

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held November 2, 2011 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:09 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Brodeen; Mark Anderson; Vicki Villebrun; Marcella Connor; Andy Datko; Billie Mason; Theresa Drift; Kurt Kipfmueller; Lane Johnson; Mary Strong; Bill Latady; Kim Greiner; Martha Anderson; Kevin Strong; Edith Villebrun; Chris Holm; Carol Burr; Nikki Pieratos; Jane Villebrun; Jim Johnson; Doris Isham; Rose Berens; Pam Hughes; Muriel Deegan; Beverly Steel; Peggy Connor; Melissa Walls; Mark Anderson; Corey Strong; Brad Anderson; Pete Drift, Sr.; Tracey Dagen; Gary Gotchnik; Phyllis Boshey; Norm Adams; Vicky Hackey; Marilyn Geshick; Dawn Benner; Tara Geshick; Mavis Drift; Sidra Starkovich; Robyn Boshey; Simona Benner; Gene Boshey; Jeneal Goggleye; Dave Larson; Miranda Lilya

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

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held October 5, 2011 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Marcella Connor said the elders do not have anything for the agenda.

There are no new tribal government employees.

Dr. Kurt Kipfmueller and Lane Johnson from the University of Minnesota will be conducting research in the ceded territory on the historic use of fire by the Ojibwe. They would like to know if their research would be important to the Band and they would like to talk to some of the Band members for oral histories of fire activities. They will examine fire-scarred trees, they will document the Ojibwe fire use for a broader understanding of the historic role of Native Americans as ecological stewards, and they will provide an interpretative display of their research to the Heritage Center. They have been in contact with Rose Berens and Bill Latady

about this project. They are requesting the permission of the Tribal Council to recruit a liaison that would assist in identifying Band members to talk to. And they are requesting a letter of support for their application to the Regents to conduct the research.

Dr. Kurt Kipfmueller and Lane Johnson are to keep working with Rose Berens and Bill Latady and Rose and Bill could set up a meeting with the elders to discuss the proposed research and after that meeting they can draft the letter of support and bring back to a council meeting for the council to review. If they need more assistance they can contact the commissioner of natural resources Corey Strong and the Bois Forte Forestry Department.

Melissa Walls from the University of Minnesota-Duluth gives an update on the collaborative project they have been working with Bois Forte on for the past two years to study how mental health factors impacts diabetes management. A committee called the Community Research Council (CRC) was formed who did focus groups with community members where they talked about how stress and mental health factors were impacting the way they managed their diabetes. That was the first phase. They will write a report on that and give it to the CRC members, the tribal council, and social service agencies to use in grant writing, and to health services staff, and also present at the next year's diabetes conference. The second phase that they are currently doing is surveying 150 people of people with diabetes. Melissa said they want to apply for a grant for additional monies to focus on the stress aspect of managing diabetes.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #28-2012, support of a grant application by the University of Minnesota-Duluth to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for a grant to advance understanding of how stress impacts type 2 diabetes among American Indian people. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #29-2012, support of a grant application by the University of Minnesota-Duluth to the National Institute of Health to revise, pilot, and systematically evaluate an existing mental health promotion program for Anishinabe families (Bi-Zin-Da-De-Dah "Listening to One Another" program) and for Bois Forte to participate in the project. Carried 4-0-0.

Andy Datko and Kevin Strong give an update on the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Inventory. There are a number of roads at Vermilion that are not currently on the Roads inventory that need to be. After the roads are added to the IRR they will need to be added to the Transportation Improvement Plan. Andy and Kevin met with the Bureau and also some engineers from Northern Engineering and Consulting. One issue is the streets at Vermilion that are part of the infrastructure project related to the housing developments have either been completed or are under way and under contract. They are Red Pine Court, Red Pine Way, Cedar Run, and Jack Pine Parkway. Those streets were never added to the inventory. A worksheet was found from 2008 that listed them to be added to the inventory but the bureau said nothing was ever submitted to them in 2008 requesting they be added. In 2009 there was a resolution and information

submitted to the bureau to update the inventory but it did not include those streets. The issue with this is money has already been spent on those streets as part of the infrastructure project. Andy said they had got confirmation there was money available to pay for those, but now, because they were not on the inventory, they were technically ineligible for that particular fund of money to be used. That amount of money is approximately \$750,000 that has spent. Andy said in talking with the Bureau those funds that were spent on the ineligible roads need to be transferred back into that IRR Road fund. Andy said after the streets are put on the Transportation Improvement Plan the Band has to go back to the Bureau to ask them to reimburse the Band for the money spent on the streets. So Andy has a resolution to add those streets and other streets at Vermilion to the IRR Inventory, and then at the next council meeting Andy will be presenting a resolution to add all of those streets to the Transportation Improvement Plan. There is no guarantee the money will be reimbursed from the Bureau.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to reimburse the IRR Account with up to \$750,000 from the General Fund (\$243,133.35 will come from the IRR interest and 506,867.65 to come from the insurance settlement from the burned building). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #30-2012, requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs add the streets listed on the resolution to the Indian Reservation Roads Inventory. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the contract with Frontier Construction., Inc. for the Farm Point water main project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the contract with KGM Contractors, Inc. for crack routing and sealing on the streets in Nett Lake. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Indian Health Service for the Nett lake Wastewater Ponds Study. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Nett Lake Head Start & Child Care Centers license. Carried 4-0-0.

Sidra Starkovich is requesting permission to allow the Vermilion Trail Association to apply with Bois Forte as a partner on the Vermilion Trail Extension project. The pre-application is due November 6, 2011. She is requesting a letter of support for the collaboration. Sidra is told to go forward with the pre-application and to draft a letter of that the Council supports the collaboration with joining others for the project.

Sidra Starkovich has the USDA/RD paperwork for the Vermilion Equipment for signature. Chairman Leecy and David Morrison, Sr. sign the paperwork.

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Nikki Pieratos is requesting extending assignment of per capita garnishments to the future credit union for the tribal credit repair loan program for delinquent and defaulted loans. Nikki is told there is a judicial system in place for delinquent and defaulted loans. The assignment of per capita is voluntary by the applicants.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the existing policy of voluntary assignment of per capita in the credit loan program when and if it is transferred over to the credit union. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #31-2012, to transfer the Credit Repair loan program, the existing loans, from the First National Bank of Buhl to the proposed credit union upon receipt of its charter. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #32-2012, policy of non-interference in credit union governance, management, and policy formulation and implementation (particularly those relating to financial and lending decisions). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to close the transfer stations. The Vermilion transfer station to close immediately and the Nett Lake transfer station to close November 30, 2011. Carried 4-0-0.

Along with the curbside collection, there is to be a curbside pick-up of larger items like appliances, etc. Corey Strong and Kim Greiner will look into doing this one day a month.

Tara Geshick has a list of individuals that are not paying their monthly solid waste fee. Corey Strong said their garbage will still be picked up but they will be taken to court. He will start with those that owe more than \$200.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Virgil Sohm to the Leadership Council (Homelessness Prevention). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #33-2012, Budget and use plan for the Forest Management Deduction account for the purchase of 800MHz trunked radios (to access the State's ARMER system for emergency management and wildland fire suppression), and the purchase and installation of a server computer and peripheral equipment and programming (to support the Forestry Department's computer network and Geographic Information System). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to appoint Shirley McNey to the Bois Forte Culture Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Honore' Lehtinen to the St. Louis County Homelessness Planning Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.