

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 21, 2011 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:16 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Gene Goodsky; Mark Anderson; Vicki Villebrun; Kim Greiner; Andy Datko; Marcella Connor; Doris Isham; Josh Villebrun; Nikki Pieratos; Dawn Benner; Marty Connor; Randy Long; Mary Strong; Justin Boness; Jerome Whiteman; Josh Strong; Edith Villebrun; Brad Anderson; Marilyn Geshick; Carol Burr; Miranda Lilya; Gordon Adams Jr.; Billie Mason; Curt Goodsky; Norm Adams; Gary Gotchnik; Ernie Stevens; Janelle Burton; Jeneal Goggleye; John Day; Ronette Novak; Kathie Holman; Teresa Morrison; Sidra Starkovich; Ange Whiteman

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the agenda with the addition of the Hibbing Community College training contract. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held March 16, 2011 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders committee: Jerome Whiteman said 1) the elders developed a mission statement and approved it, 2) all the officers of the elders committee were reelected, and 3) they are working on the elders' trip but there are no definite plans yet.

Justin Boness give the council a list of people interested in cooking for events/town meetings that the council puts on.

New tribal government employees: Edith Villebrun introduces Josh Strong who is the new receiving/delivery clerk.

Chairman Leecy said Ernie Stevens, from the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), came up to Bois Forte to give an update of gaming issues to the community members and elders. The NIGA gaming staff are there to help protect gaming issues. There are threats to gaming on

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the national level and the state level. The hearing on the racino bill will be 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the state capitol. Chairman Leecy will be testifying at the hearing in opposition to opening the racino. There will be a rally at 1 p.m. at the capitol in support of Indian gaming and opposing the racino proposal. There is expected to be thousands of people there. There will be a memo going out this morning regarding a bus for Bois Forte community members to attend.

Ernie Stevens said one of his responsibilities in his job is to visit Indian country. He said he has never been to Nett Lake. He has been to the Wilderness for the opening. Ernie thanks Chairman Leecy and the council for their leadership. There are a lot of challenges out there. The support that Ernie has received from the Indian gaming world tells him they like what they are doing in Washington. He said they wouldn't be able to do what they are doing at the national level without the leadership of this community and Chairman Leecy. Ernie said who knows what will happen next Tuesday, that hopefully the men and woman warriors will stand their ground. He said he will keep working hard.

Brandon Benner asks if there is a time when we realize the inevitable will happen. The tribes could do a lot if they band together with resources and start in a new direction like tobacco, gas, etc.

Ernie Stevens said NIGA will fight to the end for gaming. If NIGA treads water in economic development other than gaming there will be setbacks in gaming. There is an initiative called the American Indian Business Network that will help the smaller tribes that don't have gaming.

Chairman Leecy said in regard to diversification, there are people that say the role of NIGA needs to stay in gaming. The diversification should be a National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) issue.

David Morrison Sr. invites Ernie Steven to the Veteran's Memorial Opening to be held May 30.

Mark Anderson tells Ernie Stevens that he is from the Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson & Hogen firm and Henry Buffalo wanted Mark to extend their firm's congratulations to Ernie. Mark asks when NIGC does their tribal consultation at the Great Plains show, is there any particular emphasis that NIGA believes there should be during the consultation on the NIGC regulations. Is there anything that NIGA has identified as being particularly important to advance tribal gaming.

Ernie Stevens will forward to Mark's office what NIGA has been talking to the tribes about.

Ernie Stevens is presented with wild rice and a beaded choker from the council and the elders.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #81-2011, new residential lease – Kay Palmer and Curtis Palmer. And to insert another clause to read, "Now

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Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council hereby authorizes the cancellation of the residential lease of Donna Hoffer and David E. Wardas for lots 7 and 8, Block 1, Pelican Lake Plat, and". Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution 82-2011, lease modification to remove Kay Palmer and Curtis Palmer from the Kay Palmer, Curtis Palmer and Jon Strong lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the amendment to the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy & Procedures in regard to post accident testing. The effective date is immediately. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the Bois Forte Tribal Government Dress Code with the addition of "racially sensitive" under Unacceptable Attire, to strike "athletic/workout clothes" and "bib overalls" from the list of unacceptable attire. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the amendment to the personnel policy to remove from the policy *Section 402.1 "An alternate work schedule shall not permit a compressed work schedule. An example of a compressed work schedule is four 10-hour days."* Carried 3-1-0. Brandon Benner against.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the Radiology Services Agreement with St. Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #84-2011, authorization of release of address information to the National Credit Union Administration for the purpose of determining whether the proposed credit union is eligible for Low Income Designation. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion on the criteria for the summer youth program. Some people want income guidelines added, the 2.0 GPA taken out, only having one student from a family to be able to work, or hiring everyone that applies. This is to be looked at next year.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the Bois Forte Summer Youth Criteria, except it is to be an 8-week program instead of a 10-week program for more students to be able to work. Carried 3-1-0. Brandon Benner against.

Billie Mason presents two options for the Bois Forte High School Graduate Award. The first option would provide the \$100.00 High School Graduation Award to graduating seniors from the Orr and Tower High Schools. They must be enrolled at Bois Forte, or reside on the reservation and have ties to the Band to be eligible. The second option would provide the award to

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graduating seniors from the Orr and Tower High Schools, They must be enrolled at Bois Forte, or reside on the reservation and have ties to the Band to be eligible. Band members who reside on the reservation during their senior year but do not attend the Orr or Tower High Schools are also eligible provided they can provide proof of residency.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the second option presented by Billie Mason for the Bois Forte High School Graduate Award. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Bois Forte Scholarship Program Policy with the addition of a “ineligible courses” in order to better list the eligible and ineligible courses. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the Bois Forte Youth Van Transportation Policy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Bois Forte Daniel E. Morrison Sr. Memorial Scholarship Policy which provides a \$1,000 scholarship award to a qualified recipient from Orr High School and a qualified recipient from Tower High School. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to update the poverty guidelines for the tribal programs/needs program at 250% of the 2011 Poverty Guidelines. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to appoint Esther Connor as the Indian Point/Palmquist representative to the Bois Forte Utility Board. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Beverly Steel as the Nett Lake representative to the Bois Forte Utility Board, and to appoint Bertha Graue as the Nett Lake alternate to the Bois Forte Utility Board. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the contract with Hibbing Community College to provide the training for the EMT classes at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.