

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held August 5, 2015 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 10:22 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; Kay Davis; Ira Brown; Bernard O'Leary; Norm Adams; Donald Chosa Jr.; Dawn Benner; Louise Isham; Joel Astleford; Carol Burr; Roxanne Goggleye; Dorothy Strong; Bill Latady; Kim Greiner; Melissa Wright; Edith Villebrun; Tom Burr; Robert Mathis; Troy King; Andy Datko; Miranda Lilya; Jeneal Goggleye; Gordon Adams Jr.; Davelle Jones; Marybelle Isham; Billie Mason; Lance Kingbird; Erynn Morrison; Ranae Witschen; Marne Kaeske

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agenda with the addition of individuals from the Spectrum Carefree Living in Orr MN. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 17, 2015 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 30, 2015. Carried 4-0-0. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Miranda Lilya introduces Davelle Jones who is the new Human Resources Generalist.

Ranae Witschen and Diane Cruse introduce themselves to the council and the audience. They are from the Spectrum Carefree Living Center in Orr MN. They will help with any needs anyone might have. They will hold community education events at Carefree Living if anyone wants any. They hold bingo every fourth Thursday of the month. They will be starting in September the Senior Linkage Line which helps

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out with things like questions on Medicare. They are hiring for resident assistants so let people know. If anyone wants to come in and see the home, they are welcome to come in and have coffee or lunch. They are located under the water tower in Orr.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approval of the request from Muriel Deegan for Fortune Bay to be the sole-source food vendor for the Lake Vermilion Powwow.
- 2) To close all tribal government offices on July 23 for the RTG employee picnic.
- 3) Approval of the request from Katie Laitenen to hold a raffle to raise money to help with medical and travel expenses for Jessica Gustafson and her husband while she is in the hospital.
- 4) Approval of the per capita time line. The deadline for address changes is July 31 at 4:30 pm. The per capita distribution date is August 7.

Carried 4-0-0.

Melissa Wright informs the council the Hearth Connection contract is ending June 30, 2015. Hearth Connection is in the process of changing the contracting fiscal year period. Hearth Connection is amending the current contract until December 31, 2015. The new fiscal year for the program will begin January 1, 2016. Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve amending the Hearth Connection contract to extend it to December 31, 2015 . Carried 4-0-0.

Marne Laeske from the 1854 Authority office is requesting the use of the Johnson Lake camp for the firearm safety clinic and youth education clinics they will be hosting. They are also requesting assistance for improvements and road maintenance to the camp. There is also debris and old equipment at the site. Marne said they need a backdrop/range for the hunter safety certification clinics.

Corey Strong said when the DNR's firing range by forestry was closed the BIA Environmental did a report. They made recommendations on building firing ranges but would rather have people refrain from building them. An issue was contaminants – lead. Corey asked DNR staff to look for that report so if this range was built, those guidelines could be followed. Corey said DNR is suggesting no firing ranges, if there is one do it off reservation. If there is one there needs to be some type of layer of berm to prevent contaminants from getting into the ground.

Chairman Leecy said the Johnson Lake site is off reservation so there will probably be some type of environmental review that needs to be done.

Corey said the county zoning ordinances would have to be followed.

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Ray Toutloff said the main concern is the issue with lead. There is lead free ammunition made now. Ray said public works could probably do the road maintenance. The Vermilion maintenance staff does go up and preps the site for the language immersion camps.

Chairman Leecy said the access portion to the property isn't owned by the Band, it is U.S. Forest Service land. It would require negotiations with them to alter any part of it.

Corey Strong said there is a meeting between the council and the U.S. Forest Service coming up. Corey said Marne should run it by Sonny Meyers and Darren Voight, and then it could be brought up at that meeting.

Marne said in regard to the debris and old equipment, her and Leo Vidal had considered contacting the local Minnesota Security Offenders Program where inmates do public service. Marne and Leo got in contact with the coordinator of that program. Clean up of the site could be something they would do free of charge to the Band. Marne said if that is something the council is interested in doing, that she would coordinate that.

Chairman Leecy said that can be looked into. He tells Marne to get information on it and bring it to the next 1854 meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to appoint E. Curt Goodsky as a member to the Conservation Committee and Ray Villebrun Sr. as an Alternate. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the Programmatic Agreement on Cultural Resources with the Superior National Forest. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #1-2016, residential lease for Timothy O'Leary. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #2-2016, amendment to the Criminal Code by adding Subdivision 7 to Section 508.1 in regard to Sentencing of Sex Offenders, adding Section 608.06 in regard to SORNA Code Violations, and Section 608.07 in regard to Exclusion zones for Sex Offenders, effective today. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the 401(k) Plan – Fund Allocation Change to eliminate the Pioneer Fund VCT Portfolio-Class 1(224) and move any participant money in that fund to the Voya Russell Large Cap Index Port I (1557), for both the Bois Forte Reservation (PHB222) and Bois Forte Enterprises (PHB223) 401k Plans, effective October 1, 2015. Carried 4-0-0.

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Brandon Benner leaves the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the request to reduce the number of 401(k) loans that the 401(k) participants can take out from two (2) loans to one (1) loan effective

October 1, 2015, for both the Bois Forte Reservation (PHB222) and Bois Forte Enterprises (PHB223) 401(k) Plans. Carried 3-0-0.

Brandon Benner returns to the meeting.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #3-2016, appointing Jennifer Pontinen as a Trustee of the Bois Forte Enterprises 401(k) Retirement Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adopt resolution #4-2016, appointing Jennifer Pontinen as a Trustee of the Bois Forte Commercial Businesses (401(k) Retirement Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to accept the 2014-2015 AIAN Annual Head Start Program Information Report from the Bois Forte Head Start Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution 5-2016, corrections to the Arrears Policy, to be effective October 1, 2015. Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union is to be deleted from the policy because the credit union is to be kept separate from the tribal government. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the budget modifications to transfer \$75,000 to the Funeral Fund. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.