

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held January 24, 2013 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 10:17 a.m.

Members Present: Kevin W. Leecy; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Brandon Benner;

Karlene Chosa; Ray Toutloff

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Mark Anderson; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Marge Holmes; Rhonda Hoagland; Kim Greiner; Andy Datko; Tina Stanley; Lori Littlewolf; Jim Johnson; Donald Chosa; Nikki Pieratos; Henry Goodsky; Axel Holmes Jr.; Millie Holmes; Frank Barto; Franklin Barto; Doris Isham; Tara Geshick; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Joel Astleford; Peggy Connor; Randy Long; Gordon Adams Jr.; Carol Burr; Jeneal Goggeye; Travis Morrision; Pam Hughes; Brad Anderson; Norm Adams; Pete Drift Jr.; Vanessa Little; Marilyn Geshick; Sidra Starkovich; Miranda Lilya; Geraldine Hanks; Tom Burr; Margaret Benner; Billie Mason; Gary Gotchnik; Roger Wakemup

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) add Brandon Benner with discussion on fully funding the programs back to what they were last year, 2) Donald Chosa will be presenting the resolution on the ClearWay Minnesota Continuous Funding instead of Teri Morrison, and 3) add Ray Toutloff with an appointment to the Wisdom Steps Elders Board. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held January 18, 2013 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Peggy Connor said they are working on the elders trip on where they want to go when they get there.

Peggy Connor asks that the council looks in the procedures when Band members get their tribal I.D. card. An elder tried to get one because it was going to expire in two weeks. The elder was told they had to go to the office in Nett Lake to get it because they couldn't get it before it expired.

There are no new tribal government employees.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the Internship with Emily Lessard to do her internship at Bois Forte Health Services. She is going to school for the Family Nurse Practitioner program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to appoint Sidra Starkovich as Bois Forte representative to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #62-2013, submission of a proposal to the ClearWay Minnesota's Community Development Department for continuation funding for the continuation of reservation initiatives to promote Indian health and advance smoke-free tribal government policies. Carried 3-0-1. Karlene Chosa silent.

Doris Isham gives an update on the condition of the ambulance which she said should be replaced within the year. She is not requesting the council to purchase one but asks that if the planning department comes across any grants to please let Doris know and to assist her with getting a new one.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve \$15,600 (13 students @ \$1,200) for the payment of tuition and fees for the up-coming EMT class beginning on January 22, 2013. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the Bois Forte Ambulance Emergency Medical Technician Training Agreement with participants who take the upcoming EMT class. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #63-2013, submission of an application for a Safe Routes to Schools Planning grant which will entail partnership with the Nett Lake Elementary School for implementation. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #72-2013, appointment of Geraldine Hanks to the Wisdom Steps Elders Board with Gene Hanks as the Alternate. Carried 4-0-0.

Brandon Benner wanted discussion on funding programs to the same level as last year. He met with Kim Greiner and Jim Tolan this morning. There were decreases in a lot of budgets most notably health (by \$203,000), DNR (about \$107,000), education (\$146,000), and others totaling \$703,000 so it would take \$703,000 to fund at the same levels as last year. He asked Kim and Kim said the government side could not do it. Jim Tolan said Fortune Bay could do it by moving money around as long as the government gave the money back in thirty days. Brandon said the \$703,000 doesn't include the powwows which were decreased by \$10,000 per powwow, four powwows. So it would be \$743,000. Brandon said the people operating the programs are

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catching heck – you're out of funds, what is going on? And it is hard to tell Band members education was cut by \$146,000.

Chairman Leecy said the budget has been set, but the council can do an addendum. The council can meet and prioritize.

Ray Toutloff said the council has gone through the budget process already. It is a thing of living within your means. It is uncomfortable for some programs, but it would be nice to give every program what they need but it would hit the reserves. The council can look at it again.

Brandon Benner said the reserves are tied up in loan covenants and that is why we would need to get the money back to Fortune Bay in thirty days.

Karlene Chosa said a meeting needs to be set up as soon as possible because people are waiting for education and contract health.

David Morrison, Sr. said Kevin will be out of the office but the council could meet when he returns. In the meantime Jim Tolan and Kim Greiner can get the council the information.

A meeting is to be scheduled to discuss the budgets.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.