

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held December 7, 2016 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Angela Wright; Andy Datko;
Donovan Strong; Jaime Burdick; Panda Whiteman; Dawn Benner; Sue Larson;
Randy Long; Tom Burr; Sidra Starkovich; Everett Huisman; Eddie Chavers; Carol
Burr; Bennett Morris; Shane Drift; Carolyn Wakemup; Joel Astleford; Kim
Greiner; Tara Geshick; Jeneal Goggleye; Simona Benner; Pete Isham; Billie
Mason; Alex Mehne; George Strong; Marybelle Isham; Edith Villebrun; Janell
Smith; Destinie Villebrun; Arianna Zapata; Michael Hoff; Troy King

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1) Donovan Strong with discussion on invasive species at Lake Vermilion, 2) Kim Greiner with a Christmas Club account match for employees, and 3) Janell Smith with a grant application. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held November 16, 2016 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Jennie Rowland introduces three new bus drivers for the transit program – Carolyn Wakemup, Pete Isham, and James Ryan.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the consent agenda: to sole source the elder gift cards from Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$28,158.00. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #66-2017, site lease agreement with T-Mobile Central LLC who will be leasing space on the tower at Nett Lake. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #67-2017, 2017-2018 Timber Harvest Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the purchase of the trimble unit from the low bidder, Frontier Precision in the amount of \$15,868.95, which will allow the forestry department to mark allotment borders more accurately and easily. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve to sole source the contract with Pine Beach LLC to do the Phase I environmental assessments for the Tax Credit 3 housing project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agreement with the University of Minnesota to place pedestrian counting and vehicle speed devices along the pedestrian trail and County Road at Vermilion for the Pedestrian Trail Usage Study and Traffic Safety. There is no cost to Bois Forte for the technical assistance. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers asks if that can be done at Indian Point. Andy Datko will see if they can do Indian Point when they do it at Vermilion.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the CR-BPS architectural services contract for the Tax Credit 3 housing project in the amount of \$243,674.72. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers said the council should meet with Kim Greiner and Corey Strong and look at a construction manager and inspector.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Brandon Benner; to appoint Ray Toutloff to the Bois Forte Head Start Policy Council. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Head Start and Child Care License for the Early Childhood Center Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve to sole source with TelePharm for equipment for the telepharmacy at Nett Lake and Vermilion which will be used for pharmacy technicians to fill prescriptions if the pharmacist is not on site. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the submission of the technology upgrade grants to the Office of Justice Programs, Crime Victim Services to upgrade the telephone system at the victim services building. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agreement with Architectural Resources Inc. for the design and specification development and profession services for the Vermilion Early Head Start Electric Generator in the amount of \$4,600.00. Carried 3-1-0. Brandon Benner against.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve to sole source the contract with John McCrady in the amount of \$12,450 to assist with the development of the 2017 CTAS application. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request from Shane Drift to hold events to generate funds for KBFT 89.9 FM Community Radio. They are:

- 1) Conduct donation drives at the KBFT events (they will post a flyer informing people that donations are not a requirement for attending any of the KBFT events).
- 2) Conduct donation drives during some of the North Woods Grizzlies Boys and Girls basketball games.
- 3) Conduct donation drives at the Tribal Government and Community Services building a couple times a year.
- 4) Conduct donation drives in Orr and cook (set up tables outside or inside a business in Orr and Cook).
- 5) Approach various businesses to donate gift cards, items from the business, and/or programs and hold silent auctions.
- 6) Approach some of the Minnesota Foundations for donations.
- 7) Approach the Mdewakanton Sioux Tribal Government for a donation (council will do this).
- 8) Approach the Prairie Island Tribal Government for a donation (council will do this).

Carried 4-0-0.

Donovan Strong - MN DNR Statewide AIS Advisory Committee, and Michael Hoff – U.S. Fish and Wildlife address the council to ask the council to consider developing aquatic invasive species laws/ordinances, and education efforts within Bois Forte. Donovan supervises the watercraft inspections on Lake Vermilion and at Ely. They did 568,000 inspections statewide in 2016 and of that 20,000 were done at Ely and Vermilion. Of those, 3 boats came from the metro area and had zebra mussels. They were on Moccasin Point and River Point access, and one at Burnside Lake. They were denied access. Donovan said they do not have an agreement with Fortune Bay but Fortune Bay said they could conduct the inspections. Donovan said there is no jurisdiction for enforcement by MN DNR. Donovan said there was a tribal member refusing a watercraft inspection citing ceded territory treaty rights. That member was not given an inspection. Donovan said the MN DNR is starting on the 2017 work plan for St. Louis and Lake Counties, and he would like to work with Tara Geshick on establishing ordinances and guidelines

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for aquatic invasive species. And work out some kind of agreement so they can do watercraft inspections at Fortune Bay. Other things to look at are the fishing lines and nets.

Mike Hoff gives the council information on climate change projections and wild rice. He said there are three stressors on the wild rice – climate change, aquatic invasive species, and habitat degradation.

Ray Toutloff said the 1854 Authority conducted boat inspections at the Marina.

Chairwoman Chavers said one of the things they have talked about at the 1854 meetings was climate change and the effects it has on wild rice. She said working with Tara Geshick and the council will be a good effort towards invasive species and climate change.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Christmas Account Matching Program for the Bois Forte tribal government employees. The tribal government will match dollar for dollar up to \$400. (This is the last year for COLA so this is an option for employees to save to have extra money for Christmas next year). Carried 3-1-0. Brandon Benner against based on the fact that it is coming from the general fund and the council doesn't know where they are or where they are headed.

Brandon Benner said the council needs to meet with the staff, and band members at various locations to get them the true facts of the numbers and dollars.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the submission of the FY 2017 Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program Education Grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.