

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held on August 4, 2010 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:13 a.m.

Invocation by Jerome Whiteman.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Vicki Villebrun; Billie Mason; Jeneal Goggleye; Andy Datko; Marilyn Geshick; Terri Hill; Corey Strong; Justin Boness; Marty Connor; Jerome Whiteman; Wendy Thompson; Leah Lindstrom; Janelle Burton; Kevin Koski; Kim Greiner; Kevin Strong; Brad Anderson; Nina Villebrun; Don Chosa; Miranda Lilya; Pete Drift Sr.; Dawn Benner; Kristen Strong; Doris Isham; Teresa Strong; Brad Reifsteck; Dorothea Kletschka

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of Jeneal Goggleye and Janelle Burton with an agreement for office space in Virginia for Janelle. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held May 10, 2010 at Duluth, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held July 7, 2010 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held July 9, 2010 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

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Chairman Leecy said for the record, that Mark Anderson will not be here today.

Elders Committee: Jerome Whiteman said there is not much to report. Kim Greiner came to the Elders Committee meeting and gave a brief presentation on the check process.

Mary Strong said she received four phone calls from people asking if there was going to be an assisted living center in Vermilion. Carol Burr lets her know that is on the priority list but they haven't applied for any funding yet. Carol said she is on the agenda today to request for 501(c)(3) Status so they can apply for funding.

Justin Boness said people are asking when are they going to get the treaty checks. Kim Greiner said distribution is set for August 13. The checks will be brought to the post office the night before so they will be in the mailboxes on the 13th. The deadline for address changes is Friday, August 6.

Chairman Leecy said the check hasn't come in yet. The money comes mostly from fishing and hunting licenses sold in Northeastern Minnesota. Once the check is received the total of the check is divided by the total of Band membership. Chairman Leecy said a lot of people send letters requesting an early withdrawal of their per capita but the money isn't in yet.

Jerome Whiteman said people ask what happens to the checks for the people that passed on, does it go in the general fund for the children or what. Kim Greiner said it sits in a fund, that it isn't disbursed out. It was used once as a collateral for the loan program

Marilyn Geshick asks if there are any ATV rules. She sees an ATV riding around all the time and yesterday there were two girls on it and they had a little girl about 2-3 years old with them. They did not have helmets. Pete Drift said 16 years and older do not need to wear a helmet, if they are under 16 they do need helmets. He tells his officers if anyone on ATV's are on the roadway and obeying the law to leave them alone. He will remind his officers about the helmets. Pete said kids on scooters do not need helmets.

There are no new staff to be introduced.

Kevin Koski said a team was assembled and they found funds from 7 budgets from 4 programs and they purchased smoke alarm/carbon monoxide detectors. There are enough detectors for two in each home on the reservation. To make sure the detectors are installed correctly the team is

asking the council for funding to employ term workers to install the detectors. They could start next week to be done by winter.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve \$9,900 for the installation of the smoke alarm/carbon monoxide detectors. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution 12-2011, lease cancellation – Lucille Stepec. Carried 4-0-0.

Brandon Benner asks what happens to the lot. Terri Hill said it goes out to the people on the waiting list. If they don't want it, it goes out to all the Band members.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #13-2011, recreational lease – Juanita Anderson, with the stipulation she hooks up to the community water and sewer. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #14-2011, lease cancellation – Carl and Kelly Dagen. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the submission of the Northeast Regional Radio Board 2010 Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant application for funding in the amount of \$33,000 to upgrade and replace outdated mobile radios in the fire trucks and ambulances. They will comply with the new ARMER system. This requires a 25% match of up to \$8,250 which is also approved. Carried 4-0-0.

Doris Isham has a letter from the Northeast Minnesota Regional Radio Board inviting the Band's to join the Joint Powers Board which consists of fifteen counties and four cities in Northeast Minnesota for the purpose of managing the migration into the new 800 MHz and ARMER public safety radio systems. They want a council member to sit on the Joint Powers Board. There is also an advisory board that Donovan Strong was appointed as Bois Forte Rep to with Doris as the alternate. Donovan resigned and Doris became the representative. There was some money for travel and Doris did attend the meetings but ran out of travel money to attend.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to join the Joint Powers Board and to appoint David Morrison Sr. as the Bois Forte Representative to sit on that board. Carried 4-0-0.

Kristen Strong said Wisdom Steps is comprised of the 11 tribes in Minnesota. Wisdom Steps encourages people to take steps towards a better and healthier life. Some activities are health screenings, a health education class, and exercising, but mainly it is giving people a pedometer to keep track of their steps. There are five tiers. Tier 1 is 46,000 steps, Tier 2 is 185,000 steps, Tier 3 is 500,000 steps, Tier 4 is 1,000,000 steps, and Tier 5 is 1,500,000 steps. Currently there are 9 members from Bois Forte active in Wisdom Steps. Of the nine members, two reached tier 5, two reached tier 4, one reached tier 3, and two reached tier 2. One reached tier 1 and one just started participating. In June at the 10th Anniversary Celebration Kristen received a blanket in honor of Ruth Ann Strong. Blankets were given to people for their support and participation in Wisdom Steps. Ruth Ann is listed as one of the first appointed representatives from the Bois Forte Reservation to the Wisdom Steps Board of Directors, which was in 2000. Kristen was told at the conference someone needed to accept the blanket on behalf of Ruth Ann. Kristen asked a couple of the elders to but they were too shy, so she accepted it. She was told she could give the blanket to a family member or whatever way she thought would be good to honor Ruth Ann. Kristen's idea was to give it to the ENP where it could be displayed with information on who it was in honor of and what for. Kristen also received a blanket and she would give her's to the ENP to display and the one intended for Ruth Ann could be given to a family member.

