

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held November 20, 2013 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.; Brandon Benner;
Karlene Chosa; Ray Toutloff

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Mark Anderson; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Kim Greiner; Rose Berens; Gary Donald; Peggy Connor; Bill Tibbetts; Roxanne Weatherton; Lorna Landgren; Henry Goodsky; Miranda Lilya; Joel Astleford; Pam Hughes; Andy Datko; Vanessa Little; Tina Stanley; Justin Boness; Jeneal Goggeley; Wesley Martins; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Robert Mathis; Carol Burr; Danielle Pieratos; Christie Swanson; Josh Villebrun; Peter Boney; Donald Chosa Jr.; Tracey Dagen; Eddie Villebrun; Larry Connor; Edith Villebrun; LuAnn Drift; Elina Transcheff; Beverly Steel; Trudy King; Steve Boshey; Rochelle Bristol; Billie Mason; Rhonda Hoagland; Dawn Benner; Gabrielle Holman; Tara Geshick; Elaine Tibbetts; Josh Strong; Ray Thompson; Wendy Thompson; Janet Thompson; Esther Connor; Gary Gotchnik; Phyllis Tousey; Margaret Benner; Darrell Connor; Char Lewis; Cheryl Slaten; Lori Littlewolf; Phyllis Boshey; Barb Brodeen; Breanne Peterson; Brad Anderson; Simona Benner; Rocky King

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) add Mark Anderson with a resolution proclaiming land by the Y-Store to be an addition to and part of the reservation of Bois Forte, 2) add the requests for donations under Corey, and 3) Jeneal Goggeley will present Mavis Drift's items. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Drift; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held October 23, 2013 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held November 1, 2013 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

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Elders Committee: Donald Chosa Jr. informs everyone Carl Gawboy is presenting a "Great Hurt" presentation at a museum in Grand Rapids on Saturday, November 23 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. It is free admission and there will be free transportation provided.

Donald Chosa Jr. said he attended the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet at Mystic. He had the honor of carrying the Bois Forte Flag.

Donald Chosa Jr. said he is helping Brandon Benner coordinate a youth powwow at North Woods School on November 26 from 1:30-2:30.

Justin Boness thanks Jennie Rowland for transporting the elders to various functions.

Peggy Connor said the elders are having a pie sale on November 26.

Peggy Connor said the Leech Lake elders invited the Bois Forte elders to Northern Lights in Walker for a holiday event on December 9. Jennie Rowland will be transporting the elders to that event free of charge. Peggy said the Bois Forte elders have went to Leech Lake for the event for the past three years and they would like to do something for the Leech Lake elders.

Peggy Connor said the elders would like to see if the police department can get a local number. She said there are elders who don't have long distance. Peggy said she had to call for a non-emergency and called about seven times before she contacted someone.

Mary Strong said there will be a powwow at the Charter School in Tower on Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Mary said she offered to show the kids how to do beadwork and she will do it at least once a week. If anyone wants to help with that, Mary would be glad to have the help.

Chairman Leecy said there will be a meeting set up with law enforcement soon and the issue of a local phone number will be put on that agenda.

New tribal government employees: Carol Burr introduces Peter Boney who is the new Housing maintenance technician. Jeneal Goggleye introduces Linda Tibbetts-Barto who is the new tobacco education & policy development coordinator, Christie Swanson who is the new pharmacy technician, and Elina Trancheff who is the new LPN.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve a \$20,000 contribution to the Indian Legal Assistance Program. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve ClearWay, the grantor for the tobacco cessation programs, to use the Band logo on a calendar which will be used as an educational tool on the traditional use of tobacco. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the 2014 UNUM Renewal for base life & long term disability, effective January 1, 2014. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion is held on the Social Media Policy. Some of the audience express their concerns, some of which are they feel this is telling people what they can and can't say whether on work time or off work time. Some feel town meetings are not being held so this is one way to hear what is going on. Some feel everyone should have input on this.

Chairman Leecy calls for motion on the Social Media Policy.

Karlene Chosa requests a roll call vote.

Ray Toutloff clarifies the language to the amendment of the policy to include the words "inaccurate" in number 1 to read "Discussion and display of inaccurate information related to the programs, activities, and services of the Bois Forte Tribal Government.", and in number 2 to read "Discussion and display of inaccurate employee matters of all types." and number 3 to read "False or inaccurate disparagement of the Bois Forte Tribal Government, its employees, vendors, and all other business associates.", and in the first paragraph, replace "negatively" with "inaccurately" so it will read "...which has the effect of reflecting inaccurately on the Bois Forte Tribal Government...".

Karlene Chosa said there was a motion on the floor for a roll call vote.

Ray Toutloff said there was not a motion nor a second.

Chairman Leecy said there was a request for a roll call vote but there was no motion to address the vote, so until there is a motion and a second.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; to approve the policy with the changes that he clarified.

Chairman Leecy said there is a motion to amend the social media policy and now Karlene can request a roll call vote after there is second to the motion.

