

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 15, 2008 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:14 a.m.

Invocation by Henry Goodsky.

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; Donna Hoffer; Bill Hoffer; Nina Villebrun; Brad Anderson; Peggy Connor; Shane Drift; Don Chosa; Dawn Benner; Pete Drift, Sr.; Kim Greiner

Chairman Leecy dispenses with the minutes.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks for clarification on a candidate asking for time to gather evidence to support their residency, would they have until February 22. Mark Anderson said the Council has a deadline of February 22 to send the list of certified candidates to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Mark Drift, Sr. asks what happens once they present their evidence on residency, does the Council have to have another meeting. Mark Anderson said if all candidates were certified today, there would not need to be another meeting, but in the event there was a challenge or question about anybody's residency, or Band membership, or whatever, the Council would not have to make a decision until February 22. Ray Toutloff asks if a motion could be passed certifying "pending proof of residency by February 22". Mark Anderson said no, it is either certified or not certified.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to certify Donna Hoffer as candidate for the Chairperson position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to certify Gary W. Donald as candidate for the Chairperson position. Carried 4-0-0.

Page 2
Special Meeting
February 15, 2008

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to certify Dawn M. Benner as candidate for the Chairperson position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Kevin W. Leecy as candidate for the Chairperson position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to certify Ray E. Villebrun as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to certify Catherine Jeanette Chavers as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. said he contacted Rhonda because he received some calls that she was living in Virginia. He talked to her this morning and she claims that she can gather evidence but she can't gather evidence today, she's on her way from St. Paul. Her son had to attend school in Virginia during that two month period. Mark asks if you are out of your house for two months, does that constitute change of residence. Mark Anderson said not necessarily, it is "what does an ordinary Band member think about that person's residence". Rhonda told Mark Drift, Sr. she could get proof from the Housing Authority and her electrical bill.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Mark Drift, Sr.; to table the certification of Rhonda Hoagland as candidate for the District I Representative position until she gets proper evidence of residency. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; to certify Carol Driscoll as candidate for the District I Representative position.

Mark Anderson said the Background Investigator determined she moved into the Assisted Living Center on October 10, 2007.

Mark Drift, Sr. rescinds his motion because he has a question on Carol Driscoll's residency. He heard she moved to Duluth and had an apartment there, when she was going through a court case. She didn't have a car.

Chairman Leecy said his concern about tabling the certifications and to respond by February 22 is that they have knowledge of what the question is. Mark Anderson said to provide them with a copy of resolution 32-98 in regard to residency, and tell them there is a question about their residency. Chairman Leecy said to tell them what the question is because there is an allegation that one lives in Virginia and one lives in Duluth, and they need to respond to that. Mark Anderson said it is not up to them to prove the negative (that they weren't living somewhere else), their obligation is to prove that they are a resident of the reservation.

Page 3
Special Meeting
February 15, 2008

Dawn Benner said Carol Driscoll has been living here since October 2005, she goes down to Duluth, she won her St. Louis County case, she had to keep her apartment for that, but all her belongings are up here in that unit.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks how long they had to live here. Mark Anderson said from March 31 of 2007 until now.

Chairman Leecy asks if a temporary residency due to court or medical, as long as their permanent residency is here. Mark Anderson said it's a judgment call. For example if someone is called to active duty in the military, or hospitalized for two months, or attending school for a portion of that time, does that mean they lost their residency here. He thinks no, you still retain your residency. Ray Toutloff asks if that's the case in Carol's situation, that she "had" to be gone. Mark Anderson said he doesn't know anything about her absence. Mark Drift, Sr. said it was a whistleblower case.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to certify Carol Driscoll as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Mark Drift, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to certify Shane Drift as candidate for the District I Representative position. Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift wants the candidates to sit down and have a round table discussion with Band members and broadcast it on our radio station. Chairman Leecy said he thinks that's a good idea.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #100-2008, submission of the ANA Language Revitalization Grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #99-2008, renewal of the Gaming Facility license to Fortune Bay Casino for a term of three years. Carried 4-0-0.

Mark Drift, Sr. asks if the ponds at Fortune Bay are adequate. Mark Anderson said yes. Mark Drift, Sr. asks if there is a proposal for them. Mark Anderson said yes, to expand them.

Mark Anderson asks what the time frame is to give Rhonda Hoagland to submit her information. He is told at close of business on February 21, 2008.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.