

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held on August 7, 2013 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Marilyn Geshick; Peggy Connor;  
Karen Drift; Myra Thompson; Donald Chosa Jr.; Tara Geshick; Kathy Thompson;  
Edith Villebrun; Joel Astleford; Tom Burr; Wendy Thompson; Andy Datko; Kim  
Greiner; Josh Villebrun; Sidra Starkovich; Roxanne Weatherton; Katie Laitinen;  
Beverly Steel; Gordon Adams Jr.; Tyla Adams; J. Kay Davis; Harvey Thompson;  
Donna Hoffer; Billie Mason; Virgil Sohm; Pam Hughes; Jeneal Goggleye; Angela  
Wright; Rosemary King; Miranda Lilya; Simona Benner; Miranda Lilya; Simona  
Benner; Angie King; Dawn Benner; Lois Connor; Olive Connor; Vanessa Little;  
Jennie Rowland; William Whiteman; Gary Gotchnik; Barb Brodeen

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the agenda with the deletion of Erica Hawpetoss who will be placed on the next RTC agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Leecy said Mark Anderson, Tribal Attorney, is excused.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held July 10, 2013 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held July 29, 2013 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Donald Chosa, Jr. said the Bois Forte Anishinabe Language Immersion Camp went well. He thanks the council for letting them use the Johnson site for the camp. There was good participation. There were twelve elders helping out and there were forty-two youth participating. There was a visit from the Lac Lac Croix Indian ponies. The youth were able to play traditional games,

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cook traditional foods, listen to stories and teachings, and learning the language, swim, and make smores. Donald thanks everyone who participated.

Donald Chosa, Jr. said on August 5<sup>th</sup> he was requested to present at the Ecological Society of America's 98<sup>th</sup> Exposition held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Donald presented with Diana Bowstring, executive director for an organization that works with Native youth to grow natural foods, and Gwen Westerman, a well-known author and poet, niece of Floyd Westerman. Their presentation represented a sense of place for their respective tribes in Minnesota. Donald was chosen because of his work in Anishinabe language revitalization and wild rice revitalization projects, his educational background, and partly because of his articles in the Bois Forte News about the Lac La Croix ponies. Donald said it was an honor to present alongside professors and scientists of such a large exposition with thousands of participants, to represent Bois Forte.

Donald Chosa said the elders would like to say miigwetch to the Big Woods Transportation for being supportive of the elders needs whenever there is a function. They are always willing to assist the elders.

Donald Chosa, Jr. said the elders wanted to ask Anderson about the elder committee bylaws and how soon they would be completed. They had been sent to Mark. Corey Strong will follow up on this with Mark.

Peggy Connor thanks the council and other individuals for the elder trip.

Donald Chosa, Jr. said there are requests from elders that don't involve the elder committee. Council will hear them.

J. Kay Davis said they have a complaint about the assisted living center. Their doors are locked at 9 pm each night. Last night there was a bunch of people in the hallway – noisy. One of the rules is the doors be locked at 9 each night but people let them in. Kay asks if cameras can be installed. There are cameras but need film.

Corey Strong said Carol Burr, Housing Director, is at a conference but he will work with IT to see what needs to be done to get the cameras turned on.

Ray Toutloff said if there are individuals disturbing the peace, to call the police.

J. Kay Davis said she has worked with the BIA and other tribes on enrollment. She would like the Band's enrollment be sanitized. She would like the BIA to come in and audit it. She said she doesn't know what

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the rules are for enrollment, she thought she did but doesn't anymore. She said she applied for the enrollment officer position but didn't get hired because she was overqualified.

Chairman Leecy said Bois Forte goes by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe rules for enrollment.

J. Kay Davis said she wanted to let the council know she is watching the enrollment.

Chairman Leecy tells Kay to get the council a list of what she feels is unfair and unjust.

New tribal government employees: Tara Geshick said she was going to introduce Kathy Thompson but Kathy had to go back to work for an emergency.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to accept the bid from KGM Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$443,350.35 for work on the East Bois Forte Road (road that goes to the Heritage Center). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the purchase of a 2014 F450 dump truck and plow from Lundgren's Ford in the amount of \$60,595.00 for the Public Works Department. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to accept the bid from North American Salt Company for road salt, due to them being the only salt company in the area. Carried 4-0-0.

Tara Geshick introduces Kathy Thompson who is the new EAP Coordinator/Registrar.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the amendment for the FY2014-2015 CSBG grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the amendment to the 2013 CSBG budget, and the 2014-2015 Community Action Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to award the Vermilion Clinic bid to MB Customs Development, in the amount of \$3,424,310, and to authorize the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer to executive the contract, the notice of award, and associated documents. Carried 4-0-0.

Andy Datko informs the council that the NCUA said the charter for the credit union will be approved and they will want to meet with the tribal council next month. Nikki Pieratos will coordinate the meeting.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to sole source millwork and construction for the credit union to Security Products Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$39,182.00 for the Nett Lake credit union site and in the amount of \$21,821.00 for the Fortune Bay credit union site. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with ISD #707 for the Bois Forte Early Childhood Programs in Nett Lake. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with ISD #2142 for the Bois Forte Early Childhood Programs in Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agreement with Peggy Hiestand Harri for Nutrition Consultant services for the Bois Forte Early Childhood Programs. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the revision to the Personnel Policy Section 313 in regard to employment contracts. Carried 4-0-0.

Pam Hughes informs the council and audience that Katie Lehtinen received the American Indian Advisory Council (AIAC) American Indian Chemical Dependency Counselor of the Year Award. Katie received the award at the Minnesota American Indian Institute on Alcohol and Drug Studies (MAIIDS) conference. The tribal council members congratulate Katie on receiving the award.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adopt resolution #15-2014, lease modification to Eugenia Marie Boshey lease to remove Eugene A. Boshey, Sr. from the lease, change the lease from residential to recreational, add her brother Philip M. Brodeen to the lease, and to extend the lease ten years. Carried 4-0-0.

Dawn Benner and the TERO Commission are requesting to change the TERO fee to a 2% fee on all contracts. It currently is 1% on contracts under \$100,000 and 0% on contracts under \$5,000. They want to change it because it is confusing to the contractors.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the revision to the TERO Ordinance, Chapter 8 to charge a 2% TERO fee on all projects where bids are involved. Carried 3-1-0. Ray Toutloff opposed.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to appoint Virgil Sohm as Bois Forte Representative to the American Indian Mental Health Advisory Council. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #16-2014, application to the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for funding for the Bois Forte Demolition Project I project at Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.