

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 2, 2010 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

Others Present: Kim Greiner; Vicki Villebrun; Carol Burr; Corey Strong; Marcella Connor; Sidra Boutto; Randy Long; Justin Boness; Marilyn Geshick; Billie Mason; Jim Johnson; Alanna Drift; Leanne Hoffman; Brandon Benner; Erynn Morrison; Pete Drift Sr.; Pete Drift Jr; Josh Strong; Jerome Whiteman; Marty Connor; Jeneal Goggeleye; Mary Strong; Panda Whiteman; Edith Villebrun; Dawn Benner; Andy Datko; Gordon Adams Jr.; Doris Isham; Patti Wilkie; Missy Fisher; Ann Isham; Jill Horack; Dave Anderson; Bill Whiteman; Kevin Strong; Don Chosa; Stan Day; Bill Day; Zoe LeBeau; Wendy Thompson; Darin Steen; Virgil Sohm

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agenda with the addition of Randy Long with discussion on a technical assistance grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held May 5, 2010 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Jerome Whiteman said they don't have anything and they won't be meeting until next month. Jerome said there was an issue in regard to the construction of the ballfield near the Strongville area. Bill Latady had asked if there were graves in that area. Jerome said he couldn't remember. Mary Strong said there were no graves. Jerome said he told them that site would be a little too small for a ballfield, that it would support one or two homes. Chairman Leecy said the council listens to the elders so another site will be looked at.

Chairman Leecy said in regard to the seating of the elders at the concert at Fortune Bay, some said they were too close to the sound speakers and wanted to be moved back so they were, now

some want to be moved up the fourth row. Chairman Leecy asks Jerome to bring it up with the elders to come up with a consensus on what they want done. Jerome said they would need a seating plan.

Marilyn Geshick said housing put in expensive doors and were put in improperly. The doors hang crooked. Chairman Leecy asks Carol Burr to meet with Marilyn about the doors.

New tribal government staff: Billie Mason introduces Alanna Drift and Josh Strong who are the Nett Lake Summer Youth Supervisors and Billie Jo Deegan who is the Vermilion Summer Youth Supervisor. Andy Datko introduces Sidra Boutto who is the Grant Manager. Jeneal Goggeye introduces Jill Horack who is the Maternal Child Health Nurse and Panda Whiteman who is the Victim Services Supervisor.

Gordon Adams Jr. said Bois Forte belongs to the Minnesota Indian Business Alliance which consists of the 11 reservations in Minnesota. The Minnesota Indian Business Alliance will be gathering information to develop Reservation Economic Profiles and have selected three reservations as the first models and Bois Forte would be one of them. The data collected would be useful for things like writing grants, strategic planning, and entrepreneurs looking to start businesses.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the Minnesota Indian Business Alliance "Reservation Economic Profile" to be done after review by legal counsel. They will work with the planning department, the Bois Forte Development Corporation, the Tribal Council, and the Small Business Development Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Leecy said there are two tribes, Tulalip River and Red Lake, interested in coming to look at Bois Forte's retail operations like the convenience stores. Gordon Adams Jr. will follow up on these.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve the evaluation proposal from LeAnn Brown of the activities completed under the Eliminating Health Disparities Grant for the past two years. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #97-2010, modification of the existing Pineview Estates plat to dedicate a portion of Block 1, Lots 5 and 6

for public right-of-way for street and utility access to the Nett Lake Duplex Project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the legal services agreement with Mark Anderson for the USDA grant/loan for the Vermilion plow truck and bobcat. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to award the contract to Ulland Brothers Inc. who was the low bidder for the Vermilion Wastewater and Water Treatment Infrastructure Improvements, subject to the approval of Rural Development. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Leecy asks about the house across from the Nett Lake Store. Carol Burr said the need to find a lot for it and will try to move it before the end of the summer.

Andy Datko said last year Bois Forte received a planning grant from the Federal Grant Administration to look at transit needs on the reservation. Bill Whiteman has been working with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission and they have completed a draft Bois Forte Transit Plan. There is a grant opportunity to complete the recommendations of the plan. There are five alternatives for consideration when applying for the grant: 1) Maintain Status Quo (do nothing). 2) Create an enhanced on-demand service for the Tribe. 3) Create an enhanced on-demand service and coordinate with Arrowhead Transit for a fixed-route service. 4) Create an enhanced on-demand service and develop a small fixed route service. 5) Create an enhanced on-demand service and develop a large fixed route service. Andy Datko, Sidra Whiteman, and Bill Whiteman are recommending alternative #3 which is creating an enhanced on-demand service and coordinating with Arrowhead Transit to provide a limited fixed route service. An example of the route for #3 would be leave Nett Lake at 6:45 am, stop in Orr, stop in Cook, stop in Fortune Bay, stop at Y-Store, and stop in Virginia at 8:50 am. The afternoon route would leave Virginia at 4:15, stop at Y-store, Fortune Bay, Cook, Orr, and then Nett Lake. This would not take the place of the Fortune Bay shuttle currently in place. It is the consensus of the Tribal Council for Andy, Sidra, and Bill to proceed with the grant application for alternative #3.

Carol Burr and Andy Datko said there is an application in to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) for bonding funding for the Supportive Housing Project (20 unit project at Vermilion) but that is very competitive and MHFA has a lot more applications than expected and this project would be small and not score very well. Carol and Andy ask the Council about applying for low-income tax credit for the Supportive Housing Project. Carol and Andy are

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directed to try for the bonding funding first and if not possible then try for the tax credit financing.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the 2009 Self-Governance Minimum Data Collection Report. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #98-2010, requesting funds from the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development be reprogrammed to the Bois Forte Self-Government Compact for expenditure in accordance with the Band's fiscal policies and procedures for the purpose of engaging a university to conduct a Hybrid Engine Project feasibility study. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the USDA Certificate of Final Approval for the Indian Point Sewer Project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to table the request from Char Lewis to start a Coalition on sexual assault and domestic violence which would be named "Bois Forte Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Healing Center." Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to approve joining the Blandin Foundation and Northeast Service Corporation to pursue a technology assistance grant through the Rural Development Services for providing fiber optic to the home network at Nett Lake, Indian Point, and Palmquist. Carried 4-0-0.

Mary Strong said she worked for the Census and came across a lot of lots not marked, and a lot of abandoned property. She said the manager at Greenwood Township offered help to get them up to date on the fire numbers. Ray Toutloff said Terri Hill should have that information and Terri should get in touch with Ellen Trancheff at Greenwood Township. Andy Datko said Bill Whiteman and Terri Hill are working on the fire numbers.

Mary Strong said her road name has not been changed yet. Ray Toutloff said this will be taken care of.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Villebrun, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.