

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held August 5, 2009 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:19 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; Vicki Villebrun; Pete Drift, Jr.; Robbie Goggleye; Marilyn Geshick; Justin Boness; Janelle Burton; Mary Strong; Carol Driscoll; J. Kay Davis; Brad Anderson; Corey Strong; Edith Villebrun; Doris Isham; Chris Holm; Kim Greiner; Pam Hughes; Gordon Adams, Jr.; Carol Burr; Marcella Connor; Marty Connor; Deanna Drift; Kim Greiner; Billie Mason; Norm Adams; Corinna Lyons; Wendy Thompson; Jeneal Goggleye; April Delaney; Patti Wilkie; Denny Reagan

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) add Corey Strong with a request on if the Council is going to buy wild rice this year, and a request for funding for it, 2) add Marty Connor with the contract with KLM Engineering, and 3) add Jeneal Goggleye with a resolution requesting stimulus money for the Vermilion Clinic. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held July 15, 2009 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Justin Boness said they didn't have a meeting yet and won't have anything for the RTC meeting until they have an elders meeting.

Justin Boness asks about ricing. Corey Strong said the rice looks pretty good this year. There will definitely be a good rice crop this year.

New Staff: Robbie Goggleye introduces Pete Drift, Jr. who is the new Groundskeeper at Nett Lake.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the submission of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Health for funding to provide services to

off-reservation Native Americans such as community education, diabetes related health care, health screenings to include blood sugars, blood pressures, cholesterol, and to supplement the pharmacy to purchase diabetic supplies for the off-reservation Band members. Carried 4-0-0.

Janelle Burton is requesting to conduct the Wilder Homeless Survey on the reservation in October. The survey is done every two years. This year Janelle wants to have Human Service students conduct the survey. Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the request pending review/approval by legal counsel. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Northeast Regional Project Provider Agreement between the Hearth Connection and the Bois Forte Band. This program provides services to reduce homelessness. Carried 4-0-0.

Kim Greiner said the auditors, McGladery & Pullen were engaged for three years and this year FY08 is the last year. RFP's would have been sent out this fall for another three years. Kim talked to Debbie Chase at the MCT to see what they did after their fire. Kim was told the MCT used the same firm they used prior to the fire because the auditors were knowledgeable with the MCT procedures and documentation process. Kim is requesting to use McGladery & Pullen for FY09 and to send out RFP's later for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012. Kim does not need to send out RFP's for FY09 and she is to get an engagement letter from McGladery & Pullen for FY09 and bring it back for approval.

Kim Greiner is requesting the amount of the 2009 per capita be set at \$840.00 and the distribution date of August 14, 2009. Chairman Leecy asks Kim Greiner to explain, for the record, how that amount is derived. Kim said the money is pursuant to the agreement for limited hunting and fishing rights in the ceded territory, and it is based on a percentage of sales of hunting and fishing licenses in the State of Minnesota from July 1 to June 30 of each year. They calculate it and send us the money. The first year it was 1.6 million. The money we received this year was \$2,622,799.00 which was \$4,000 less than last year. That amount is divided among the number of enrollees. The number of enrollees this year is 3,110 and the number of enrollees last year was 3,063.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the amount for the 2009 per capita at \$840.00 and to set the distribution date for August 14, 2009. Carried 4-0-0.

Kim Greiner said the insurance needs to be renewed by October 1, 2009. She is requesting to not seek bids for the FY 2010 Insurance and to renew with Boyd Carlbloom because most of the paper documents were destroyed in the fire, to ensure prompt services in closing out the fire claim, and it is not to our advantage to seek new insurance right after a major claim. Kim is told she does not need to seek bids and she is to get a quote/contract from Boyd Carlbloom and bring back to approval.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve all acquisitions that were made between July 20 and July 31, 2009 that were necessary to replace equipment that was lost in the fire. This is limited only to the items necessary to relocate and reestablish programs and services displaced as a result of the fire. Carried 4-0-0. Kim will provide a listing of the items when the invoices arrive.

Corey Strong and Chris Holm said they have \$15,000 budgeted for purchasing and finishing wild rice. They present a couple of options on the finishing, based on the purchase of 10,000 pounds of green rice at \$3.00 a pound: the first option would be to have a licensed finisher do it, and the second option would be to hire four temporary community members to parch with one of them being an elder for quality control checks. Then take the rice to A&B Finishers in Cass Lake for threshing and grading the rice, and have A&B Finishers also machine finish some of the rice. Either way Corey and Chris are requesting additional money for the purchase of the green rice.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the \$25,000 for the purchase of the green rice and to go with option #2 for the finishing of the rice. Carried 4-0-0. Chris and Corey are to go to the elders committee in regard to the elder for the parching.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve using KLM Engineering to compile the Specifications for the Nett Lake Water Tower Project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #11-2010, approving the planned renovations (repair and replace doors, ceiling tiles, drywall, flooring, lighting and receptacles) of the Health Care areas at the Vermilion Health facility and entering into a P.L. 93-638 contract with Indian Health Service to use stimulus funding for it. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to deny the \$5,000 donation request from the Indian Land Working Group. Carried 4-0-0.

Jerome Whiteman said he was declared medically disabled and will not be going back to work at Housing. Chairman Leecy thanks Jerome for his work for Bois Forte.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.