

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 3, 2016 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

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; Gordon Adams Jr.; Doris Isham;
Karen Drift; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Dawn Benner; Sidra Starkovich; Miranda Lilya;
Jaime Burdick; Joel Astleford; Jennie Rowland; Tom Burr; Eddie Chavers; Andy
Datko; Carol Burr; Tara Geshick; Josh Villebrun; Cory Kovatovich; Billie Mason;
Donald Chosa Jr.; Jeneal Gogleye; Virgil Sohm; Edith Villebrun; Miranda Lilya;
Simona Benner; Darren Landgren; Kim Greiner; Marybelle Isham; Jake Isham;
Norm Adams

Discussion on the agenda. Corey Strong requests to add Doris Isham with a grant request and Virgil Sohm with a request to open an office in Virginia. Karlene Chosa requests to add the reinstatement of Donald Chosa Jr with the language program.

Chairman Leecy informs Karlene that the action was taken by the council, that that is her husband and would be unethical. Karlene Chosa tells Chairman Leecy that he is not a voting member. Chairman Leecy tells her she can make a motion to add her item to the agenda.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; to add the reinstatement of Donald Chosa to the agenda. Chairman Leecy calls for a second. Chairman Leecy calls for a second again. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Karlene Chosa requests to add to the agenda the blood quantum issue that Chairman Leecy talked about at the State of the Band. It is going to be on the referendum. The TEC meeting is next week. Chairman Leecy said it was discussed at a Monday meeting. It will go to the federal government for their approval and then it will go to a secretarial election. There is no date for the secretarial election. David Morrison

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Sr. said there is a letter going out by MCT President Norm Deschampe to the Bureau in regard to their lack of responding on what the MCT had passed. Karen Diver resigned her position at Fond du Lac and is

currently working in Washington DC with President Obama's staff. She is doing all she can to speed up the process out there. This issue is not due to the lack of the MCT, it is due to the lack of the Bureau.

Chairman Leecy informs the audience that Josh Villebrun was promoted to Lieutenant at the Bois Forte Police Department.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with the additions of Doris Isham with a grant request and Virgil Sohm with a request to open an office at Virginia. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held January 20, 2016 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Linda Tibbetts-Barto introduces Jake Isham who is the new Solid Waste Technician. Miranda Lilya introduces Cory Kovatovich who is the new On-Call Receptionist.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #53-2016, grant application/contract with the Minnesota Department of Health for funding for the Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative Grant. The grant would be to do a community assessment for diabetes, case management, and for a dietician and podiatrist. The 10% match or funding or in-kind will come from Health. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the request for the powwow committee to conduct 50/50 raffles and bingo games at the Mid-Winter Powwow. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #54-2016, lease modification to the lease for Shawn Villebrun to remove Rosemary King from the lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #55-2016, modification to Anita Lynn lease to change from residential to recreational lease and to change name from Anita Lynn to Anita Lynn Milbridge. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #56-2016, modification to Larry D. Milbridge lease to add wife Anita Lynn Milbridge to lease. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #57-2016, recreational lease, Sidra Starkovich. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #58-2016, lease cancellation, David Scott Anderson. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #59-2016, lease cancellation, Gerald Goggeye, Jr. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #60-2016, lease, Gerald Goggeye, Jr. and assigning lease to Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation for purposes of financing. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the professional services agreements with Pine Beach LLC for environmental work that is required per 25 CFR Part 151 for the pending Johnson Lake & Holmes Acquisitions. Carried 4-0-0.

Tom Burr gives an update on the Y-Store Highway 169 parcels. He did the publication. He is currently drafting the warranty deed, and if there are no appeals in Federal District Court on February 22 it will be approved and will be formally into trust. Tom will get it recorded once it is approved on the 22nd.

Joel Astleford informs the council the street lights on Indian Point road will be classified as security lights instead of street lights. The lights will be put on the electricity poles but they will try not to position them in front of people's houses because some want lights and some do not. Joel will meet with the electricity company next week to figure out where the lights will be placed so that the electric company will be responsible for maintaining them. And then Public Works will pay the monthly fee for the lights.

David Morrison Sr. asks for an update on the road to Indian Point. Joel Astleford said it will be paved all the way from Highway 23 to Indian Point and should be done by the end of this construction season. When it gets to Indian Point, that road will be overlaid with chip seal since that road was done about six years ago.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to appoint Tadd Johnson as Election Court of Appeals Judge for the upcoming tribal election and to appoint Christopher Anderson as the Alternate Election Court of Appeals Judge. Carried 4-0-0.

Virgil Sohm said they would like to open an office at Virginia for the Bois Forte Mental Health Program. Virgil is asked what the name of the building would be. Virgil said "Bois Forte Behavioral Health".

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office would be used as a drop in center for local Bois Forte Band members and other tribal members. They could utilize office computers to seek employment, update resumes, or apply for health care. Also it would be a place for people to wait for the transit. Other services would include those for clients.

Jeneal Gogleye said when the council met with Human Services staff Honore brought this up. Virgil has the lease today but before he presents it, Mark Anderson needs to look at it.

Karlene Chosa she wants to talk with the Mental Health staff about this. She said it is election time and people will think it is an urban office. Karlene wants the mental health staff to come to the meeting the council has on Mondays for more discussion.

Moved by Brandon Benner; to approve the lease for the office in Virginia for the Bois Forte Mental Health Program.

Chairman Leecy said the MCT has an office in Virginia that helps people with computers and things.

Karlene asks when it would be open and ready for clients. Virgil said once it is approved, they would need to paint and order office furniture.

Jeneal Gogleye said since there are additional questions they should meet on Monday. Staff should answer the questions the council has. Jeneal said this was brought to the council for informational purposes and approval to proceed with looking at getting the office.

Brandon Benner withdraws his motion.

It is the consensus of the council for Virgil to proceed with looking into it.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.