

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held March 4, 2009 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:12 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; Henry Goodsky; Mark Anderson; Vicki Villebrun; Billie Mason; Christine Bloom; Marge Holmes; Marilyn Geshick; Wendy Thompson; Brandon Benner; Corey Strong; Pete Drift, Sr.; Marty Connor; Carol Burr; Kim Greiner; Brad Anderson; Deanna Drift; Donald Chosa; Mike Villebrun; Jim Johnson; Edith Villebrun; Andy Datko; Gary Gotchnik; Nikki Irving; Marcella Connor; Dawn Benner

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1) Dawn Benner with changes to the TERO Ordinance, 2) Barb Brodeen with the proposed project list for the stimulus package, and 3) a special request from the ENP for a freezer for the Vermilion ENP. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held February 18, 2009 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marge Holmes said the elders want to thank the Council for the meeting. It went pretty good, and need more of them. Marge said the elderly in Vermilion are without a freezer. Jose Vidal checked it out and recommended a new one be purchased. Deanna Drift has quotes for one. Ray Toutloff tells Marge the freezer request has been put on the agenda.

Marge said the elders had asked here where they are going for the trip. She told them she didn't know because it was up to them. Some had suggested South Dakota or Niagara Falls. Barb Brodeen told her the survey will be sent out in a couple of days and that South Dakota was one of the choices.

Cathy Chavers said the meeting between the elders and the Council will be held quarterly. The next one will be held in June.

New staff: Corey Strong introduces Mike Villebrun who is the new Conservation Officer.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the submission of the Emergency Child Care Services Grant for funding in the amount of \$800.00 for playground equipment for the Nett Lake Child Care Center. It requires a 10% match which will come from the Bois Forte Child Care Development Fund Grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve Chairman Kevin Leecy to sign the Bois Forte Reservation Head Start Policy Council Resolution in regard to the 2008 Reply to the Office of Head Start Monitoring Protocol Non-Compliance. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #97-2009, submission of grant application to the FY 2009 Support for Adams Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program for funding for the Bois Forte Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act Task Force (SORNA) to either upgrade the fingerprint scanner at Fortune Bay to read palm prints or to get a computer strictly for the purpose of being connected to the National Computer for Registry for Sex Offenders. Carried 4-0-0.

Brandon Benner is requesting funding to take basketball and volleyball players from Nett Lake and Vermilion on reward trips to the Minnesota State High School Basketball Tournaments (girls to the Girls Tournament and boys to the Boys Tournament). There is a total of 61 youth but he doesn't expect all of them to go because some of them might attend the 7th Grade Pacesetter Basketball Tournament or the Nett Lake 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament which are taking place at the same time.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve up to \$7,952.00 for Brandon Benner to take the girls to the Minnesota State High School Girls Basketball Tournament and the boys to the Minnesota State High School Boys Basketball Tournament. Carried 4-0-0.

Deanna Drift is to put in a budget request for next year when the departments submit their annual budget requests. Brandon is to check into getting other Band member youth that live in Virginia, Duluth, etc. to going on the trip next year.

Brandon said there will be a basketball tournament at Vermilion this weekend. There will be a concession stand for the basketball team which will sell Indian Tacos. Brandon asks if Fortune Bay would be able to provide the taco meat and the frybread. Brandon is also asks for a free night stay for a drawing for the people that attend the tournament and this request is approved. Gary Gotchnik said Fortune Bay can provide the taco meat and frybread but will just need to know how much.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #98-2009, lease termination – Leslie J. Connor. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #99-2009, lease termination – Joseph R. Morrison. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #100-2009, residential lease – Faith Morrison and Keith Roy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #101-2009, lease termination – Gerald Pete. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to table the 2009 Bois Forte Code for Non-Commercial Netting of Game Fish in the Waters Adjacent to the Vermilion Reservation until after the 1854 Authority Community Meeting which will be held on March 5 at Vermilion, in case any of the Band members have any comments or concerns on this. Carried 4-0-0.

Marty Connor is asked about the process for changing the road names. Marty said it can be changed in the Transportation Improvement Plan which will need to be approved by the Albuquerque BIA Office, and if it is a residential street the addresses will need to be changed for each residential area and then updating the information for the 911 system. Chairman Leecy said there should be a community meeting at Vermilion on road name changes because Skogman, Tibbetts Trail, and Whiskey Point roads are all going to be joined. Marty Connor will set up a community meeting for that.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the letter signed by Chairman Leecy submitting to the Bureau of Indian Affairs the FY 2009 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Carried 4-0-0.

Marty Connor gives an update on the IHS SDS (Sanitation Deficiency System). The money is coming from the stimulus package through IHS funding. They're funding the SDS that was previously approved, but a lot of those projects are still requiring money to come from the tribe.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve changes to the TERO Ordinance as follows: 1) in Chapter 7 change the terms of office from "two (2) years staggered" to "four (4) years staggered", and strike "Commissioners may receive a stipend for meetings as the budget permits" because the commissioners do not want to receive stipends, 2) in Chapter 18 strike the paragraph that has to do with Contracting and Subcontracting because that is covered in Chapter 5 #3, and 3) add to Chapter 7, "B. To establish a Bois Forte Tribal prevailing wage rate and enact regulations for requiring compliance, and look at on a project by project basis." Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to appoint Ellen King, Jim Morrison, and Darla Flett to four (4) year terms – March 4, 2009 to March 4, 2013. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #102-2009, granting authority to the commissioners to prepare and submit grant applications to governmental entities and other funding sources unless it requires a matching contribution, and that the Grants Administrator shall consult with the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director to develop a process for monitoring and coordinating all grant applications and matching fund obligations. Carried 4-0-0.

The Council still want a copy of the grants submitted so they are aware of them. Barb will give them a copy after she signs off on them.

The commissioners went through the list of proposed projects and prioritized stimulus projects and listed the funding agencies. Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to proceed with the following stimulus projects: 1) Vermilion Water & Sewer Expansion, 2) duplex housing at Vermilion, 3) apartment buildings, 4) expansion of the fitness center to add a gym/pool, and 4) government services building with a credit union. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve up to \$5,000 for the purchase of a new freezer for the Vermilion ENP program. Deanna Drift is to provide more detailed information on the quotes (what all the cost covers – warranty, installation, etc.) and to have whoever installs the freezer inspect the connections. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.