

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 18, 2007 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 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 Villebrun; Edith Villebrun; Carol Burr; Wendy Thompson; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Dick Grabko (S E H); Jeff Tillman (S E H); Rae Edstrom; Mike Rowlette; Kevin Strong; Robert Moyer, Jr.; Gary Lamppa; Muriel Deegan; Patti Wilkie; Jeneal Goggeleye; Marty Connor; Gary Adams; Marilyn Geshick; Don Chosa; Brad Anderson; Billie Mason; Corey Strong; Pete Drift, Sr.; Jerome Whiteman; Gary Gotchnik; Corinna Wettlin; Nikki Irving; Cathy Chavers; Marybelle Isham; Theresa Drift; George Mihelich

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) delete Billie Mason's 2008 Federal Grant Application, 2) delete Terri Hill's request for approval of the website revision, 3) move Doris Isham and Theresa Drift (employment contract with Peggy Hiestand) to executive session, 4) move the statement of qualifications item to first on the agenda along with the guests that are present for it, and 5) delete Lester Drift Jr.'s governing body agenda item. Carried 4-0-0.

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

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held September 26, 2007 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held September 27, 2007 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marilyn Geshick said the elders left on their trip. In regard to the letter sent to Chairman Leecy in regard to issues/concerns some of the elders have, they want it known that they were in no way influenced by any member of the Council. They held a meeting, had more concerns but narrowed the list down. They received a letter from Chairman Leecy who said he will meet with them to answer any questions they have. Chairman Leecy informs Marilyn he will be more than happy to meet with them, individually if they want.

Mark Drift, Sr.; for the record, said he has been accused of putting stuff on the START website. He raises his right hand and said he is not doing that, he is not involved in confidential information. He wanted that rumor addressed because it was addressed in an informal Council meeting. He states for the public record that he was not on that website.

New tribal government staff: Linda Tibbetts-Barto introduces Muriel Deegan who is the new Community Health Representative at Vermilion, and Kevin Strong introduces Robert Moyer, Jr. who is the new Maintenance Worker at Vermilion.

Ray Toutloff said the statement of qualification documents from the engineering and architectural firms have been in since September 24th. Responses were received from five companies. They were asked to submit for two issues, 1) design and engineering for the pedestrian trail at Vermilion (there is already funds for this) and 2) professional consulting and planning (engineering and architectural or whatever it would be) for the water and sewer infrastructure for Vermilion and Nett Lake, finding funding, designing and engineering on apartment buildings and helping to plan and design and get funding for a chemical dependency complex (which would include outpatient clinic, halfway house for men, halfway house for women and a group residential facility). Ray Toutloff reviewed them and one company came out ahead. They have a lot of experience. They did a lot of engineering work for Bois Forte already, also architectural work. They were the one company that could do everything that was needed. That firm has already been doing some work for the reservation already, progratis but at some point we will have to pay for the services. Chairman Leecy informs Ray the rest of the Council has not had a chance to review the documents. Marty Connor said there is a native owned engineering firm in Bemidji and asks if they have been allowed to submit a statement of qualifications. The Council was not aware of that firm. It was decided to table this item until October 24 and Marty Connor is informed that that firm has until then to submit something. Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to table the statement of qualifications agenda item. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve \$237,708.00 for work on the law enforcement center project, pending legal review and finalization of the agreement with Architectural Resources. Architectural Resources will be responsible for monitoring weekly inspections. They are making four site visits and Bois Forte Housing staff will be utilized alternating with them so there are eight site visits. Since Bois Forte Housing staff will be

