

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 6, 2008 at Nett Lake, 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; Henry Goodsky; Dave Woodward; Mary Strong; Caroline Boshey; Marcella Connor; Deanna Drift; Pete Drift, Sr.; Don Chosa; Steve Peterson; Peggy Connor; Brad Anderson; Marty Connor; Marilyn Geshick; Terri Hill; Marge Holmes; Shane Drift; Corinna Wettlin; Jerome Whiteman; Edith Villebrun; Billie Mason; Rose Berens; Marge Pete; Bill Latady; Carol Burr; Paul Smith; Jeneal Goggeley; Kim Greiner; Ernie Steel; Rosemary Strong; Dawn Benner; Wendy Thompson; Vonda Lee Carr; Phillip Boness; Lester Drift, Sr.; Janelle Burton

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of 1) out of state travel request for Christine Bloom, 2) request from Dave Woodward and Rose Berens to submit a grant application, and 3) homelessness vouchers under Deanna Drift's agenda items. Carried 3-1-0. Ray Toutloff against. Ray Toutloff against because he is in opposition to a fire department for Vermilion. He thinks there should be more discussion between the Council members on that issue. He said he made a motion for a feasibility study to be done on that and that it hasn't been done.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held January 10, 2008 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota with the correction that "Transchef" is spelled "Trancheff." Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held January 22, 2008 at Shakopee, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes informs the Council the elders are fund raising to help with appliances at the ENP (refrigerator, water softener, dishwasher, and garbage disposal). Chairman Leecy said there is a donation request on the agenda from Deanna Drift for a refrigerator. Chairman Leecy said he realizes it is short notice and asks Deanna to get costs for all the items and present when her agenda item is up.

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Marge Holmes said the elders do not know how their elders trip is going. Terri Hill said she heard the elders may have decided to hold off on the trip, but she will get a survey out to them.

New tribal government staff: Corinna Wettlin introduces Marge Pete who is the new Fitness Trainer at the Vermilion Fitness Center. Pete Drift, Sr. introduces Paul Smith who is the new BIA Police Officer.

Brad Anderson asks for clarification on whether or not an employee who was hired at the Lube Center can gamble at Fortune Bay. Brad is informed that employee can gamble at Fortune Bay since he is like the employees at the Y-Store and Powerain and they can gamble.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the changes to the Bois Forte Culture Committee By-Laws. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to appoint Esther Connor and Cordell Chosa to the Bois Forte Culture Committee. Carried 4-0-0. (That committee will now have seven members, instead of five, and two alternates).

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to authorize Dave Woodward and Rose Berens to submit a grant application to the National Park Service for funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the purpose of inventorying the cultural resources on the reservation. Carried 4-0-0.

Rose Berens is asked what happens in regard to timber cutting and individuals placing sacred items out. Rose said the timber sales go through the THPO office first.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks Rose Berens if Big Island is protected for sacred items. Chairman Leecy said that was discussed a few years ago didn't bring attention to it so people wouldn't go out there to "see what's there". Mark Drift, Sr. asks Rose Berens to have Mark Anderson draft a resolution for the next meeting in regard to designating Big Island as protected.

Dave Woodward and Rose Berens are informed of a concern an individual had in regard to the wild rice on Moose Lake near Orr. There is a developer interested in buying property there and the concern is that they would destroy the wild rice there. There are Band members who gather the rice on that lake. Dave Woodward is to look into this.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #91-2008, authorizing the submission of a grant application to the National Park Service for funding for the purpose of inventorying the cultural resources on the reservation and to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #92-2008, lease modification to Ronald W. King's lease by adding his sons names to the lease (William A. King and Joshua L. King). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #93-2008, lease cancellation – Mary A. Strand. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #94-2008, lease cancellation – Susanna Miller and Elizabeth Butler. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #95-2008, recreational lease – Rose Hedlund and Carl Hedlund, Jr. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to grant a two (2) year extension to Lucille Stepec's lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Ray Toutloff informs the Council Dan Zika needs a document so he can get a loan. Barb Brodeen recommends that this be placed on the next meeting agenda so Mark Anderson can be involved in this item.

