

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held December 21, 2016 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:11 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Brandon Benner (on his way)

Others Present: Corey Strong; Vicki Villebrun; Andy Datko; Carol Booth; Lorna Landgren; Kathie Holman; Kim Greiner; Sue Wolf; Dani Pieratos; Russell Habermann; Carol Burr; Jael Astleford; Bill Latady; Wendy Thompson; Craig Dostert; Tim Johnson; Bev Miller; Tiffany Illg; Linda Bajan; Louise Isham; Angela Wright; Sidra Starkovich; Josh Gilson; Lance Hill; Sue Larson; Jeneal Goggeley; Billie Mason; Everett Huismann; Simona Benner; Dawn Benner; Eddie Chavers; Robyn Geshick

A moment of silence is held.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda. Carried 3-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers dispenses with the minutes and new staff until after the visitors from the Vermilion Trail Association are done.

Carol Booth, Russell Habermann and other members of the Lake Vermilion Trail Steering Committee are present and give a presentation on the proposed Lake Vermilion Trail which will be a 40 mile paved non-motorized trail that will connect the cities of Cook and Tower and used for walking, jogging, and biking. They plan to seek funding and plan to start construction in 2019 and it would be completed in twenty years. They are asking the council to join the Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board and they have a draft agreement. The others on the board would be the cities of Cook and Tower, the townships of Beatty, Breitung, Greenwood, Kugler, Owens and Vermilion Lake, and St. Louis County. The agreement would be to develop, own and manage the Lake Vermilion Trail, raise funds, and market and promote the trail. The annual dues would be \$1.00 per capita of residents in each respective area of jurisdiction which they said would be \$273.00 a year for Bois Forte.

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Chairwoman Chavers informs the Lake Vermilion Trail Steering Committee the Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Agreement will be sent to the tribal attorney for review.

Brandon Benner enters the meeting during the presentation and discussion on the proposed Lake Vermilion Trail.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held December 7, 2016 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Billie Mason introduces Tiffany Illg and Linda Bajan who are the new Early Head Start Teachers.

Sidra Starkovich received three quotes to provide fencing for the Vermilion Head Start (to replace 4 foot high fencing with 6 foot high fencing around the playground, as required by Head Start). Sidra is recommending approval of the contract with the low bidder which was Iron Oaks Fencing in the amount of \$16,100.70.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the contract with the low bidder, Iron Oaks Fencing in the amount of \$16,100.70 for the fencing at Vermilion Head Start. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the construction contract with the low bidder, MB Customs Development, in the amount of \$20,614.20 to replace 2 exterior doors, a portion of flooring and install exterior motion lights at Vermilion Head Start. Carried 4-0-0.

Kim Greiner is requesting permission to obtain a credit card reader and enter into an agreement to process credit card receipts for Public Works. She said currently Public Works does repairs for RTC programs but cannot do repair work for the police department because the BIA uses credit cards for payments. The credit card reader would allow the PD to utilize the public works for repairs. Brandon Benner asks about getting just one for the main office that would take care of everything. Kim said they haven't gotten one at the main office because of the accounting. There are a lot of fees associated with the credit cards they would need to find out who pays the credit card fees. Kim said there is one more program that will be needing a credit card reader. Kim is recommending trying this for six months, review it, and then consider putting them in other places.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the credit card machine for Public Works and get a report back to the council in six months in regard to how it is working out. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve opening a new bank account at the American Bank for the Pharmacy. Point of sales equipment has been ordered from McKesson which will

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allow the pharmacies to collect the prescription co-pays at the time of pick up. The separate bank account for these transactions will make it easier to reconcile the payments from the credit card processing company. (The electronic signature pad at Health already has the capability to accept credit cards). Carried 4-0-0.

Kim Greiner informs the council there are two tax programs for small businesses located on the reservation. One is named Indian Business Development Tax Rebate Program (reimbursing some or all

of Minnesota state motor fuels and sales taxes for Indian-owned businesses on the reservation). The other one is named Indian Business Development Incentive Program (rebate of sales taxes collected by Indian-owned businesses on the reservation) approved in 1999 which she wasn't aware of and has never been used. Kim is asking if the council wants to continue the second program and if so she will need to update the forms.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Indian Business Development Incentive Program with updating by Kim to make it more usable for our time period. Carried 4-0-0. Kim Greiner will write an article to let people know about the two programs.

