

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 15, 2014 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:27 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; Karen Drift; Lorna Landgren; Ed Fairbanks; Louise Isham; Kim Greiner; Tom Burr; Josh Villebrun; Julie Wilde; Kay Davis; Robert Mathis; BeverlySteel; Hank Mesabe; Janet Thompson; Dave Larson; Linda Tibbets-Barto; Carol Burr; Joel Astleford; Tara Geshick; Marybelle Isham; Darren Landgren; George Strong; Lance Kingbird; Billie Mason; Ira Brown; Gordon Adams Jr.; Jeneal Goggleye; Dawn Benner; Miranda Lilya; Dani Pieratos; Ron King; Dan Isham; Kristen Strong; Gary Gotchnik; Bill Whiteman; Irene Boney

Discussion on the agenda. Karlene Chosa said she was informed just a few minutes ago that the agenda was changed. There was an item that was removed that she felt should have stay on the agenda which was "Karlene Chosa "Motion on Janet Thompson's Request for Ownership of House"".

Chairman Leecy said he didn't put it on the agenda because there was a response received for that. Chairman Leecy felt it was pretty clear the decision so it didn't need any more discussion. Chairman Leecy tells Karlene she can put forth a motion to ask that it be on the agenda.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; to leave the item on the agenda – Karlene Chosa, Motion on Janet Thompson's Request for Ownership of House. Chairman Leecy calls for a second

Brandon Benner asks if the motion is asking to have the item in an open meeting, will the response and all the information the council was given be public.

Chairman Leecy said he thinks what would be submitted for the record and it should be part of the motion, and he asks Karlene for clarification, the letter from the attorney.

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Karlene said she will refer to the letter. She did receive the report from Mark Anderson and his findings Karlene said what they will be bringing forward is the request for discussion. She said a few years ago Janet did try to bring this to a council member, nothing happened. Karlene said the council is here to listen to people.

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

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the most recent agenda. Carried 3-1-0. Karlene Chosa against.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held September 17, 2014 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 October 8, 2014 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Hank Mesabe and Beverly Steel give the council a copy of the old and new Elders Mission Statement. The mission statement was reworded for clarification.

Hank Mesabe asks if the elder committee have to abide by Robert's Rules of Order, or can their meetings be more informal.

Mark Anderson said whatever it says in their bylaws, but they can change the bylaws to fit what they want.

Hank Mesabe said their bylaws are quite old and need to be updated. Hank asks if the bylaws should be submitted to the attorney.

Chairman Leecy said once they are updated, they can give them to Mark for review, and then they can bring them to the council for approval.

Corey Strong tells Hank to give them to Wick-o and she can scan and send them to Mark Anderson for them.

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Hank Mesabe said there have been many requests for an elder worker. Chairman Leecy said there was a bigger repair job at the elder unit in Vermilion so a lot of staff had to help with that project which put everyone behind a little bit. Carol Burr said they had impromptu inspections so they had to get the units ready. Carol said they have two workers for the elders and they will be hiring two term workers for the elders.

Karen Drift said last night she got a call from her daughter who had just gotten beat up. Her daughter said she almost got run over by a truck, the only way she got away was rolling into a ditch. She couldn't walk and had to have a brace put on her leg. Karen told her to call 911. Her daughter wouldn't because she was scared. Karen called 911. Karen said she was told there were no officers on duty, but there will be one from Tower in about 35-40 minutes. The guy who beat her daughter was at his mother's house all night. Her daughter had a bunch of texts on her phone that were threats from him. Karen asks why there wasn't an officer on duty. Especially with all the drugs on the reservation. Karen said the police officers need to live on the reservation.

Chairman Leecy said that it is his understanding that this is under investigation but will give law enforcement a chance to respond.

Chief of Police Robert Mathis said two officers responded. Also St. Louis responded. The texts were not reported. There is one officer on call all the time. In the past they didn't have 24 hour coverage.

Chairman Leecy tells Karen Drift to give law enforcement that information about the texts.

There are no new tribal government employees to be introduced.

Dan Isham addresses the council. He said he is a second year law enforcement student. He is seeking support of the council for consideration for an appointment when they come up. He said he knows there are drug problems. He said he does not drink or take drugs. He would to come back home and work. He would like to go to the Indian Police Academy.

Chairman Leecy commends Dan for speaking. Chairman Leecy asks Chief of Police Mathis to meet with Dan re what opportunities there are and the BIA schooling.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the consent agenda items, 1) submission of the grant application for Early Head Start for Nett Lake and Vermilion, and the EHS/CC Partnership Grant, and the Request for Start up Funds; and 2) approve the request from Pamela Hughes for the sale of 384 raffle tickets for the benefit fundraiser for Rosemary King. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adopt resolution #25-2015, new lease – Eileen Barney and William A. King. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #26-2015, new lease – Floyd and Dorothy Blaeser. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #27-2015, lease modification to Rosemary King lease to add Crystal Rae Villebrun and Angela Faith Villebrun to lease and adjusting rental rate from \$1.00 to \$0.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #28-2015, lease cancellation – Linden Marie Gawboy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adopt resolution #29-2015, new lease – Thomas A. Anspach and Bruce W. Anspach. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #30-2015, lease cancellation – Mark Andrews. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #31-2015, new lease – Carlos Alberto Hernandez. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adopt resolution #32-2015, lease cancellation due to refinancing – Ronald W. King, William A. King, and Joshua L. King. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adopt resolution #33-2015, new lease – Ronald W. King and Joshua L. King. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the contract with Rich Mattson to provide sound engineering/recording services during KBFT's Writing Festival on October 16, 2014. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the contract with Josef Seibert to serve as "Pow Wow – The Songs" Content Producer from September 26, 2014 to October 31, 2014 for KBFT. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the contracts/amended contracts for the cooks for KBFT's Native Foods Festival on September 27, 2014. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the changes to the salary schedule to 1) to eliminate grades N-1 and N-2, and 2) increase the minimum starting wage for the N-3 grade to \$8.10 per hour effective retroactively to August 1, 2014. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #34-2015, renewal of the Minnesota Agency Wildland Fire Prevention Plan 2015-2024 and Bois Forte Appendices that describe the fire prevention activities, both general and specific, that will be carried out under the Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #24-2015, approval of the Cooperative Agreement between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa for Wildland Fire Management-Non-Recurring-Funds. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Policy on Fee Waivers for the Vermilion Wellness Center (for users that provide a written statement from a health care provider that the applicant is a patient of the provider and that the provider has prescribed a program of physical therapy) and to change the second "may" to "shall". Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #35-2015, policy that no funds provided to any committee authorized or created by the Council may be used to pay a stipend, allowance, fee or other honorarium to a member or officer of a committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.