

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 17, 2008 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:18 a.m.

Members Present: Kevin W. Leecy; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Cathy Chavers;
Ray Villebrun, Sr.; Ray Toutloff

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Mark Anderson; Henry Goodsky; Jeneal Goggleye; Denise Pieratos; Marilyn Geshick; Marcella Connor; Janice Connor; Rose Berens; Brad Anderson; Peggy Connor; Rick Smith; Rae Edstrom; Marge Holmes; Caroline Boshey; Billie Mason; Deanna Drift; Terri Hill; Kim Greiner; Jason Sherman; Pete Drift, Sr.; Wendy Thompson; Jeanine Whiteman; Gary Gotchnik; Jon Connor; Kelly Dunkley; Donald Chosa; Cheryl Debelak; Michelle Horack; Jim Johnson; Clint Miller; Corinna Wettlin; Edith Villebrun; Corey Strong; Dawn Benner; Dave Larson; Gary Donald; Bob Zika; Nikki Irving; Patti Wilkie; Roger Heger; Lela Goodsky; Kevin McCormick

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) delete Don Chosa's resolution in regard to the Water and Sewer System Bond of 2008 to the USA for the Indian Point Project, 2) delete Honore Lehtinen's resolution in regard to the All Hazards Behavioral Health Response Plan, 3) delete Jeneal Goggleye with the contract with Michael Rowlette for dental services; 4) add Billie Mason with an agreement with Peggy Hiestand Harri for nutrition services and 5) add Billie Mason with a request for a provisional license for the Head Start and Child Care facilities, and 6) add Rose Berens with two Memorandum of Understanding's, one with Mesabi Nugget and one with Keetac. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held August 20, 2008 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota with the correction that on page 2 the sentence "Moved by Ray Toutloff; to approve the amendment.", be inserted in the last paragraph after the word "contractor" and before "Barb Brodeen". Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes informs the Council everything is all set to go for the elders trip. Now the elders are all starting to think about shoveling and winter stuff.

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New staff: Jeneal Goggeley introduces Michelle Horack, Registered Dental Assistant; Muriel Deegan, Vermilion Wellness Center Manager; Kelly Dunkley, Vermilion Community Health Representative; Cheryl Debelak, Vermilion Administrative Assistant; and Jeanine Whiteman, Case Manager and Family Based Worker.

At the last meeting the Supplemental Agreement #8 with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (S E H) was approved for environmental services related to the Vermilion Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion and Sanitary Sewer Collection Extension Project, to conduct on-site inspections of the operating conditions of 12 individual sewage treatment systems at Vermilion (not on the public sewer systems). Since then more systems were identified that needs to be inspected which brings the amount to 40. S E H is also going to assist Bois Forte staff with a funding application to Rural Development for a grant for the project.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Addendum to the Supplemental Agreement #8 with S E H for the inspections of the additional individual sewage treatment systems at Vermilion at the estimated cost of \$300.00 per system. Jim Johnson from S E H is to see if this can be reimbursed from the project grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Supplement Agreement #9 with S E H for engineering and land survey services related to the Nett Lake platting, sanitary sewer, water main, and wastewater treatment improvements at a cost not to exceed \$33,500.00. This is the second phase of The Master Plan. The cost to come from the government budget (not Public Works). Jim Johnson is also to see if this cost is reimbursable from the project grant. Barb Brodeen will keep track of the financial part of this and seek out other funding for it. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the Supplemental Agreement #10 with S E H for providing complete costs/benefits analysis of constructing a new fire station at Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Kevin McCormick has a powerpoint presentation on the Vermilion Master Plan. He is informed that Barb Brodeen will set up a community meeting and he can bring this to that meeting for community input. After the community meeting he can bring this back to the Council.

Rick Smith and Deanna Drift said there were 21 applicants who applied for the Advanced Community Leadership Training which is sponsored by the Blandin Foundation. Because there are so many the Blandin Foundation proposed that Bois Forte enter into a core program which is also sponsored by the Blandin Foundation. They would seek 9 more applicants, from Vermilion, for a total of 30 for the program. It would consist of 8 days and the only cost to the Band would be transportation costs and that would be up to the Band if the transportation costs would be paid for Band employees. There are grants available for non-employees of the Band.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to support the Blandin Foundation Core Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Donald Chosa is informed the resolution for the water and sewer system bond of 2008 to the USA for the Indian Point Project was taken off the agenda because if the project went forward that resolution would need be done at the loan closing and it is getting late for the project to start this year. If this were done now, the Band would need to pay interest on the money.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #27-2009, loan and grant documents with USDA for the Nett Lake fire truck project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #28-2009, authorizing Chairman Kevin W. Leecy and Secretary-Treasurer David C. Morrison, Sr. to act on behalf of the Band with respect to financial transactions involving trust accounts with the Office of the Special Trustee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #29-2009, authorizing the transfer of \$85,000 timber stumpage account #PL7030700 to Bois Forte Forestry which will be used for the construction of a forestry garage. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #30-2009, 2009 Timber Harvest Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the 2008-2009 Commercial Package Policy proposal from Range Reliable, Inc./Travelers Insurance Companies. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #31-2009, recreational lease – Curtis L. and Marlys A. Carlson. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #32-2009, recreational lease – Roland S. Rolando. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #33-2009, lease termination – Judy and Charles Day. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #34-2009, lease modification to Miranda J. Villebrun and Timothy Lilya lease, changing Miranda J. Villebrun to Miranda V. Lilya. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #35-2009, lease modification to Deanna Drift lease, by adding Paul Smith to the lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #36-2009, lease modification to Dorothy Strong lease by adding an addendum for home financing. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve opening a new bank account at the American Bank for the IRR money. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to appoint Ray Villebrun, Sr. as Bois Forte Representative to the MCT Finance Corporation/Economic Development Subcommittee. Carried 3-0-1. Ray Villebrun, Sr. silent.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to appoint Cathy Chavers as Bois Forte Representative to the MCT Education/Human Services Subcommittee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adopt resolution #37-2009, 2008-2009 National Congress of American Indian membership dues for the Band and individual membership dues for Cathy Chavers. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the Memorandum of Understanding among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa, and Mesabi Mining, LLC and Steel Dynamics, Inc. for the proposed Mesabi Nugget Phase II Project in Northeastern Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Cathy Chavers to approve the Memorandum of Understanding among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, and U.S. Steel – Minnesota Ore Operations, for the proposed Keetac Expansion Project in Northeastern Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to authorize Rose Berens to proceed with the negotiation of a contract with United States Steel to be reimbursed staff costs (salaries, indirect cost, travel and out of pocket expenses). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the agreement with Peggy Hiestand Harri to provide nutrition services to the Bois Forte Early Childhood Programs from September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a provisional license for the Vermilion and Nett Lake Early Childhood Programs (provisional for Nett Lake due to construction of new Head Start and Child Care facilities, due to special circumstances of construction timelines and the need to provide services; and provisional for Vermilion until a new playground, surfacing, and proper fencing is obtained). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.