

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held August 15, 2007 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:13 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Ray Toutloff (excused)

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Mark Anderson; Vicki Holmes; Caroline Boshey; Marilyn Geshick; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Corey King; Rae Edstrom; Jon Olson; Marcella Connor; Jan Connor; Marty Connor; Darin Steen; Randy Long; Edith Villebrun; Robbie Goggeley; Deanna Drift; Cathy Chavers; Kevin Strong; Shane Drift; Daryl Sager; Terri Hill; Clint Miller; Doris Isham; Kim Greiner; Gary Gotchnik; Steve Peterson; Ron Adams

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held July 18, 2007 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 3-0-0.

A moment of silence is observed in lieu of invocation.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes said the information on the elders' trip has not been presented to the elders yet. Marge is informed Terri Hill is on her way and the elders' trip agenda item will be presented when Terri gets here.

There are no new staff to be introduced.

Cory King informs the Council he is leasing lot 11 at Vermilion and he talked to Nikki Irving and she said lot 12 will become available in September and he needed permission from the Council to get that lot. He is planning to move to Vermilion and he wants lot 12 too because lot 11 is small. There is a trailer on lot 12 that is owned by an individual from Eveleth. Cory is asked if he has a purchase agreement for the trailer. Corey said no, and that the trailer is not worth anything. Cory is informed if he gets a purchase agreement for the trailer then the lot could be transferred to him, and if it was declared condemned, then the lot would go back in inventory and would then all Band members would have the opportunity to request it. Cory said

a lot of banks do not want to loan money for homes on leased land. Corey is informed there is a policy/process in place for this and that if individuals default on loans the banks would get the property, not the land.

Darin Steen introduces Daryl Sager who provides information in regard to the Fresh Energy's Energy Justice Program. They are building a coalition to approach the legislature to request funding to make sure tribal homes are energy efficient. He is approaching the other Band's with the information. He has a draft resolution for support of the program that he would like the Council to consider approving. Daryl is informed Darin Steen will be the contact person for this and Darin is to bring the resolution back to the next Council meeting in our format along with language in regard to legislation.

Terri Hill gives an update on the elders' trip to Nashville. It is scheduled for October 18-24. She has a breakdown of the budget and the estimated cost is \$87,000. There are 120 participants. Terri will have a follow-up meeting with the elders'.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the lease agreement with St. Louis County for the use of the Fortune Bay water tower for fire/EMS and police repeaters. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #23-2008, submission of a grant application to the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care of the Minnesota Department of Health for funding for the project focused on diabetes treatment, prevention, and education for American Indians residing off reservation. (Virginia and International Falls area). Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve amending the contract with JCO Contracting, Inc. to include account payables outstanding back to August 2006, MSTAR state ambulance reporting back to November 2006, USDA grant resolution back to June 2003, and monthly scheduling of ambulance personnel. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the contract with Stephen Roberts to provide dentist services (sedation, endodontic, pediatric, oral surgery and orthodontic program). Carried 3-0-0. Discussion was held on the issue of COLA. Cathy Chavers said in the past the professionals were under contract and did not receive COLA's, but Dr. Roberts will be a contract employee. Mark Anderson said the contract states "will provide other benefits as stated in the Personnel Manual", and COLA is not a benefit in the manual.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #24-2008, FY 2008-2010 Indian Health Service Annual Funding Agreement. Carried 3-0-0.

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Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #25-2008, contract with Will Marvel, Rph, FASCP, to oversee the pharmacy. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the contract with Wendy Long for Family Nurse Practitioner services. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to table the 2007-2010 heating bids for the Nett Lake and Vermilion offices/businesses. Rae Edstrom is to 1) check with Fond du Lac, they have a propane business, to see if they would provide service up here, 2) see about purchasing our own tanks, and 3) look at one or two year contracts because three years is too long. Carried 3-0-0. Rae is also to inquire about a rate for repairs and after hour repairs.

Barb Brodeen introduces Kevin Strong who is the new Maintenance Supervisor at Vermilion.

Shane Drift presents the Office of Justice Program grant for signature. It was submitted online but now needs signatures. Chairman Leecy signs.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the contract with Instrument Control Systems, Inc. for the installation of control panels at the Vermilion pump house. Carried 3-0-0.

Steve Peterson presents the list of store names from the contest for the "Name the Store" contest and asks the Council to select the new name. There was a committee that reviewed the entries and recommended a couple names. The Council wants to let the Band members to decide the new name. Steve Peterson will poll the committee members again and also poll as many Band members as he can to see which one is the most popular and bring back.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to table resolution #26-2008, base selection procedure for architect/engineer services on infrastructure, housing and economic development projects for which funding has yet to be secured. Carried 2-0-1. David Morrison, Sr. silent. Mark Anderson will draft RFP's and ask what their expertise is for getting grants and what their expectations would be.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Pete Drift, Sr. from August 5-18, 2007 to attend the graduation ceremony for the two Bois Forte Band member youths who are graduating from the National Indian Youth Police Academy which will be held in San Bernadino, California. Carried 2-0-1. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Ernie Steel to attend the Quarterly CVSO/TVSO Meeting held August 15, 2007 in Fargo, North Dakota. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Lela Correa and Lori Hawk to attend the 3rd Annual Pathways to Our Future 2007 Early Childhood Education Conference held August 13-14, 2007 in Mayetta, Kansas. Carried 2-1-0. Mark Drift, Sr. against. Mark Drift, Sr. states he went along with approving Lela on the original poll and did not go with approving Lori. Mark said he knows budgets are tight, but when it comes to gaming revenue allocations, it is for Band members. Mark said this is saying our scholarship money can be used for anyone and a bad precedence is being set. Chairman Leecy said this is a lesson on polling and polling won't be done in the future. Ray Villebrun, Sr. said when he approved the polling request he did not know where the funds were coming from. David Morrison, Sr. said a lot of stuff is last minute, but staff are aware of things well enough ahead of time in order to turn their information in. Barb Brodeen said the money was a distribution from gaming and that other programs get gaming dollars that serve non-Band members.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Janelle Burton to attend the 2007 Olmstead Conference "Living with Dignity as Part of a Community" to be held September 9-11, 2007 in Washington, D.C. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Leanne Barto to attend the Annual Eastern & Mid-Western Multi-Regional Employment & Training Conference to be held September 11-13, 2007 in Orlando, Florida. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Chris Holm to attend the UEPA Certification Officers Training Course – Microbiology to be held September 17-21, 2007 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Mike Connor to attend the Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination Training to be held September 27, 2007 in Ft. Totten, North Dakota. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Kevin Koski, Tara Geshick, and Ellen King to travel to Battle Creek, Michigan to assist the Huron Potawatomi tribe host an Indoor Air Quality workshop for Michigan tribes, from August 26-31, 2007. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Robbie Goggeye, David Villebrun, Brian Whiteman, and Ed Isham to attend the Locksmithing Training to be held August 26-30, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. Carried 3-0-0.