

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held August 26, 2015 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; Andy Datko;
Randy Long; Joel Astleford; Carol Burr; Panda Whiteman; Roger Wakemup;
Bernard O'Leary; Robert Mathis; Edith Villebrun; Jennie Rowland; Josh Villebrun;
Rich Antell; Bev Miller; Kim Greiner; Dawn Benner; Rocky King; Tara Geshick;
Cathy Chavers; Helen Wilkie; Billie Mason; Doris Isham; Mike Connor; Norm
Adams

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

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held August 5, 2015 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

There are no new tribal government employees to introduce.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approval of grant application for Head Start One-Time Health and Safety Supplemental Application for funding for two (2) bus garages,
- 2) Approval of resolution #9-2016, MnDOT/FTA 5311 Grant Application,
- 3) Approval of resolution #10-2016, grant application to NB3 Foundation for a Seeds of Native Health Capacity Building Grant in regard to Childhood Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes,
- 4) Approval of resolution #11-2016, acceptance of two operating subsidy grant awards for the New Moon Supportive Housing Project, one from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Long Term Homeless Housing Trust Fund and one from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Housing with Support for Adults,

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- 5) Approval of contract with Rochelle Johnson for presentation at the Historical Trauma Conference being held August 27 at Nett Lake.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #12-2016, Bois Forte Public Transportation/Big Woods Transit Policy regarding urine drug testing and breath alcohol testing for safety sensitive positions. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to increase the minimum wage for tribal government employees to \$9.10 per hour effective August 1, 2015. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Bois Forte Housing Department Elder and Disabled Maintenance Policy and Registration Form. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the grant agreement for the VAWA STOP Special Projects for Tribal Reservations 2015 for Bois Forte Reservation. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request for the elder activities committee to conduct three raffles for fund raisers for the elder activities committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Gabrielle Holman's request to purchase a YSI Hydrolab with EPA CWA 106 Funds is taken off the agenda because this does not need council approval. Gabrielle got three quotes as required and it will be paid for with EPA CWA 106 funds.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the catering contract with the Nett Lake School and the Bois Forte Head Start and Child Care Center for 2015-2016. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agreement with Peggy Hiestand Harri for nutrition consultant services for the Bois Forte Head Start. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #13-2016, 2015 Bois Forte Tribal Government Hazard Mitigation Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Rich Antell from the American Indian Community Development Corporation/Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Loan Fund inform the council of a program they have that helps clients with down payments and closing costs for home ownership in the urban areas in Minnesota. Rich is asking Bois Forte to commit \$10,000 towards the program. That would help five Bois Forte Band members. The Band member would save \$1,000, once the Band member saves that, the tribal investment would be

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\$2,000 and the Assets for Independence (AFI) investment would be \$2,000. So the Band member would have \$5,000 to use for the down payments and closing costs.

Chairman Leecy said if this is approved, that he would like to see a one-year timeline. Rich Antell said they would evaluate it in a year.

Rich Antell is informed the Tribal Council will consider the \$10,000 for the BiiGiiWin Community Development Loan Fund Program in the budget process starting October 1, 2015.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution 4-2016, National Congress of American Indians 2015-2016 tribal and individual membership dues. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to appoint Joel Astleford as the main point of contact to the State Transportation Plan with Andy Datko as the alternate. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.