

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 18, 2009 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:08 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; Vicki Villebrun; Henry Goodsky; Marty Connor; Pete Drift, Sr.; Jerry Gogleye; Don Chosa; Terri Hill; Marilyn Geshick; Marge Holmes; Donna Hoffer; Janice Connor; Marcella Connor; Jerome Whiteman; Edith Villebrun; Brandon Benner; Billie Mason; Christine Bloom; Ruth Porter; Dave Steel; Dennis Johnson; Corey Strong; Doris Isham; Deanna Drift; Gary Gotchnik

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of an agreement between Bois Forte and Northland for the Boys & Girls Club. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held January 21, 2009 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes said the Elders want to meet with the Council about concerns they have.

The meeting between the Council and the Elders is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 2, 2009 at Fortune Bay.

Marge Holmes said the Elders haven't heard anything about the trip. They were told a survey about the trip was going to be put on the Internet but not all the Elder have access to Internet. Chairman Leecy said Helen Wilkie is to be informed that the survey is to be sent out by U.S. Mail. Marilyn Geshick said the survey should say if they want to go each year or skip a year and suggestions on where to go. Chairman Leecy said Helen Wilkie will be asked to attend the meeting on March 2 so the Elders can let her know what all they want on the survey and any other questions they have.

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New tribal government employees: Billie Mason introduces Christine Bloom who is the Head Start Director, Wendy Deatherage who is the Day Care Teacher Aide, Ruth Porter who is the Education Manager, and Dave Steel who is the Custodian/Bus Driver. Edith Villebrun introduces Terri Hill who is the Language Assessment Coordinator. Robbi Goggeye introduces Jerry Goggeye who is the Maintenance Worker.

Dennis Johnson, US Census Bureau Regional Director introduces Donna Hoffer who is the US Census Bureau Partnership Specialist who will be working with the tribes in Northern Minnesota for the 2010 Census. They are recruiting people from each community to conduct the census. There is a testing next week in Bois Forte for potential employees. They are also looking for a recruiting assistant that will be working with Donna and the Duluth Census Office to make sure people are recruited to conduct the census. Those individuals will be hired from now until the end of March because the first thing that will be done in April is they will need to go door to door so they know where all the houses are and places where people live. They will keep the Council updated through Toni Wakemup who is the tribal government contact person for the census. Donna said they are looking at establishing Complete Count Committees that will be comprised of tribal officials, business owners, community members, and tribal government employees. Those committees will outreach to the community to make sure they fill out the survey. Donna said the jobs pay between \$11 - \$13.00 an hour and the hours are flexible, and they get mileage. Chairman Leecy informs Dennis Johnson that there was a concern that when people check the "American Indian/and other", that that doesn't benefit the Native community.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to table the Memorandum of Understanding between Bois Forte and the Regional Radio Board. Carried 4-0-0. Doris Isham will set up a meeting for the Council to meet with the Regional Radio Board to discuss what the Council wants to see in the MOU. It will be scheduled for the morning of March 18 in Pine County which is the date/place of the next meeting of the Regional Radio Board.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the submission of a grant application renewal to the Office of Community Services Administration for Children & Families for the Bois Forte Family Violence Prevention Program with a change to the grant that Deanna Drift and Kim Dahl will administer the grant instead of Shane Drift. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #85-2009, lease termination – William B. Tibbetts III. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution#84-2009, residential lease – Chris Lehti. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #86-2009, lease cancellation – Chris Lehti. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #87-2009, lease cancellation – John C. Lehti. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #88-2009, residential lease – John C. Lehti. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #89-2009, residential lease – Jonathan R. Lehti. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #90-2009, residential lease – Dawn Strong, Joshua Strong, and Fern Isham. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #91-2009, lease termination – Evelyn Dupree. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #92-2009, lease termination – Luzenia Marotta. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #93-2009, modification of lease for George N. Mihelich to add James Mihelich to the lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Janice Connor said the Utility Board is recommending increasing the water, sewer, and solid waste rates and she presents the proposed rate schedule. The Council direct Janice to post the proposed rate schedule for a 30-day comment period and put on the web site and the paper. Also provide information on how those rates compare to different cities, and also the rationale for the amount of the increase. Janice is asked if there will be reduced rates for the elders. Janice said no. Chairman Leecy asks Janice to have the Utility Board increase the government building's rates similar to the rate the Nett Lake C-Store will pay in order to offset a reduction in the rates for the elders.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #94-2009, submission of grant application to the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, for funds to establish a Vocational Rehabilitation Program on Bois Forte Reservation that would provide vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities, to enable Tribal members to prepare for and engage in gainful employment. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve payment of the 2009 National Indian Gaming Association membership dues with the change of the alternate from Mark Drift to Cathy Chavers. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agreement between the Boys & Girls Club of the Northland and the Bois Forte Band, and the budget, for the Nett Lake Unit. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Leecy said he received a note from Myra Thompson regarding bingo for the elders to be held in Nett Lake. Marge Holmes and Marilyn Geshick said yes, it will be for fund raising. Chairman Leecy said this can be discussed at the March 2 meeting. Gary Gotchnik will have Mark Anderson prepare a resolution for the elders to conduct the bingo.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.