

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 4, 2015 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:19 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; Edith Villebrun; Miranda Lilya; Kim Greiner; Andy Datko; George Strong; Harold "Dayshun" Goodsky; Ira Brown; Randy Long; Sidra Starkovich; Joel Astleford; Pam Hughes; Tom Burr; Tracey Dagen; Louise Isham; Kay Davis; Carol Burr; Donald Chosa Jr.; Beverly Steel; Bill Latady; Tara Geshick; Brad Anderson; Dawn Benner; Darren Landgren; Billie Mason; Norm Adams; Elizabeth Deegan; Mary Strong; Robin Geshick; Kevin Strong; Dave Steel

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) add Brad Anderson and Miranda Lilya 2) add Harold "Dayshun" Goodsky with discussion on the need for more landings on Nett Lake, and 3) add Karlene Chosa with discussion on the ethical violation the council received. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the agenda, Chairman Leecy asks Karlene if she had a question on the ethical violation. Karlene said she disagrees with the way the last one was handled, that she wants to make sure this one is handled appropriately. Chairman Leecy informs Karlene this ethical violation charge is being investigated.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held January 21, 2015 at Nett Lake, Minnesota with a correction on page in paragraph 1 in regard to raffles, that "with" should be "within" the territory of the Band; and on page 4, paragraph 2 in regard to raffles, that "with" should be "within" the territory of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Elders Committee: Donald Chosa Jr. said the elders are concerned about the transit cutbacks.

Chairman Leecy asks Donald approximately how many elders, so the numbers can be gauged, a lot of them or a few.

Donald said a couple.

Karlene Chosa said one of the elders contacted her because they had physical therapy.

Chairman Leecy said the elders need to be helped, so the names can be given to Jeneal or whoever needs the information.

Karlene Chosa said the names can be given to Darren.

Donald Chosa Jr. said there are comments that the people that plow do a good job, but just wanted to remind them there was an elder that was forgotten two times.

Donald Chosa Jr. said there was a power outage at Indian Point. It was over 20 below. Jennie Rowland went to the RTG to be there for people to come stay. The transit sent buses. Donald said Jennie recently had surgery and can't lift anything, so Donald and Darren lifted cots. Donald asks if anyone will be assigned to help Jennie in case he or Darren are not available. Corey Strong said he talked with Andy Dakto who will have Robbie Goggeye assist Jennie when needed.

Donald Chosa Jr. thanks the police for checking in on everyone during the power outage.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #55-2015, lease modification to Sheila Lumbar lease to removed deceased husband Lyle J. Lumbar from lease and add son Lyle Lumbar Jr. to the lease; and adjust annual rental rate from \$1.00 a year to \$0.00 a year. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #56-2015, lease modification to Crystal Villebrun and Angela Villebrun lease to removed Rosemary King (deceased) from the lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the agreement for the Honeywell Instant Alert System. This system will notify employees and elders of office closures and various activities. Randy Long said it can accommodate 400 users. 200 will be used for staff and 200 for elders and if any of those are left then for community members. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #57-2015, submission of grant application to the Administration for Native Americans for a Language Preservation and Maintenance project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #58-2015, participation in a collaborative effort with other Minnesota Tribal Nations, to prepare and submit an application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Housing Trust Fund, Long Term Homelessness grant opportunity; and to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to collaboratively apply for and administer funding to prevent and end homelessness. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the agreement with National Credit Reporting for fingerprint equipment for staff to get FBI background reports for suitability positions for the tribal government and Bois Forte Development Corporation. Carried 4-0-0.'

Karlene Chosa is requesting to initiate the investigation against Ray Toutloff.

Chairman Leecy said he received that information yesterday. He said he spoke to the council, the process is started. It was sent to Corey Strong. Corey Strong has been in contact with Mark Anderson.

Dawn Benner said a violation is a very serious thing. People put the council in office. In regard to her cousin, it was a gruesome thing. The council member should have stayed away. The man he stood up for took her cousin away.

Pam Hughes said this is not the place to take this up. That is her brother. He is an alcoholic. This issue was in tribal court. Her brother is in jail. All she knows is a woman lost her life. Pam said she lives with that every day. Alcohol was a factor, with all three of those people. Pam said she is 53. She has lived with a brother that lived with alcohol since a young age. This shouldn't be addressed in a council meeting, it should be addressed in court. There are many families in the community that are affected. She hopes one day he comes to make amends. Pam said she heard people wrote letters but she has never seen the letters.

Darren Landgren asks when the ethical code is complete, can the results be viewed.

Chairman Leecy said the results will be available.

Harold "Dayshun" Goodsky said there needs to be more landings in Nett Lake. He said some other things needs for the youth is running space, a running path through the woods, basketball, a pool, and need help with the lake.

Chairman Leecy said the grantwriters can look at grants for landings at Nett Lake.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.