

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held November 16, 2016 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Brandon Benner;
Ray Toutloff

Members Absent: Travis Morrison (will be late)

Others Present: Corey Strong; Mark Anderson; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Dani Pieratos;
Wendy Thompson; Andy Datko; Bill Latady; Kathie Holman; Everett Huisman;
Angela Wright; Lynette Tahtinen; Panda Whiteman; Sandy Kornowski; Miranda
Lilya; Tara Geshick; Rosemary Strong; Lorna Landgren; Steve Rauker; Rick
Anderson; Doris Isham; John Cook; Randy Long; Sue Larson; Kim Greiner; Joel
Astleford; Sidra Starkovich; Billie Mason; Jeneal Goggleye; Kristen Strong; Dave
Farmer; Jon Connor; Louise Isham; Dawn Benner; Missy Fisher; Walt King; Rocky
King; Mike Bass

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Travis Morrison enters the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of Sidra Starkovich with the bids for the installation of the security lights at the Vermilion Head Start building. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held October 19, 2016 in Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

There are no new tribal government employees to introduce.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approve sole source from Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union for gift cards for the Veterans in the amount of \$7,600.00; and approve sole source from Fortune Bay for the catering/banquet from Fortune Bay for the Veterans Dinner not to exceed \$6,000.00 (council poll vote was 4-0-0).
- 2) Approve Sasha Strong to hold a 50/50 raffle. She is raising funds to attend the North Woods school trip to Europe in June. She plans to sell 400 tickets at \$5.00 a ticket from November 4 through December 7 with the drawing on December 7 (council poll vote was 4-0-0).
- 3) Approve the FY2017 Fortune Bay Funding to Programs (council poll vote was 4-0-0).

Carried 4-0-0.

Steve Raukar, 7th District Commissioner, and John Cook, Artist, inform the council of the Hill of Three Waters/"Top of the World" mural project at the Hibbing Courthouse. It will be put in the courtroom assigned to Judge David Ackerson. Steve requests the council's support of the project, and input to the design and interpretation, as well as financial participation if the council chooses. John Cook gives his vision of the mural which will depict the Hill of Three Waters before the land was disturbed. Steve said they plan to secure funding for the project by March of 2017 and it will be available for public viewing in June or July of 2017.

Chairwoman Chavers lets them know the council will consult with the elders and spiritual advisor and will see how the council can get involved in the project.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the request from Dani Pieratos to sole source the upgrading software management system from HDS Doorways for the housing department. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #55-2017, grant application to the Federal Administration on Aging for funds under the Title VI of the Older Americans Act for the period beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2020, for continued supportive nutritional services to Native American people age fifty-five and older. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #56-2017, authorizing participation in a needs assessment project to collect information from the elders in the Bois Forte community in regard to long-term care including health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services. The information will be used as a necessary aspect of certain funding opportunities. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #57-2017, authorizing tribal participation in a nationwide elder needs assessment from the Three National Resource Centers who will be conducting the needs assessment which is a requirement for their AoA grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the contract with Lanyk Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$86,990.00 for the generator project at the Vermilion Early Head Start building (Lanyk Electric, Inc. was the lowest bidder of three bids). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the contract with Nelson-Collie Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$3,998 for the exit lighting project for the Head Start building (Nelson-Collie Electric, Inc. was the lowest bidder of three bids). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the purchase of three new buses from Telin Bus Sales for the Transit Program. (Telin Bus Sales was the lowest bidder of three bids). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the request to sole source the purchase of software from McKesson Pharmacy Systems to start the Vermilion Pharmacy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request to sole source the Point of Sale system and training from McKesson Pharmacy Systems for the Vermilion Pharmacy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the request to sole source the Point of Sale system and training from McKesson Pharmacy Systems for the Nett Lake Pharmacy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request to sole source the fifteen thermostats from UHL/ABE for the Head Start/Daycare in Nett Lake in the amount of \$5,420.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request to sole source the upgrade of the phone system from Arrow Systems Integration for the Head Start and other education offices in Nett Lake in the amount of \$27,531.34. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Native Hearts Fitness Center and the Vermilion Wellness Center Fitness Membership Contracts Policy for using the access cards to the fitness centers. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the revolving equipment fund (money is coming from the Office of Special Trustees from old timber sales). It will purchase equipment for programs and the programs would make payments, without interest, back to the fund to replenish the fund. This will apply to the purchase of the new Vermilion Truck. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to authorize Kim Greiner to start working with the American Bank about possible refinance of the USDA Bonds for the Water & Sewer, Senior Assisted Living Center and the Vermilion Clinic. The interest rates are between 3.25% - 5.125% and it might be possible to get them between 3% - 3.5%. Kim will meet with Joel Astleford, Jeneal Goggeley, and Carol Burr on this.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to close the Children's Trust Account at American Bank and put the money (\$1,293.00) into the Treaty Reserve Fund. When the minor trust accounts were transferred from Dain Bosworth to American Bank in 1999 there was an account that was not tied to an individual minor. Dain Bosworth would deposit anything questionable in that account and when they got an answer they would move the deposit to the correct account. Over time it earned some interest. When that account arrived at the American Bank it was called the children's trust account. All the other accounts have the minor child's name on the account. The account is not needed anymore. Carried 4-0-0.

Kim Greiner asks for clarification on two funds. The first is the Fund 107-Community Clean Up. Since the council opted to discontinue that program, Kim asks if the carryover can be transferred to the Fund 885-Curb Side Pickup Program. The second is the Fund 642-Language Cultural Coordinator. The Education division requested the balance of that fund to supplement the 617-Language Development Program.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve transferring the carryover of the Fund 107-Community Clean Up to the Fund 885-Curb Side Pickup Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Tara Geshick is asked how DNR will let people know the community clean-up program has been discontinued. Tara said Linda Barto will be notifying them and will also be sending them the solid waste code. Linda will also let them know how to get rid of the bulky stuff.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to table the request from the education department to transfer the Fund 642-Language Cultural Coordinator (about \$60,000) to the Fund 617-Language Development Program. Carried 4-0-0.

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Kim Greiner is working on the Indirect Cost proposal and is requesting that since the Vermilion Clinic will have an open pharmacy around February 1, 2017, that the courier position be relooked at. The courier originally was started to deliver medications to Vermilion each day. Kim wants to start an Office Supply Pool and this position would keep it stocked and distribute items as needed and do the run twice a week to Vermilion. Ray Toutloff feels the courier is very much needed, that the daily communication is a good thing.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to table the request for an Office Supply Pool. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the fee schedule adjustment for the license plates and tabs as presented by Michelle Fisher and Laura Larson, effective January 1, 2017. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Crime Victim Services grant agreement 2017-Office of Justice Programs for the domestic violence and sexual assault programs. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Purchased Referred Care (PRC) Rate Quote Agreement forms for negotiating provider rates with various hospitals and clinics. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #58-2017, support of the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce's Joint Purchasing Power Initiative involving all Indian tribes located in Minnesota in an effort to spur economic development for Tribes with Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #59-2017, Non-Disclosure Agreement with the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce for the Purchasing Power Initiative. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.

