

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held December 16, 2015 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:25 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; Chuck Wagner; Bill Whiteman; Joel Astleford; Andy Datko; Donald Chosa Jr.; Miranda Lilya; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Lela Goodsky; George Strong; Jim Morrison; Jennie Rowland; Karen Drift; Tara Geshick; Kim Greiner; Billie Mason; Edith Villebrun; Eddie Chavers; Jeneal Goggeley; Wesley Martins; Louise Isham; Dani Pieratos; Norm Adams

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; 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 November 18, 2015 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota with a correction to page 2, paragraph 7, to insert "because we are receiving federal money, we need to go with the low bidder"; and to correct the resolution number on page 2, paragraph 6, to change "#34-3016" to "34-2016". Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Andy Datko introduces Jim Morrison who is the new Maintenance Technician. George Strong introduces Chuck Wagner who is the new Legacy Project Coordinator.

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

- 1) approval of request from Beverly Steel and others to hold a raffle for 500 gallons of propane, donated by Ferrellgas, for the Ray Villebrun fundraiser. Tickets will be \$5.00 a ticket.
- 2) Approval of the lease with Club Car for golf carts for The Wilderness.

Carried 4-0-0.

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Wesley Martins said Indian Legal Assistance is looking for additional funds from other funding sources and he is requesting letters of support from Bois Forte when needed. He said when he makes his proposals he will be specific about dollars amounts and how it will be spent. He said Indian Legal

Assistance has a high case load for the amount of staff they have. They work with low income people, the same income guidelines as food stamps.

Chairman Leecy said Bois Forte could probably do letters of support. Chairman Leecy said the council has been meeting with the departments and one of the things they ask about is the amount of continuances in tribal court which are clogging the system and slowing the process down. Wesley said part of the issue is getting materials on cases to provide a defense. He said they will ask for a recess if they haven't received all the materials or have not had time to review it with clients.

Karlene Chosa said she sits on the MCT Education/Health Subcommittee and the numbers that come back are always high for the St. Louis County area. Karlene asks Corey to write a report on the amount of money given to Indian Legal Assistance each year because she feels there are Band members that are underserved.

Karlene Chosa wanted further discussion with Kim Greiner and some of the program directors on the Benefit Plan Funding for 2016 at the council's Monday morning meetings. Kim Greiner said the programs already budgeted for this.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Benefit Plan Funding for 2016:

- 1) Health Insurance: increase of 10% for self-funded health plan,
- 2) Dental Insurance: no recommended increase, funding levels will remain,
- 3) Basic Life Insurance: Approximately 24.13% increase,
- 4) Accidental Death & Dismemberment: no recommended increase, funding levels will remain,
- 5) Long Term Disability: approximately 11.4% increase to Long Term Disability rates.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve FY 2016 Budget Modification #2 to fund the following programs:

Native Hearts Fitness Center	\$20,300	
Language Culture Coordinator/Immersion Camp		\$8,900
TERO	\$50,000	
ICWA	\$15,000	
Duluth Urban Office Set Up	\$5,000	

Carried 4-0-0.

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Brandon Benner would like a breakdown in the newspaper of how and why it was done, the tax money from the state, and also where it goes.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to purchase a stacker machine for the mail room at the government and community services building in Nett Lake. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the sole-source purchase of a used dumpster trailer from Hiawatha Reddy Rents for \$9,000.00 for the environmental solid waste curbside service program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve four students from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, who will be visiting Bois Forte March 14-17, 2016 to work on the reservation by shadowing community health's home visits and shadowing at the clinics. They want to learn more about tribal healthcare and culture. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the contract with The Flint Group as the ad agency for Fortune Bay effective December 1, 2015. Carried 4-0-0.

Karlene Chosa is requesting the council to designate the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO) building in Duluth as a polling site for the upcoming tribal election. She said it would cost \$100 per election. And that the post office closed in Duluth.

Chairman Leecy said it is a good idea, but the budgets were already set. He said there were always plans to do this, but when the Duluth urban office opened. There needs to be information put together on the costs – staffing, etc.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to table the request for a polling site in Duluth, for further review and discussion. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairman Leecy said at the next RTC meeting there will be more information on this. Corey Strong said he will get the costs involved with elections boards, staffing costs, etc. Corey is also to see what other reservations have polling sites in Duluth.

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