

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held December 1, 2010 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Vicki Villebrun; Wendy Hildebrand; Justin Boness;
Anthony Delaney; Andy Datko; Billie Mason; Marty Connor; Carol Burr; Pam Hughes; Marcella
Connor; Corey Strong; Nikki Pieratos; Edith Villebrun; Toni Wakemup; Mike Villebrun;
Marilyn Geshick; Jerome Whiteman; Janice Connor; Simona Benner; Christine Bloom; Chris
Isham; Jeneal Goggeye; Mary Strong; Miranda Lilya; Dave Larson; Nina Villebrun; Doris
Isham; Karlene Chosa; Kim Greiner

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the
deletion of Marty Connor and Janice Connor with the Wells & Septic item. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special
meeting held October 28, 2010 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Jerome Whiteman said the elders do not have much to present or request. At
their last meeting they invited the ICW staff to come to the next elders meeting at
Vermilion. They contacted other tribes about elders committee mission statements but haven't
received any responses yet. It is up to the elders if they want a mission statement or not.

Chairman Leecy asked about the fence for the cemetery. Jerome said the elders committee will
deal with that issue in March or April. They do want cedar though.

Chairman Leecy asks the elders to also address the appearance of the cemetery. It has been the
council policy to leave it up to the family to upkeep. Chairman Leecy said an option would be to
have the council upkeep it but if a family doesn't want certain graves touched then those ones
wouldn't be done.

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Marilyn Geshick asks if the council made a decision about people burying pets in the cemetery. Chairman Leecy said he wasn't aware of that happening. David Morrison Sr. said it happened in September or early October. Chairman Leecy tells Corey Strong to check this out. Corey Strong said he will work with Marty Connor on this.

New tribal government employees: Corey Strong introduces Wendi Hildebrand who is the Leasing Coordinator. Andy Datko introduces Chris Isham who is the Custodian.

Anthony Delaney asked the council if he can keep his dog which is a German Shepherd/Rottweiler mix. He said he will be building a pen for it.

Corey Strong said the conservation officer's responded to Anthony. They told him he couldn't keep the dog. The new dog policy states Rottweiler's are not allowed on the reservation, also mixes of those. Corey reads the sections of the policy in regard to working dogs, dogs not allowed on the reservation and mixed breeds. Corey said the DNR's recommendation is no. The DNR has been dealing with complaints, the police department has been dealing with complaints.

It is the consensus of the council to refer Anthony Delaney's request back to the DNR to follow policy. Corey Strong informs Anthony that he will have until January 15 move the dog. Carol Burr is also asked about the January 15 deadline since it is in a housing house. Carol is fine with it as long as there are no incidences.

Justin Boness brings up cats. Chairman Leecy tells Corey Strong to meet with housing staff and come up with a plan in regard to cats.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to issue a License to the Nett Lake Head Start & Child Care Center (a review was completed by the Head Start Licensing Committee and the Indian Health Services Sanitarian). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to issue a License to the Vermilion Head Start Center (a review was completed by the Head Start Licensing Committee and the Indian Health Services Sanitarian). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to appoint Christine Bloom to the National Indian Head Start Director Association Advisory Board as a Region 10 Alternate Representative. Carried 4-0-0. Billie Mason is to find funds for this in her education budget other than the scholarship budget.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Bois Forte Human Resources department for the Hope Health Incentive Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Doris Isham gives an update on the Vermilion Wellness Center Keyless Entry System. She has draft policies which she will have Mark Anderson use to develop a contract to be signed by the user of the keyless entry system. She has also talked with Randy Long who is recommending Ewald Enterprises from International Falls install the system. The keyless entry system will be ready in two weeks. She will work with Breanne Brodeen on what fees to charge.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a \$1,600 donation to the Head Start Policy Council for Christmas gifts for the Nett Lake and Vermilion Head Start and Child Care programs. Carried 4-0-0.

Nikki Pieratos is applying for a temporary charter for the Bois Forte credit union. She needs to submit with it a Field of Membership (FOM) and a request for a low-income designation. The FOM is a document that identifies the community (and possibly the geography) that is expected to be served. The low-income designation status allows Bois Forte to become a community development credit union which increases opportunities for external funding.

Nikki Pieratos is to check with Mark Anderson about changing some of the language so instead of “Enrolled members of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa” it will say “residents of the Bois Forte Reservation”. She is to include employees of the Nett Lake School. And she is to add “MCT Revised Constitution”.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to authorize Dave Larson and Andy Datko to negotiate and enter into the equipment lease with Laurentian Energy Authority for the use of Bois Forte’s wood chipper to process approximately 3,000 tons of wood they have. Carried 4-0-0. Also to be included in the lease is they must clean the equipment when they are done in order to protect against any kind of invasive species.

Andy Datko and Carol Burr give an update on the bid summary for the New Moon Supportive Housing and Nett Lake Duplex projects. The projects were bid out in two parts – one for the infrastructure portion and one for the structures portion. The bids all came in higher than expected. One reason was Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) required certain amenities added which increased costs. Carol Burr is to talk to Rick Smith from MHFA either add more money to the project budget or add money for the amenities.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to move to executive session the agreements with Jessica Farmer and Leah Cowlshaw-McMurray to provide after school activities. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve 5% increase in funding to the self-funded health plan effective January 1, 2011 to \$930.00 for single contract per month and \$390.00 for family contract per month; and to keep the dental plan funding the same for 2011 at \$27.50 for single contract per month and \$22.16 for family contract per month. Carried

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4-0-0. Miranda Lilya will be meeting with Delta Dental on December 2 and if changes are recommended for the dental plan funding she will present the changes at a later date.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve \$20,801.45 for the 2011 elder gift cards. Carried 2-0-2. David Morrison Sr. silent. Ray Toutloff silent.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve a waiver of the procurement policy for the purchase and installation of lights and sirens on the conservation vehicles. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a \$15,000 contribution to the Indian Legal Assistance Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #50-2011, National Indian Gaming Association 2011 membership dues in the amount of \$3,500. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the space lease agreement with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe for the Bois Forte urban office. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.