Ray Villebrun, Sr. said he asked Corey Strong to put the Dave Connor lease on this agenda. Corey had said he would, but it is not on the agenda. Ray Villebrun, Sr. wants this on the next meeting agenda.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to table the agreement with S E H for engineering services for the Vermilion Trail Project. There are questions on the agreement and those are to be sent to Mark Anderson for review. Marty Connor is to meet with Ray Toutloff and Jeff Tillman to discuss the changes that were supposed to be made but weren't done, such as lowering the 16.1% engineering fee, and extending the trail. Carried 4-0-0. Ray Toutloff asks about the \$400,000 that would be need to be fronted to the project, that the Council would need to decide to front the money but only if the project was done before October of 2009. The money would come back then. Kim Greiner said the issue was not fronting the money, it was if that was an allowable cost for the grant for money spent prior to October. Ray Toutloff said it was an allowable cost. Kim said the granting agency should put that in writing.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve the revisions to the Child Care Billing Policy. Chairman Leecy calls for a second. Chairman Leecy calls for a second again. Chairman Leecy calls for a second a third and final time. Seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr. Carried 4-0-0.

Billie Mason said the Child Care fees go towards salaries for the staff. No families were denied child care services. Billie Mason is to look into getting child care subsidized, because it is too hard on working families, preferably so the rate the families pay is a \$1.50 rate. Billie Mason is

to look at child care at Vermilion (it was removed in 2002). Billie Mason is asked about summer day care. Barb Brodeen said Billie had in a request for this but her request did not get funded. Billie said the rates would be outrageous unless other funding/revenue is received. Barb said this would definitely be looked at. Jerome Whiteman asks that when changes are made, that a letter be sent to the parents explaining the changes - how the changes came about and who was involved in the decisions.

Discussion on the voucher system for the homelessness program will be held in executive session.

Deanna Drift and Ernie Steel are requesting to utilize the leftover monies awarded to Veteran's Services from the Tribal Council for office supplies. The State took over Ernie's salary but not paying for office supplies/expenses. Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Veteran's Service unencumbered balance of \$13,654.33 minus indirect cost to go towards rent, phone service, supplies, and program services for veteran's for the Veteran's Service Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Deanna Drift, Pete Drift, Sr. and Shane Drift have questions on the Sexual Offender Registry. The registry needs to be implemented by July, 2009. The computer software won't be available until July, 2009 and a grant will need to be pursued for the software. Some questions are which department is going to house the computer and software and the DNA, and who will do the tracking. They are informed the police department will notify judicial services when someone is released from prison, and judicial services (probation officer) will track them. Don Chosa to help them with grants.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to intend to seek funds from the Department of Justice for the sexual offender registry program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve \$6,000.00 for the purchase of a new refrigerator, new dishwasher, and a new water softener for the ENP kitchen. Deanna Drift is to a cost analysis to get the best prices for them. Deanna is to find a vendor for delivery service for the salt for the water softener. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to donate the remaining items from the 75% off closeout sale at MSC, to the Bois Forte Food Shelf Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Kim Greiner said the tribal court will be using the MSC building while their building is being renovated. Kim is requesting to use the MSC building after tribal court is done using it, for administration record storage space and using the garage for storing the receiving and delivery vehicle. Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve Kim Greiner's request to use the MSC building for temporary storage space, after tribal court moves out. Carried 4-0-0.

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Mark Drift, Sr. leaves the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #96-2008, \$42,000.00 contribution to Greenwood Township for fire protection for 2008. Carried 3-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. enters the meeting.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to proceed with the Vermilion Volunteer Fire Department. Carried 3-1-0. Ray Toutloff against. Ray Toutloff states for the record, he voted against because the Vermilion people were overlooked, they were at the meeting on January 10th, they didn't have an agreement, they wanted an agreement, they wanted fire protection not a fire department, and also, he did not have any involvement in this issue prior to the public announcement.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to do a feasibility study on the Vermilion Chemical Dependency Complex. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve \$600.00 to Billie Blackwell for storytelling. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Corey Strong and Eileen Barney to attend the 2008 CITGO Meeting to be held February 7, 2008 in Rapid City, South Dakota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Peggy Connor to attend the Conducting Background and Character Investigations training to be held March 25-26, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Brad Anderson to attend the Institute of Internal Auditors 10th Annual Gaming Conference to be held April 14-16, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve out of state travel for Victoria Villebrun and Nina Villebrun to attend the Falmouth Institute's 15th Annual Tribal Secretaries Conference to be held April 21-24, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carried 2-0-2. Ray Villebrun, Sr. silent. Mark Drift, Sr. silent.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Christine Bloom to attend the American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start/Early Head Start Region XI Management Institute training to be held February 19-21, 2008 in Reno-Sparks, Nevada. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #99-2008 submission of a grant application to USDA for funds in the amount of \$99,000.00 for the Small Business Development Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to appoint Ray Villebrun, Sr. to the committee on Casino Research Advisory Board. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.