At the November 16 RTC meeting the request from the education department to transfer the carryover from Fund 642-Language Cultural Coordinator to the 617-Language Development Program was tabled. Kim Greiner is asking for direction on it. The amount is \$71,390.41. Billie Mason is present to let the council know what it will be used for. It will be cover three months (July, August, and September 2017) for salary, office furniture, incentives and food expenses for language education activities, stipends for elders to help with language education activities, staff development, language curriculum, and program supplies for an after school Ojibwe club. Teresa Strong, Curriculum Developer for the Language Development Program will be seeking grants for the program.

Chairwoman Chavers calls for a motion to approve the transfer of the carryover of the \$71,390.41 from the Fund 642 to Fund 617.

Kim Greiner said it could be tabled and looked at again in May. Council recommends tabling it since it is for July, August, and September of 2017 and in the meantime education can look for other funding for that program.

Chairwoman Chavers withdraws the call for a motion to approve the transfer and calls for a motion to table the transfer.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison to table the transfer of the carryover transfer request. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the correction to the Christmas Savings Match for Head Start employees. Head Start employees do not work year round so they would do the payroll deductions for 15 pay periods instead of 20 pay periods the other employees are doing. This will also be a dollar for dollar match up to \$400.00 for the Head Start employees. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Marty Connor to conduct The "Billy Baroo" 50/50 Golf Putt Challenge fundraiser for KBFT to offset the cost of broadcasting North Woods Grizzlies sports. He plans to start it January 2, 2017. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve to sole source the agreement with PLEXIS Healthcare Systems, Inc. for software and services for the Purchased Referred Care Program to better monitor the program monies and accept claims electronically. Carried 4-0-0.

Dani Pieratos is requesting to sole source two contracts with Carlson McCain. The first contract is to sample/decontaminate two vacant housing units in Nett Lake that tested positive for methamphetamine residue (it will cover pretesting to determine how much clean-up is needed and post testing to confirm that clean-up was completed and that the units are safe for occupancy again). The second contract is to provide a three hour training to housing staff on how to clean up a unit. If a unit is beyond their scope of clean-up the clean-up will have to be contracted out to professional cleaning crews.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request to sole source the two contracts with Carlson McCain. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers said she was contacted by the border patrol two weeks ago. They have acquired a drug dog and they offered their services to Bois Forte if it is ever needed. Chairwoman Chavers said the council met with St. Louis County Law Enforcement. One of the officers said an individual in the Virginia area passed away from Meth and Narcon brought him back. Chairwoman Chavers said the council will be addressing the drug issue in 2017. An example would be the supportive house in Vermilion is to be drug free and there is a possibility of having the drug dogs come over for random testing. There will be community meetings. A lot of the Band members are being robbed. She seen on Facebook where an elder in Vermilion got robbed of Christmas presents for her grandchildren. It is getting to the point where the council needs to take some tough action. The council will be meeting with the community, the departments, law enforcement. It is a bigger issue than the council can handle so the council will be looking for outside resources to assist.

Dani Pieratos said housing is working with the Bois Forte Police Department on an awareness campaign using U-Tube. They will be doing instructional videos and will use humor in it about drugs. She said if anyone wants to be in the video to let her know.

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Brandon Benner asks Carol Burr what the legalities are for taking the dogs around to the units. Carol said housing is covered for entry but will double check with Mark Anderson. Brandon said to put it out there that the dogs will be used.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the request from Lance Hill to sole source the contract with the University Of North Dakota Environmental Training Institute to provide In-House Lead Renovator Initial training at Bois Forte. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #68-2017, designating Beverly Miller as the Bois Forte Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Carried 4-0-0. (Bill Latady was the THPO but has offered to resign due to budget constraints. He will still do contract work when needed).

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.