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utilized, the 10% paid to Architectural Resources will be dropped to 8% which Mark Anderson will put in the final agreement. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to authorize Deanna Drift to proceed with negotiations on the agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services seeking Title IV-E status which will increase the amount of reimbursements for activities associated with foster care placements. Carried 4-0-0. The Tribal Code is being updated and Deanna Drift is to work with tribal court staff to strengthen/change tribal laws relating to CHIPS matters.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #50-2008, rescinding resolution #38-2007 – Hannah Lehti residential lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #51-2008, residential lease – Hannah Lehti (assigning lease to MCT Home Finance Corporation). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #52-2008, rescinding resolution #146-2007 – Dorothy A. Strong and Jeffrey Geshick residential lease, lease is rescinded because they acquired another lot. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #53-2008, residential lease – Dorothy A. Strong and Jeffrey Geshick. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the Drivers List Insurance Requirements (driver eligibility for insurance coverage), not to include the Bois Forte driving records, and with the clarification that random alcohol testing is done during a work assignment. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to release the motor vehicle title for the 2003 Durango (VIN 1D4HS38N63F573469) which will be sold to the Bois Forte Development Corporation for \$10,500.00. The proceeds will be placed in the police department budget for equipment for staff. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the release of the motor vehicle titles for the four Polaris snowmobiles (1997 Polaris Sportsman 500, 1997 Polaris Indy 650, 1998 Polaris Indy 500, and 1999 Polaris Indy Wide Track 500) which will be used as trade-ins for two Polaris Rangers. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the use of the Vermilion Wellness Center free of charge to Bois Forte Tribal Government employees, Bois Forte Development Corporation employees, Bois Forte Band members, and Bois Forte community members. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the new Vermilion Wellness Center logo and updated forms. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Doris Isham to attend the Making Data Count Conference to be held December 18-20, 2007, in Tucson, Arizona, and to attend the Diabetes Today training to be held November 5-7, 2007, in Catoosa, Oklahoma. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Terri Hill to attend the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 64th Annual Convention to be held November 11-16, 2007 in Denver, Colorado, and to attend the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Tribal Leaders meeting to be held October 29, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Chairman Leecy calls for a second. Chairman calls for a second again. Chairman Leecy calls for a second a third and final time. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Barb Brodeen said, for the record, she did not sign off on Terri's out of state travel request for the NIGA Tribal Leaders meeting because after looking at the topics she felt Terri did not need to attend because it is a policy making meeting for tribal leaders. Mark Drift, Sr. said Terri is the communications director and she does a great job at conferences for Bois Forte, that she represents the Band in a positive way. Barb Brodeen said we are under budget constraints.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Terri Hill to attend the National Congress of American Indians 64th Annual Convention to be held November 11-16, 2007 in Denver, Colorado. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Terri Hill to attend the National Indian Gaming Association Tribal Leaders meeting to be held October 29, 2007 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mark Drift, Sr. said if any of our Band members want to be trained, TERO money should be redirected for a training program so it would be less of a strain on their budgets, so they can get trained. Barb Brodeen said it is not training, it is a meeting for tribal leaders to set policy. Mark Drift, Sr. said it is policy that she could communicate to the membership because she is communications director. Chairman Leecy calls for a second. Barb Brodeen said the other option would be to designate the funds to come from Fortune Bay because it is related to gaming. Mark Drift, Sr. amends his motion for Fortune Bay to pay for Terri's training. Chairman Leecy calls for a second again. Barb Brodeen said people need to be selective as to what will benefit the reservation and to be fiscal responsible. Chairman Leecy calls for a second a third and final time. Motions dies for lack of a second.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; to deny out of state travel for Terri Hill to attend the National Indian Gaming Association Tribal Leaders meeting to be held October 29, 2007 in Albuquerque, New

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Mexico. Ray Toutloff is informed the motion to approve it died for lack of a second which means it was denied. Ray Toutloff withdraws his motion.

Ray Villebrun, Sr. said we deal with out of state travel at every meeting and he would like to see the benefit to the Band for employees attending conferences/trainings. Jerome Whiteman said employees need to write a narrative as soon as they come back so there is justification. Corey Strong said justification is needed beforehand, also a breakdown of the cost and where the cost is coming from. Barb Brodeen is to remind the commissioners of the process.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve out of state travel for Marty Connor to attend the 10th Annual National Tribal Transportation Conference to be held November 6-9, 2007 in Golden, Colorado. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.