due in thirty days. If a new truck was purchased it would take up to a year and a half to get it. Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to purchase the fire truck in the amount of \$130,000.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Esther Connor was under contract to submit the 2007 Vocational Rehabilitation grant. She said the interpretation of the grant by Kim Greiner and Edith Villebrun caused a breakdown in the submission of the grant for this year. The forms for the grant were not available for nearly three

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months after the end date of her contract. She said the accountants withheld payment of the contract at the most critical time. She did the narrative and the 5-year plan and then needed to meet with all the departments, but because she was not paid she could not travel to meet with them. Esther is requesting to reserve the right to submit the 2008 Vocational Rehabilitation grant (she wants to submit it as part of her master's certification) and also that her contract be reevaluated and consideration be made to the stipulation that she be assigned a Bois Forte contact person for the grant, that that person was not assigned until after the accountants withheld the payment. Kim Greiner said payment was withheld and that Esther was given a letter listing the items she needed to do to get paid for that grant. Mark Drift, Sr. said there was a resolution done for the grant which still stands, that he tried to accommodate her with office space, fax, and Internet, but that couldn't be done. He said he is willing to sit down with her, and if the rest of the Council agree, to meet with her to talk about the grant.

Esther Connor is informed the leasing issue she has will be placed on the executive session agenda.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #1-2008, submission of the Spirit of Eagles program grant application which will provide cancer awareness to the community. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the contract agreement with Lori Pemberton for grant writing services to the Otto Bremer Foundation for a credit management program which will assist future home buyers with repairing their credit to get home loans. Carried 4-0-0.

David Morrison, Sr. leaves the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the public notice Donald Chosa will be posting to fill the public notification requirement of the USDA grant he will be submitting for equipment for the Vermilion Clinic, the Boys' and Girls' Club, and the Wellness Center. Carried 4-0-0.

David Morrison, Sr. enters the meeting.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to table the bylaws for the Bois Forte Culture Committee pending review of the bylaws by the elders committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift is requesting a resolution that states the Tribal Council supports the Victim Services Program, the Family Violence Prevention Grant, and the grants assurances for those grants. Shane Drift and Kim Greiner are to call Mark Anderson and have him draft a resolution which can be acted later on in the meeting.

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Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adopt resolution 2-2008, approving the discretionary employer contribution for the 401(k) Retirement Plan at 5% and also ratifying the employer's discretionary contributions for calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006 in which the Plan was in effect and for which no specific resolution was enacted. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #3-2008, disclosure of forest resource data to the Bois Forte Development Corporation to seek funding for the development of biomass fuels production within the territory of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; authorizing the Bois Forte Fire Department and Forestry Department to participate in the Community Wildfire Prevention Program (a collaborative between the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and St. Louis County) for the purpose of obtaining funding for fire prevention and fire loss mitigation and to disclose such data and information as is reasonably necessary to obtain the funding. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #5-2008, approval of the Cooperative Wildfire Agreement which is an agreement between the Bois Forte Band, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the State of Minnesota to assist one another in the suppression of wildfires on lands owned by the Band and on lands owned by the State within or near the territory of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #6-2008, 2008 Timber Harvest Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #7-2008, grant contract with the State of Minnesota to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of using locally available and renewable sources of cellulose to create biofuels, and authorizing Andy Datko as the Authorized Representative for purposes of fulfilling the Band's obligations under the grant contract. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #8-2008, residential lease in Nett Lake – Deanna Drift. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #9-2008, lease cancellation – Dale and Gail Erickson. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #10-2008, recreational lease at Lake Vermilion – Travis and Theresa Morrison. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Pamela Hughes and Corinna Wettlin to the Boys & Girls Club – Lake Vermilion Unit Advisory Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to authorize Rose Berens to sign for Chairman Leecy at the Bois Forte Cultural Resources Agreement Signing Ceremony to be held August 15, 2007 at the Minnesota Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Tribal Outreach and Training Conference. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve out of state travel for Teri Morrison to attend the I H S National Biennial Professional Nutrition Seminar to be held August 21-23, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Lisa Anderson to attend the Native Women's Health and Maternal Child Health Conference to be held August 15-17, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve out of state travel for Corey Strong to attend the Biomass Meeting to be held July 26-27, 2007 in Denver, Colorado. Carried 3-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent because there is no information in the packet on this request.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.