

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 25, 2014 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:11 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Vicki Villebrun; Gene Goodsky; Peggy Connor; Kirsten Reichel; Christina Hujanen; Tom Burr; Randy Long; Bill Latady; Kim Greiner; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Pam Hughes; Joel Astleford; Andy Datko; Eddie Chavers; Dave Anderson; Jennie Rowland; Donald Chosa Jr.; Helen Wilkie; Carol Burr; Karen Drift; Dave Larson; Dawn Benner; Beverly Steel; David Morrison Jr.; Billie Mason; Edith Villebrun; Sidra Starkovich; Doris Isham; Miranda Lilya; Tara Geshick; Gordon Adams Jr.; Myron Graue; Jeneal Goggleye; Gary Gotchnik

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held April 30, 2014 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

In regard to the minutes of April 30, Ray Toutloff would like follow up on the updating of the Code of Ethics. He would also like further discussion with Forestry on what will be done with the timber on the new lots at Vermilion. Corey Strong said a meeting is being set up with DNR staff in regard to the timber, and he is waiting until after the elections for updating the Code of Ethics.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held May 21, 2014 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Leecy congratulates Brandon Benner on being reelected to District I Representative, Ray Toutloff on being reelected to District II Representative, and David Morrison Sr. on being reelected to Secretary-Treasurer.

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Elders Committee: Donald Chosa Jr. said there are fifty elders signed up for the elder trip to the Palace bingo in Cass Lake this weekend. Peggy and Beverly arranged all the transportation with Big Woods Transit.

Donald Chosa Jr. said there was a concern from an elder who was charged \$10.00 to use the pool at Fortune Bay. They thought there was something passed where elders would not have to pay the fee if they used it for physical therapy. Chairman Leecy said he will ask Gary Gotchnik and Norma Adams to bring that to the gaming commission meeting for discussion.

Donald Chosa Jr. said during the Vermilion Powwow there was a lacrosse coach that came up and held a lacrosse clinic at the Vermilion Wellness Center gym. He also came up to Nett Lake and held one at the Boys & Girls Club. There was full participation at both lacrosse clinics. He also coached a demonstration game during the powwow on Saturday. As a gift he gave Donald a hand carved lacrosse stick. Donald said traditional lacrosse has not been played at any of our events for probably over a hundred years so it was kind of a historical event that occurred during the powwow.

Donald Chosa Jr. said they have Charles Grolla come up and doing the moccasin game during the powwows, and also Myra Thompson and Janet Thompson have been showing people how to play the dish game. Out of town guests have mentioned they liked the powwows because of those games.

Peggy Connor said Mary Strong has been in the hospital and she is doing better.

Peggy Connor said there are no representatives from Nett Lake on the Wisdom Steps board. Right now there is Geraldine Hanks and Gene Hanks from Vermilion. The elder committee would like more participation from the elders and get them involved with health screenings, health education and to strive to build their health. The elder committee would like to temporarily appoint Marian Holmes (to replace Gene Hanks) and Gloria Love until January when the two year term is up. Then the elder committee would look at keeping them or replacing them. In the past two years there has not been any participation from elders in Nett Lake and there have been six people from Vermilion. Elders need to get signed up for the Wisdom Steps program by December so they can attend the Wisdom Steps conference held in the summer.

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Ray Toutloff said he supports the elders having involvement in the selection process of the representatives to the Wisdom Steps board. According to the Wisdom Steps bylaws they only want one representative but the council elected to appoint an alternate. Ray said this is midstream right now and recommends getting elder committee input in October. Ray said Geraldine has been trying to involve people from Nett Lake. The participation from the elders has been improving.

Peggy Connor said they need an active person involved to get the elders signed up by December. Peggy said last April there was a Wisdom Steps meeting held at Fortune Bay and none of the elders knew. There are also golf tournaments held every year and the elders didn't know anything about it.

Chairman Leecy said in order to keep this from becoming a Vermilion Nett Lake issue, he asks if Geraldine has been contacted and allowed to address the concerns.

Peggy Connor said they have been asking her to come to the elders meeting to let them know what is going on and that hasn't happened. Peggy said Geraldine has been actively participating in the Wisdom Steps meetings but as far as letting the elders know, that isn't happening. The elders still want to keep Geraldine on board because she is involved.

Ray Toutloff said he will talk to Geraldine and have her become more communicative with the elders committee.

New tribal government employees: Billie Mason introduces Myron Graue who is the new Summer Youth Coordinator in Nett Lake.

Kirsten Reichel said Mike Forsman is retiring from the St. Louis County Commissioner position. She said she entered the race for that position and is going around introducing herself to people. Kirsten gives a short presentation on where she has worked and the various boards she has been on.

Christina Hujanen is running for the St. Louis County Commissioner position. She gives a short presentation on where she has worked and the various boards she has been on.

Chairman Leecy thanks both candidates for attending the RTC meeting.

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Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agreement with Ferrellgas for propane for Fortune Bay, Nett Lake School, Bois Forte Tribal Government buildings in Nett Lake and Vermilion, and Bois Forte Band members and employees. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the revision to the Personnel Policy by adding Section 701, Motor Vehicle Use (prohibiting commercial tobacco use in all tribally owned or leased tribal government vehicles or equipment). Carried 4-0-0. Miranda Lilya will send out an email today informing employees it is effective July 1, 2014.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve contract for engineering services with Wenck Associates, Inc. for the Nett Lake Dam Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$43,045.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the sole-sourcing with Success For All Foundation, Inc. for the purchase of Curiosity Corner Curriculum for the Bois Forte Head Start program in the amount of \$8,635.65. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #115-2014, residential lease for Peter R. Drift Jr. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the WELY Second Amendment to Tower and Land Lease, Ely, MN. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Intern Contract with Amanda Koivisto who will do her internship at the Bois Forte Chemical Dependency Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #116-2014, declaring the New Moon Supportive Housing to be a Drug and Alcohol Free Zone. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to appoint Corey Strong to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to table for resolution #117-2014, submission of ICDBG 2014 proposal for a rehab HUD assisted houses,

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for more information and community meetings to be held on the project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the agreement with Hennepin County Medical Center for the Living Kidney Donor Education Project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adopt resolution #118-2014, submission of a grant application to the NB3 Foundation for a Promising Program Grant of up to \$40,000 to help support the youth athletics program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the construction contract for the Palmquist Septic Inventory. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.