

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 23, 2015 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:17 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; Rae Edstrom; Robert Mathis; Randy Long; Bill Latady; Pam Hughes; Karen Drift; Josh Villebrun; Irene Boney; Honore Lehtinen; Melissa Walls; Cindy McDougall; Les Whitbeck; Carol Burr; Joel Astleford; Andy Datko; Kim Greiner; Tara Geshick; Dawn Benner; Edith Villebrun; Jeneal Goggeye; Jon Connor; Bev Miller; Billie Mason; Tracey Dagen; Doris Isham; Lorraine Connor; Simona Benner; Kevin Strong; Sidra Startkovich; Norm Adams; Bennett Morris

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held August 26, 2015 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Randy Long introduces Bennet Morris who is the new GIS Manager.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approving the sole-source for ABE to be the sole source provider for the recommissioning/repair of the boiler for the Nett Lake Clinic.
- 2) Approving the sole-source for service contract with Abbott Diagnostics for the Health Lab.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Native Voice One (NV1) Station Affiliation Agreement for KBFT Radio. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the 2015-2016 Commercial Insurance Package Policy from Travelers Insurance Company. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Nett Lake Head Start & Early Head Start/Child Care License and the Vermilion Head Start License. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve an increase in income eligibility guidelines for the Emergency Assistance Funds. Carried 4-0-0.

Pam Hughes, Les Whitbeck, Melissa Walls, and Cindy McDougall give an update on the Bii-Zin-Da-De-Dah project. It is funded through the National Institute of Health. It will include six reservations. There will be an advisory board and they need someone from Chemical Dependency, Mental Health, Education, and ICWA. They are asking to appoint Pam Hughes from CD with Terry Strong as the alternate, to appoint Jennifer ElMBERG from Mental Health with Honore Lehtinen as the alternate. No one has responded from Education and ICWA yet. The council tell Pam to get the names from Education and ICWA and the council will take action on the appointments when they have all the names.

This is a five-year program. Bois Forte had one before. It is a family-centered alcohol and drug prevention program for Anishinabe pre-adolescents aged 8-10 years. Follow-up will be done to see if it is working.

Pam Hughes said Bois Forte is currently using the 14-week Bii-Zin-Da-De-Dah curriculum at Bois Forte and the International Falls Prevention Program. Terry Strong does it at the Boys & Girls Club.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the request from Human Resources to offer two (2) voluntary products to the eligible tribal government employees at Bois Forte at the 2015 Annual Re-Enrollment in November with an effective date of January 1, 2016. They are UNUM Whole Life Insurance and Short Term Disability. Carried 4-0-0. This is because the renewal numbers for Base Life and Long Term Disability insurance rates are going up based on claims history, and if voluntary insurance products were offered to employees Bois Forte would get the first increase of 24%. If the products were not offered, the increase will be 51%. The Long Term Disability rate will go up 11.4% whether or not voluntary products are offered.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the sole-source contract with Vital Diagnostics Incorporated/ELITECH for the acquisition of Vermilion Clinic chemistry machine. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the sole-source from Sundancer Solutions-MLR Prodigy for a user license, updates, upgrades, technical support and customer service software package for the Purchased Referred Care Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #15-2016, adding the walking trail to the Bois Forte Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Inventory. The trail is from Pineview to West Ball Park Road along Nett Lake Road. Carried 4-0-0.

Joel Astleford is asked about making the walking trail to the reservation line, and also at Palmquist. Joel said there could be wetlands issues and the speed limit to the reservation line, but that he could look at it. Joel is to look at and make recommendations for doing the walking trails in phases.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the sole-source from Metro Sales for a copier for Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #16-2016, appointment of Gloria Love to the Wisdom Steps Board, and Doris Isham as the Alternate. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #17-2016, grant application to Department of Health and Human Services through the Indian Health Service Special Diabetes Program for Indians for funding for diabetes prevention. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #18-2016, closing out accounts at the Office of the Special Trustee, Department of the Interior and requesting the account balance be paid to the Bois Forte general checking account. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the FY2016 Distribution Fund Budget. Brandon Benner said he brings it up every year that he will always be against communications. Chairman Leecy said communications is needed. Chairman Leecy said to do a bid process for communications next time and he is calling for a motion on the budget either with or without communications.

Moved by Brandon Benner; to approve the FY 2016 Distribution Fund Budget without the Communications line item, and to table the Bois Forte News line item.

Corey Strong said the council could approve the budget and do a bid process in October.

Chairman Leecy asks for a motion to table the budget until the three bid process is done for communications. Doris Isham asks what do the programs do on October 1. Chairman Leecy said shut down like the federal government.

Ray Toutloff asks about a continuing resolution. Chairman Leecy said the continuing resolution would be on the 2015 budget until the three bid process is done. Corey Strong asks why can't the budget be approved but just not give it right away to Helen.

Chairman Leecy said that is what the budget meeting is for, to go over the line items and bring up the issues then so the council can work on them. If the council wants to do that, Chairman Leecy said he has issues too. But that is what the budget meeting was for.

Ray Toutloff said the budget process was followed, the budget meeting was held, and Kim was given a directive, and she is bringing it back here and she complied with the council directive, and all that needed to be done was approve the budget. Ray asks if any programs would be cut negatively if a continuing resolution was done, and would the council be continuing a program that was cut.

Kim Greiner said it wouldn't be done at 2015 level because the budget has an across the board cut. It could be done to the basic part of the program to keep it running but to hold off on the large purchases.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; that without naming any names right now, to set \$180,166 in the budget for communications and the newspaper and approve the budget, and after the budget is approved to begin looking for bids. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to appoint Corey Strong as Bois Forte Representative to the Minnesota Historical Society with Bev Miller as the alternate. Carried 3-1-0. Karlene Chosa against because she thinks since Corey is the executive director he should do executive director stuff.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.