Chairman Leecy calls for a second. Chairman Leecy calls for a second again. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to table the Social Media Policy for further study with the employees and get more people involved. Vote is 2-2-0. Karlene Chosa opposed. Brandon Benner opposed. Brandon asks for clarification from Ray Toutloff on why he is tabling it, that is to get more employees involved and Band members and more people involved. Ray Toutloff said right.

Chairman Leecy asks for clarification on the vote.

Brandon Benner said he supports to table it to get more input from the Band members and the employees. Vote is 3-1-0. Karlene Chosa opposed. Karlene Chosa said she is opposed to the wording of the social media policy but not opposed to employee/Band member input.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Payroll Service Agreement with the Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve Kim Greiner to proceed with financing from American Bank for seven (7) vehicles for Housing. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the 2013 Christmas Lighting Contest with prizes of 1st place - \$300, 2nd place - \$200, and 3rd place - \$100 at each of the three sections of Bois Forte, section 1 – Nett Lake, section 2 – Palmquist/Indian Point/Sugarbush, and section 3 – Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the elder gift cards for this year for \$35 each plus card fees. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to appoint Stan Day, Mary Strong, and Marybelle Isham to the Conservation Committee for two (2) year terms. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to appoint Darren Landgren and Tom Spears as Alternates to the Conservation Committee for four (4) year terms. Carried 4-0-0.

Peggy Connor asks if Justin Boness could be a temporary conservation committee member during ricing. Some of the elders can't go on the lake. Tara Geshick said what probably could happen is a subcommittee could be formed during ricing.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #50-2014, submission of an application by the 1854 Treaty Authority to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of obtaining funding assistance to perform climate change vulnerability assessment and adaptation plans specific to each reservation in the 1854 Ceded Territory. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the William Mitchell College Public Defender Indian Law Clinic at Bois Forte, where law students would help with public defender services by doing research, assist with investigations on a case, prepare legal memo's, go to court and work with the public defender with various clients, etc. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #51-2014, application to the Federal Administration on Aging for continuation funds for the Title VI program from April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2017. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #52-2014, authorizing the collection of data that will enable an assessment of the needs of the elders in the Bois Forte community, consistent with Resolution #26-2011 or such other similar provisions required by any Federal law, regulation or agency funding guidelines. Carried 4-0-0.

David Morrison Sr. leaves the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the committee's request, the committee that is putting together a benefit for Teresa Morrison, to conduct a raffle with the prize of a ½ processed pig, starting November 18 and ending November 20, 2013. Carried 4-0-0.

David Morrison Sr. returns to the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #53-2014, requesting the Secretary of the Interior proclaim the land by the Fortune Bay golf course to be an addition to and part of the reservation of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa for the exclusive use of the Bois Forte Band and its members. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #54-2014, amending the Bois Forte Tribal Code to add a new section as follows: 635.02 False or Altered Identification: Whoever uses a form of identification that has been altered or falsified to engage in gaming activities or to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor and a licensed retailer or licensed gaming facility that has reasonable grounds to believe that the form of identification has been altered or falsified may seize the identification and deliver it to a law enforcement agency within two (2) business days. A form of identification issued by a tribal government and reasonably believed to be false or altered shall be delivered to the law enforcement agency of that tribe. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve a \$500 donation to the Minnesota Chippis Softball Reunion being held November 2, 2013. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the recommendations of the Bois Forte Donations Committee as follows:

Approvals:

- \$800.00 for the Bois Forte Head Start Policy Council to purchase Christmas gifts for all children enroll in the Bois Forte Head Start and Child Care Programs,
- \$300.00 for the North Woods Civics in Action class trip to Orlando, Florida for a "Science in Motion" trip,
- \$250.00 for the Superior School Indian Education Program "Wiikonge/Feast being held November 21st and the 9th Annual Ziigwan/Spring Pow Wow being held March 22nd,
- \$250.00 for the Minneapolis Thanksgiving Celebration Pow-Wow being held November 28-30,
- \$50.00 for the Spirit of Sovereignty's Annual Holiday Drive,
- \$100.00 for the St. Louis County Historical Society,
- \$50.00 for the Central Minnesota Chapter National Federation of the Blind "Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

Denials:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northland
- 2014 National Unity Conference
- 2014 Gathering of Nations Powwow
- Saint Paul Area Council of Churches Department of Indian Work 2013 Holiday Program,
- Wicoie Nandagikendaqn Early Education Immersion Program "Native Language Immersion Project".

The Donation Committee did not make any recommendations on the following requests because the committee felt those are PAC donations:

- Alondra Cano, candidate for Minneapolis City Council, Ward 9,
- Robert Lilligren, candidate for Minneapolis City Council, Ward 6,
- John Persell, candidate for Minneapolis House District 5A,
- Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce 26th Annual Awards Banquet.

Carried 4-0-0.

David Morrison Sr. said he wants to respond to a comment made by a person in the audience earlier in the meeting about a fundraiser being held for his wife. David said he and his wife were taken by surprise, that came from family and the community. He said fundraisers were held for other individuals. He said it has been stressful. His wife needs a liver and once the call comes they have eight hours to get to the Mayo Clinic. David also wanted to respond to a

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comment about if they accessed the medical emergency fund. David said they did not access it and are not going to.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.