

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 2, 2012 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:32 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; Vicki Villebrun; Connie Harju; Kim Greiner; Andy Datko; Tom Burr; Joel Astleford; Edith Villebrun; Marcella Connor; Mary Strong; Gary Gotchnik; Corey Strong; Norm Adams; Justin Boness; Vickie Hackey; Chris Mattson; Bruce McCarthy; Alexander Hayes; Josh Munson; Kenda Benner; Charmaine R. Jourdain; Joel Heggen; Jerome Whiteman; Billie Mason; Doris Isham; Gordon Adams Jr.; Harvey Thompson; Carol Burr; Gary Donald; Nikki Pieratos; Tracey Dagen; Theresa Drift; Donald Chosa; Karlene Chosa; Olive Connor; Jeneal Goggeley; Marcus Knifechief; Dave Anderson; Miranda Lilya; Brad Anderson; Ray Villebrun Jr.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of Barb Brodeen with a resolution in regard to tribal election polling places. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; approve the minutes of a regular meeting held April 18, 2012 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held April 25, 2012 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Jerome Whiteman said the May 14 elder committee meeting has been rescheduled for May 7. Jerome asks Theresa Drift to give an update on the elder trip.

Theresa Drift said the elders want to go to the Black Hills. They will be going in the spring. The travel company is starting to make the preparations now. Theresa presented the guidelines for the trips to the elders and they will have more discussion on them at their next meeting.

Gary Donald asks if the elders get a copy of the minutes. He wants to get a copy of the minutes of the last RTC meeting.

David Morrison, Sr. said the minutes are on the website. The minutes used to be in the newspaper but people were complaining the paper was too big, there was too much to read. David said if anyone wants a copy of minutes to send him a letter requesting which minutes they

want and he will make sure they get a copy of them. David said he can't send them executive session minutes though.

Brandon Benner said it is Josh Munson's birthday today. He is 18 years old. (*Josh is one of the high school students that Harvey Thompson brings to the council meetings*).

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to appoint Connie Harju as the Bois Forte representative on the Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange Individual Eligibility Work Group. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve Nikki Pieratos and Gordon Adams Jr. to conduct an employee spending survey. The survey is part of Bois Forte's collaboration with UMD-CED on identifying business opportunities on the Bois Forte Reservation. Carried 4-0-0.

Gordon Adams Jr. said him and Nikki Pieratos will be sending a letter to the council requesting information on how much the tribal government and Fortune Bay spend on propane usage, hardware, office supplies, janitorial supplies and other items to see what businesses could be viable on the reservation.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #80-2012, new recreational lease – Gerald Goggeye Jr. Carried 4-0-0.

Doris Isham said she was contacted by Dean Williams who is the coordinator of the Longest Walk III-MN Reversing Diabetes. He is coordinating a walk across all the reservations in Minnesota to bring diabetes awareness to the tribes. They plan to be at Vermilion on May 13/14 and Nett Lake on May 15/16. Dean Williams is requesting volunteers to participate in the walk and he is also requesting support to provide food, water, shelter, etc.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve a \$250 donation to the First Annual Longest Walk III 2012 Minnesota Reversing Diabetes. Carried 4-0-0.

Doris Isham will coordinate a gathering for community members and staff to ask for community support and people to walk at the event. Doris is authorized to get a hotel room at Fortune Bay for Dean Williams while they are at Vermilion.

Doris is informed that all the council members will commit to walking in the event.

David Morrison Sr. leaves the meeting.

Miranda Lilya said it has been difficult to hold interviews because it is hard to get enough of the interview committee together. The personnel policy says there can be 15 members, right now there are eight and one of them are going to resign. Miranda is requesting that instead of the interview committee conducting interviews, that the interviews will be conducted by the commissioner of the division where the position is located, the immediate supervisor of the position, and one of the employees within that division (chosen by random draw).

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the amendment to the Personnel Policy in regard to the interviews, that the interviews will be conducted by the commissioner of the division where the position is located, the immediate supervisor of the position, and one of the employees within that division. This is effective July 1, 2012. Carried 4-0-0. This will not include the interviews for the term positions. Those will be done by two management within that division or two randomly drawn employees within that division. The commissioner of that division will approve their recommendation.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve the agreement with Axel Holmes Jr. to provide gardening services to Bois Forte Health Services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to approve Kim Greiner to open two bank accounts for the Nett Lake Duplex project as required in the funding agreement. They are savings accounts, one for a replacement reserve and one for security deposits. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve an additional \$4,351 for the Community Clean-up fund to cover the indirect cost. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the submission of grant application to the Office of Head Start for FY 2012 Supplemental COLA. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Cathy Chavers; to adopt resolution #81-2012, designating all Bois Forte polling places as precincts at which all eligible Bois Forte voters may cast a ballot in person on election day. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Cathy Chavers; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.