

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held January 19, 2011 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:06 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; Gene Goodsky; Wendy Thompson; Axel Holmes, Sr.; Justin Boness; Miranda Lilya; Nikki Pieratos; Adrian Jones; Shullon Isham; Kim Greiner; Curt Goodsky; Andy Datko; Missy Fisher; Dawn Benner; Rose Berens; Janice Connor; Marilyn Geshick; Brad Anderson; Marcella Connor; Marty Connor; Mary Strong; Carol Burr; Billie Mason; Jeneal Goggeley; John Whiteman; Sidra Starkovich; Corey Strong; Chris Holm; Norm Adams; Doris Isham; Jerome Whiteman; George Strong; Kristen Strong; Helen Wilkie; Donald Chosa; Daybwe Chosa; Gary Gotchnik; Randy Long; Brad Reifsteck

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held December 15, 2010 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Justin Boness said at their elder meeting last week they started to plan for the elders trip. Justin asks when the quarterly council/elder meeting will be. Justin is informed it will be February 28.

Mary Strong said they discussed have the elder trip in a warmer climate but they were told they couldn't because the fiscal year ends September 30. Chairman Leecy said the fiscal year doesn't have anything to do with when the trip is held. No restrictions are put on the trip.

Cathy Chavers asked if Donald Chosa brought the language tapes to the elders meeting. Barb said Billie Mason was going to bring them but there was a training Billie was attending which was held the same day as the elders meeting so she told Billie Mason to bring the tapes to the next elders meeting. Carol said Donald did present something but she had just arrived so she doesn't know what was presented. Justin said we should have tapes of our own, in our own

dialect. Chairman Leecy said those tapes are not copyrighted so an option would be to copy them using our dialect. Billie said if you buy the deluxe package that could be done. Mary Strong said she attended the language classes that were held at the Heritage Center and there was hardly anyone attending. She said we have to get the importance of the language down. Marilyn Geshick said to put it on a computer or iPod or something. Billie said that is one of the goals. The application for that was to be ready in December. Billie Mason is to give the presentation on the tapes to the elders at their meeting and this will also be discussed at the council/elder meeting.

New tribal government employees: Andy Datko introduces Adrian Jones and Shullon Isham who are the new maintenance workers.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; that because of Pension Regulation changes, to approve the cost of \$5,500 to engage Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP to prepare a new 401(k) plan document and submit to the IRS. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #53-2011, termination of Powerain Systems, Inc. 401K Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Helen Wilkie gives an update on the Annual Report. It is the end of a decade so there is a ten-year collage of pictures and highlights. Brandon Benner said he wasn't asked about the report so he doesn't want to sign something saying he was a part of it. Dawn Benner asks how much it costs to send it to all the people because most of the people just throw it away. Chairman Leecy said the financials need to get sent out or the council will be accused of hiding stuff. Dawn said people are saying that now. She said the report is just for show. The council should have the auditors sign it.

Helen Wilkie is to bring the annual report back this afternoon so the council can review it more thoroughly.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #54-2011, lease cancellation – Terry Lee Anderson. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #55-2011, new residential lease – Eric Milbridge. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the three contract agreement with Kootasca Community Action, Inc for the DOE Weatherization funds, the ARRA Weatherization funds, and for the Propane Weatherization Funds. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the consulting agreement with Wenck Associates, Inc. for the Nett River Dam modification project. Carried 4-0-0.

Nikki Pieratos gives an update on the development of the Credit Union. There are five phases, we are at phase II. It takes 2-3 years to get to phase III where the doors are open. The plans are to have it open in December 2012. Nikki, along with Gordon Adams have completed institution development training. A steering committee has been assembled. Some upcoming tasks are to submit a grant request to the Rural Innovation Fund for lending capital and hiring additional staff, naming the institution, develop the legal infrastructure, and training the steering committee.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the request from Marty Connor and Jan Connor for \$4,800.00 to purchase a safety cable for the water tower in Nett Lake. (Originally there was a tube but as of today there is no safety climb at all). Carried 4-0-0.

Employees were excused for one (1) hour per day, with supervisor approval, to utilize the Native Hearts Fitness Center and the Vermilion Wellness Center. This was a pilot project aimed at reducing stress among employees. The fee was also waived. Kristen Strong is requesting a 1-year extension for this project. Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve a 1-year extension, from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for tribal government employees to be excused for one (1) hour per day to utilize the fitness centers, and also to waive the fee for that period of time for the tribal government employees and the Nett Lake School employees. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to accept the proposal from Diamond Telcom Tower Services for the radio transmitting antenna and installation of the antenna for KBFT 89.9 FM Bois Forte Community Radio. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to accept the proposal from SEG Satellite Engineering Group for the commercial satellite dish and installation of the satellite dish for KBFT 89.9 FM Bois Forte Community Radio. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to accept the proposal from Art Unlimited to develop the website for KBFT 89.9 FM Bois Forte Community Radio. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to table resolution #56-2011, survey and plat of New Moon Supportive Housing Plat and dedicating the lands in the plat to use as supportive housing until otherwise redesignated. Carried 4-0-0. Andy Datko, Carol Burr, Marty Connor, Council, and MFHA are to meet in regard to the New Moon Supportive Housing Plat.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the Vermilion Wellness Center Fitness Membership Contract form. These forms will be used when individuals pay the membership fee to access the Vermilion Wellness Center twenty-four hours per day. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to appoint Doris Isham to the Minnesota American Indian Advisory Council on HIV. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #57-2011, renewal of the Gaming Facility License to Fortune Bay Casino for a term of three years. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #58-2011, adoption of certain standards, codes, and procedures to be applicable to the Band's gaming facilities to ensure that the construction, maintenance and operation activities of those facilities adequately protect the environment and public health and safety. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to table until after the elders meeting, the resolutions on declaring Anishinaabe as the official language of the Bois Forte Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to table the request from Jane Villebrun to be appointed to the Culture Committee. The Culture Committee is to post for new members. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.