

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 4, 2013 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:12 a.m.

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

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; Kim Greiner; Joel Astleford; Rae Edstrom; Miranda Lilya; Clint Miller; Donna Hoffer; Angela Wright; Vanessa Little; Ernestine Stanley; Tracey Dagen; Sidra Starkovich; Bernie O'Leary; Peggy Connor; Irene Boney; Julia Wilde; Myra Thompson; Karen Drift; Dorothy Strong; Edith Villebrun; Mary Strong; Barb Brodeen; Beverly Steel; Donald Chosa Jr.; Pete Drift Sr.; Jeneal Goggeley; Tara Geshick; Dave Anderson; Kathy Thompson; David Villebrun; Bill Latady; Wendy Thompson; Terrie Morrison; Thomas Burr; Gary Gotchnik; Billie Mason; Bill Whiteman; Elizabeth Lessard; Kathie Holman; Lester Drift Sr.; Phyllis Boshey; Robert Boshey; Helen Wilkie; Andy Datko

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the agenda with the deletion of Erica Hawpetoss' agenda item, and add Karlene Chosa with discussion on whether there is a resolution that states all Band members who apply for jobs, if they would be granted interviews. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held August 7, 2013 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 June 26, 2013 at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. Carried 4-0-0.

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Elders Committee: Bernie O'Leary said it is important to go on the trips the Heritage Center has. He went on a trip and seen an old home site and gravesites of his relatives. Bernie feels the trips are valuable and well worth attending and important for the grandkids and kids to know.

Donald Chosa Jr. said everything is in place for the powwow. The new powwow grounds and the new lightings are appreciated.

Peggy Connor thanks the council and tribal government staff for the support of the elder trip. Peggy said an evaluation letter will be sent out later this month. Peggy said she will start collecting pictures of the trip for two albums to be displayed at the ENP sites at Nett Lake and Vermilion and she will also do video and show it at the Elder Christmas Party. Peggy asks who she could call to have help with the video. Peggy is told the government IT department and also Helen Wilkie.

New tribal government employees: Dave Villebrun introduces himself. He is the new Maintenance Supervisor for Housing.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to table resolution #18-2014, policy for smoke-free environment at all indoor and outdoor events including, but not limited to, powwows held on Band property. Carried 4-0-0. Donna Hoffer was asked if there was any community input on this resolution. Donna said no. Donna will develop some type of survey to get community input. Corey Strong is to check to see if there anything on file that says there is non-smoking at powwows.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #19-2014, amending the Foster Care Standards to add to page 17, Paragraph F. Physical Environment: "7. The Family Foster home shall be smoke-free at all times. Satisfactory Compliance: A foster care parent(s) must provide an environment for foster care children free from exposure to secondhand smoke in the family home and vehicle(s)." Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the RY2014 Energy Assistance Contract package and to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Travis Morrison, Eddie Chavers, and John V. Day to the Conservation Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Elizabeth Lessard is a Doctorate of Nursing Practice student at St. Scholastica and is completing her clinical hours at Bois Forte Medical Clinics. She needs to complete her Doctorate of Nursing Project and she is requesting to complete it at Bois Forte. Her project would be to implement Medicare's Annual Wellness Visit to willing, eligible Band members which would provide the Band member with a

personalized prevention plan, Health Risk Assessment, and recommendations and plan for future health prevention interventions and referrals as they are needed.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the request from Elizabeth Lessard to complete her Doctorate of Nursing Project at Bois Forte contingent on her meeting with the elder committee and getting it approved by them. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the catering contract with ISD #707 for the Bois Forte Head Start & Child Care Center. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve additional funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the Burial Fund. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #20-2014, transfer of all right, title and interest in vehicles, weapons, and such other law enforcement equipment as is eligible for transfer, to the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, to be held, managed, and disposed of as federal property. Carried 3-1-0. Karlene Chosa against.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the IRRRB Demo Program grant agreement. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the proposal from Native Nations Insurance Company for the 2013-2014 Commercial Insurance Package Policy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to table resolution #21-2014, street names for the Cedar Grove Project Phase 2. Bill Whiteman is to post at the Vermilion Center the proposed street names for another 30-day comment period. Bill is to notify people it is being posted again for comments, not requesting new names, but for comments on the proposed names. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to award the contract to MB Customs for building repair work in the amount of \$47,875. This is for repair work on the buildings damaged in the wind storm last year. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to award the contract to Stan Day/Porthan Painting in the amount of \$22,877.80 for the log repair and re-stain of the Vermilion Head Start building. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the service line agreement with Lake Country Power for electric service to the new Vermilion Clinic. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Leecy leaves the meeting.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the request from the Powwow Committee to hold a 50/50 raffle with the drawing to be held September 8 during the Miigwech Manomin Powwow. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the request from the Powwow Committee to hold a donated item raffle with the drawing to be held September 8 during the Miigwech Manomin Powwow. Carried 3-0-0.

Chairman Leecy returns to the meeting.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the three-year space lease agreement with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe for the Bois Forte Urban Office. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #17-2014, supporting Grand Portage's proposed legislation for tax exemption on per capita payments to its members from funds derived from the 1854 Treaty Agreement. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #22-2014, National Congress of American Indian membership dues. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve a 15 pound donation of wild rice to the Powwow Committee for the Miigwech Manomin Powwow. Whatever isn't used will be returned. Carried 4-0-0.

Karlene Chosa asks if there is a resolution to grant all Bois Forte Band members interviews when they apply for jobs. Miranda Lilya said there is a policy that all Band members will be interviewed unless there is a specific degree required and the applicant does not have it.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.