The blanket is given to Mary Strong. Mary said she would like it displayed in the new government building.

Carol Burr, Janelle Burton, and Leah Lindstrom explain the importance of applying for 501(c)(3) Status. With the 501(c)(3) Status they would be able to access additional funding programs for operating and support services for the Oshki-Agoojin Supportive Housing project that the tribal government is not eligible for. They would also be able to access funding for housing for the elders and disabled. They would like Mark Anderson to start working on this because it is a legal process to apply.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the request to apply for the 501(c)(3) Status. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve a contribution to the Indian Legal Assistance of \$15,000 for FY2009 and \$15,000 for FY2010. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agreement with IKON to do a document assessment. They would do the assessment once we get in the new building. They

would see how much printing is being done on the network printer, etc. to see how much space is needed for storage on the server warehouses (electronic filing). The cost of \$4,200 will come from Indirect. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; to approve the date change of the distribution of COLA from the day of the December staff party to the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

It was decided this is an administrative function and accounting can set the date. Ray Toutloff withdraws his motion.

Ray Toutloff said he is working with a group to try to get a charter high school for the Tower area for an option for our kids to take advantage of if they want to instead of driving to Cook, Virginia, Babbitt, or Ely to attend school. An application has to be submitted a year ahead so the application the group is submitting for is for the 2011-2012 school year. Ray is requesting the Council adopt a resolution expressing support of the creation of the Vermilion Country School. Ray said he talked to a couple of the council members and there was some concern that support of the application would indicate Bois Forte would be providing funds, but Ray said the language is just stating an expression of support and you could take that to mean no monetary support would be necessary. Ray has attachments with the resolution that say the school district 2142 would support a charter school development in Tower.

Chairman Leecy said when this happened in Nett Lake it was referred to the Nett Lake School Board. Cathy Chavers said it is the School District 2142's issue and the tribal government should stay out of it. Brandon Benner said it would have been more convincing if Ray had about eight parents here with him. David Morrison, Sr. said there would be questions from Nett Lake if the Council is going to do the same thing in Nett Lake. Ray said any group could step forth and develop a plan for a charter school.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #15-2011, expressing support for the creation of the Vermilion Country School as a charter school under Minnesota law. Chairman Leecy calls for a second. Chairman Leecy calls for a second again. Motion dies for lack of a second.

A letter was received from The Coalition for Community Schools. They said the St. Louis County School District plans to close existing schools in Tower-Soudan, Cook, and Orr. The Coalition for Community Schools was formed to seek alternatives to the school district's plan.

The coalition created a Joint Powers Board consisting of local units of government in the ISD 2142 Attendance Area which would jointly and cooperatively coordinate and facilitate future planning and leveraging monies for the purpose of maintaining community schools and improving educational opportunity and achievement for the residents. They are inviting Bois Forte to join the Joint Powers Board.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to decline the invitation from The Coalition for Community Schools that Bois Forte join their Joint Powers Board. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the Commercial Lease Agreement with Aysta Properties, Inc. for Bois Forte Human Services to rent space at 504 2nd Avenue S. in Virginia, MN for Janelle Burton to have an office in Virginia where most of her clients are. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to appoint Cathy Chavers as Vice-Chair of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Brandon Benner as Bois Forte Representative to the MCT Finance Corporation Subcommittee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to appoint Cathy Chavers as Tribal Council Representative to the Nett Lake LIEC committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Brandon Benner as Tribal Council Representative to the Nett Lake Boys & Girls Club Advisory Board. Carried 4-0-0.

Andy Datko said there is more bedrock than anticipated in the Vermilion water and sewer project. There is money in the contingency but not enough to cover all the additional rockblasting. Rural Development may have grant money available which needs to be applied for today. Brad Reifsteck, the project engineer on the project, said most of the bedrock was found through the Red Pine Way area and along Skogman Trail (where the duplex project is). If we don't get the grant money, to lower costs, street A and street B will be raised to get out of the bedrock area so less blasting needs to be done and part of street B will be deferred to another project. Another option would be to apply for more loans. Andy is requesting a change order to apply for the grant money from Rural Development.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the change order in order to proceed with the rock blasting on the Vermilion water and sewer project. Carried 4-0-0.

Jerome Whiteman said he was talking to the veterans and they are requesting a t-shirt and a cap when the veteran's dinner is held. Chairman Leecy said the opening of the Veterans Memorial will be held on Memorial Day next spring. Either way, it would be up to the veteran's what they want to do. At the next meeting Jerome will have more information on the design and number of the t-shirts and caps.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.