

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 7, 2011 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:11 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; John Lyons; Mike Lyons; Theresa Drift;

Justin Boness; Mary Strong; Vanella Little; Vondlee Carr; Billie Mason; Wendy Thompson; Corey Strong; Nikki Pieratos; Dani Pieratos; Donna Hoffer; Marilyn Geshick; Marcella Connor; Marty Connor; Pete Drift Sr.; Gene Goodsky; Carol Burr; Jerome Whiteman; Andy Datko; Miranda Lilya; Bill Whiteman; Janell Smith; Gordon Adams Jr.; Pam Hughes; Dawn Benner; George Strong; John Villebrun; Sidra Starkovich; Curt Goodsky; Wendi Hildebrand; Kim Greiner; Toni Wakemup; Siimona Benner

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the 1) deletion of Tadd Johnson and 2) moving to executive session the appointments to the Credit Union Steering Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

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

Elders Committee: Jerome Whiteman said there is not much to relate. There will be an elders meeting on Monday and will have things after that meeting.

Justin Boness said there has been a rash of burglaries, robberies and fighting on the reservation. The person is still on the reservation. Justin said that person has warrants, why doesn't he get arrested.

Chairman Leecy said he is aware of some of the things that are going on. Chairman Leecy would like to get the community involved in helping to reduce those. Chairman Leecy is going to call a summit of the council and members of the community to address those issues before they get worse. There is gang activity and the council will be working with law enforcement.

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Law enforcement is short-staffed and the BIA was told Bois Forte cannot have any officers detailed out. There is a meeting with the BIA on August 8-10 and the Department of Justice will be there and these issues will be brought up there.

Pete Drift Sr. said last weekend they had five members in jail. Pete said he tells his staff to take zero tolerance against gangs. There is one individual in Palmquist they are trying to locate. The police department needs help and Pete encourages everyone to participate in Neighborhood Watch. There is one police officer position vacant at Vermilion. They already got two calls at the new housing at Vermilion.

New tribal government employees: Miranda Lilya introduces Janell Smith who is the new Receptionist. Vicki Villebrun introduces Vanessa Little who is the new Senior Executive Coordinator. Wendy Thompson introduces Donna Hoffer who is the new Probation Officer.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Grievances, Complaints & Appeals Procedure. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the submission of the Child Care Continuation Grant to the Administration of Children and Families. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the agreement with Spintron to provide playlist service for KBFT 89.9FM Radio. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the Native Voice One (NV1) Station Affiliation Agreement to broadcast programs and to stream/webcast programs on the website for KBFT 89.9FM Radio. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the Pacifica Affiliate Agreement to broadcast programs for KBFT 89.9FM Radio. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the Public Radio Exchange (PRX) Agreement to broadcast KBFT 89.9FM Radio's programs. Carried 4-0-0.

George Strong said KBFT 89.9 Radio will start officially broadcasting at 4 p.m. on Friday,

July 8. George will be looking for members for a board to help select the music. He will also be looking for volunteers to host programs. George said the radio station will also broadcast messages. George will be sending out an email for these.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the waiver of the procurement policy to contract with First Nations Oweesta to assist Nikki Pieratos in developing the business plan for the credit union which will be submitted with the charter application to the National Credit Union Administration. Carried 4-0-0.

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Nikki Pieratos gives an update on the progress of the credit union. Products that can't be offered are commercial loans, mortgage loans, and credit cards. Nikki will be working to keep all of our other products as planned. There will be two locations, one in Nett Lake and one at Fortune Bay. The steering committee members are Gordon Adams, Kim Greiner, Corey Strong, Ronette Novak, Bill Spang, and Pam Parson. Nikki is working on the business plan and charter application, which includes nearly every decision about our credit union (plans to send it in by Nov/Dec 2011).

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the request from Dani Pieratos to conduct a survey on the reservation for the purpose of building an Individual Development Accounts program around the needs of the Bois Forte community. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to table until July 20, resolution #1-2012, residential lease – Mary Porter, and resolution #2-2012, lease modification – Elizabeth Drift. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution 3-2012, lease modification to remove Corey Strong from Corey and Teresa Strong lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Wendi Hildebrand informs the council Michael Lesnau and Scott Lesnau are requesting to remove their names from their lease and Karen Lesnau is requesting to extend the lease until the property is sold to Nicole Pieratos. Wendi is told there needs to be a resolution canceling the lease for the Lesnau's and a resolution for a new lease for Nicole Pieratos. Corey Strong said they are requesting to delay the bill until the sale goes through. Corey and Wendi are asked if this went through the intent to sell process. They said yes. The council said they have 60 days for Nicole to purchase the property then.

John Villebrun said he requested a lot by the police department. No one knows who has the lease. John said he and his wife bought a trailer and are moving back to the reservation. Wendi is to get a legal description for the lot. Bill Whiteman said the lot is in the plat and there is a TSR for it. Wendi and Bill are to get them and draw up a resolution and bring back to the meeting today for action.

Theresa Drift introduces John Lyons from Landmark Tours. They said the elders are going to The Grand Canyon for their trip this year. To go by bus would last 15 days and to go by plane would last 8 days. They are requesting approval for \$4,000 deposit to be paid to Sun Country to secure the 130 airline tickets. The trip will be October 18-26. They will fly to Las Vegas and then board buses to tour the Grand Canyon. The elders ask about the number of suitcases they can bring, insurance, airport security lines, or maybe going by train. Theresa Drift and John Lyons are to attend the elders meeting on Monday and present information on what they need to do to travel by air.

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Moved by Cathy Chavers; to approve the \$4,000 deposit be paid to Sun Country for the airline tickets. Chairman Leecy asks for a second. Chairman Leecy asks for a second again. Seconded by Brandon Benner. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve a letter of support for the Minneapolis American Indian Center's grant application to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Business Council for funding for their Seniors Programs. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn at 12:08 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.