

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 30, 2009 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:16 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; Denny Regan; Jim Johnson; Gordon Adams, Jr.; Brad Anderson; J. Kay Davis; Corinna Lyons; Karlene Chosa; Deanna Drift; Dave Larson; Terri Hill; Kim Greiner; Carol Burr; Jeneal Goggeye; Marilyn Geshick; Jerome Whiteman; Janice Connor; Marcella Connor; Mary Strong; Justin Boness; Christine Bloom; Andy Datko; Corey Strong; Beth Slatinski; Randy Long; Dave Anderson; Allan Connor; Gary Gotchnik; Darin Steen

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) delete the resolution canceling the MSC lease, 2) delete the request to pave at Farm Point Road, and 3) add discussion on the request from the men's group to change the designation on the land use plan for Sox's hill. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held September 2, 2009 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held September 23, 2009 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Jerome Whiteman said the elders do not want to deal with the elder needs program guidelines. Marilyn Geshick said they did add TV's, up to \$800 as an eligible item. Marcella Connor said the TV's are only for the homebound that can't get out. Jeneal Goggeye said Darla Flett is the manager for that program and Jeneal can have her come to the next RTC meeting to get formal approval for those changes. Chairman Leecy directs Deanna Drift to meet with the elders, get the changes for the elder needs program guidelines and forward to Darla so they can be put on the next RTC agenda.

Chairman Leecy thanks Jerome Whiteman for serving the Band in the various positions he has held through the years.

Marilyn Geshick said they've asked the elders to bring to the next elders meeting suggestions on destinations for the next elders trip. The elders want to know who the contact person is. Barb Brodeen said Deanna Drift is the contact person.

New tribal government employees: Deanna Drift introduces Karlene Chosa who is the new Chemical Dependency Program Supervisor, and Beth Slatinski who is the new Chemical Health Specialist that will be based in International Falls.

Chairman Leecy informs the audience that the Council will be going to Minneapolis for the TEC meeting tomorrow because there may finally be resolution on the settlement of the Nelson Act Claims. Originally the \$20 million was to be divided between the six MCT tribes. That amount grew and is now \$27 million. There was a mediation about four years ago where Bois Forte and Mille Lacs submitted a resolution but that didn't go anywhere. Now Bois Forte has agreed to support a \$300 payment to every Band member in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe which is about 49,000 people which comes to about \$15 million. The rest, \$12 million will go to the six tribal governments at \$2 million each for programs. This will be voted on tomorrow, and if approved, hopefully it will be distributed by Christmas.

Denny Regan from S E H presents the Council with a shovel with an inscription in regard to the groundbreaking held August 11 for the new tribal government building.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #32-2010, loan resolution with USDA Rural Development for the new Vermilion Utility Truck. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #33-2010, authorizing the submission of a Native American Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) grant application to the Department of Treasury for assistance for the establishment of a Community Development Financial Institution on the Reservation. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to accept the Public Telecommunications Facilities Grant for construction dollars for the equipment for the Nett Lake Radio Station in the amount of \$48,750.00 and which requires a match of \$16,300.00. Carried 4-0-0. The radio station will be housed at the Boy's & Girls Club.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the purchase and installation of the GE X-Ray equipment at the Bois Forte Health Services. Carried 4-0-0.

Teri Morrison gives an update on the H1N1 Flu Virus. She said Bois Forte does not have any confirmed cases yet, but tests were sent out for some individuals though. The flu mist (nose spray) will be available within two weeks. The flu mist has a small amount of the live virus and it is recommended it be given to people ages 2-49 that have no health issues. Bois Forte has been allocated 50 doses. It will be given to the health care workers first (emergency response personnel, and staff at the clinic that would be in possible contact with anyone that might have the illness). Then the kids ages 2 and up. Teri is concerned because there are staff at the clinic that said they would refuse to take it. The State can't mandate people to get it, but Teri thinks they should get it because they are protecting the people they serve. Teri was going to talk to Mark Anderson about this because the Council could mandate it if the Council chose to do so. There are two vaccines, one is the flu mist which has the live virus, and one is the shot which has the dead virus and has different doses for children and adults. If you have an egg allergy you can't get the vaccine. If someone gets the H1N1 they need to stay home for 7 days so the personnel policy needs to be looked at because the policy says after 3 days you need a doctor's slip. Teri is asked how she is going to get the word out to the community about this. Teri said the flyers were put out in the paychecks, are posted at the post office, and are available at the clinic and in the Health newsletter. She also gave information to Teresa at the school. Jeneal said Health has a brochure and the CHR's can go door-to-door with it in Nett Lake and Vermilion. When the shots are received a flu clinic will be set up.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to award the contract for CFI Data Cleaning and Analysis to Free State Drivers of Missoula, Montana; to designate the Reservation Forester as the Owner's representative for contract administration; and to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract on behalf of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #34-2010, service line agreement with Lake Country Power for electrical service for the new Bois Forte Forestry Garage. Carried 4-0-0.

Corey Strong gives an update on the BIA Great Lake water money. He checked with Bob Jackson from the Midwest Regional office and as soon as the Nett River dam feasibility study report is sent down there then Bois Forte can get the money for part of that project.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #35-2010, Department of the Interior American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for the Road Repair and Restoration program and the Indian Reservation Road program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the 2009-2010 Builders Risk Insurance Policy with Range Reliable/St. Paul Agency for coverage for the new Reservation Tribal Government building. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the 2009-2010 Commercial Package Policy with Range Reliable/St. Paul Companies. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the amendment to the US DOI FY 2009 Annual Funding Agreement to transfer \$10,000 to the Band for the development of a plan in response to a potential or existing Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Carried 4-0-0.

Carol Burr is requesting the assignment of Bennie Boness' lot to Housing for the Jeff Isham house which will be rented out as low-rent. Carol is told there were three different people that called who were interested in the lot. Nikki Irving had said it was in probate and when the probate was done the lot could be applied for. Carol said she could put that house out at Palmquist.

David Morrison, Sr. leaves the meeting.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to deny Carol Burr's request that the Bennie Boness lot be assigned to Housing. Carried 3-0-0.

David Morrison, Sr. enters the meeting.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to appoint Corey Strong as Bois Forte Representative to the Koochiching County Tax Forfeited Land and Forest Resource Management Plan Advisory Committee, with Dave Larson as alternate. Carried 4-0-0. Ray Villebrun, Sr. asks about the tax forfeited land on the reservation being put back to the Band's ownership. Corey said he and Dave Larson will be bringing up this issue at the next Koochiching Advisory Committee meeting.

Ray Villebrun, Sr. said the men's group is requesting the Sox's hill area be redesignated in the Land Use Plan as a recreation area so they can develop it as a sliding area. Corey Strong is to research the ownership and contact Mark Anderson about the insurance liability in case anyone gets hurt. Justin Boness said there are grave sites back there. Corey will work with Justin Boness and Rose Berens on this. Chairman Leecy said this proposed project should go out to the community for public comment.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.