

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 1, 2017 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:13 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; Eddie Chavers; Evertt Huismann;
Louise Isham; Pam Hughes; Joel Astleford; Jaime Burdick; Andy Datko; Jane
Lawrenz; Joe Witt; Randy Long; Jennie Rowland; Jeneal Goggleye; Josh
Villebrun; Tara Geshick; Dawn Benner; Carol Burr; Simona Benner; Tom Burr;
Kim Greiner; Miranda Lilya; Teresa Knifechief; Billie Mason; Dave Farmer; LuAnn
Drift; Vonda Carr; Heather Nelson; Christine Lundemo; Dani Pieratos; Rae
Edstrom; Wendy Thompson; Lela Goodsky; Rick Anderson; Brad Anderson

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to move the Organizational Chart from executive session to general session. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the agenda; with a donation request for Angela House whose house had a fire, and moving the organization chart from executive session to general session. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held December 21, 2016 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, 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 contract with Advantage Billing for a temp certified medical coder to help get caught up on the coding (council poll vote was 4-0-0).

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- 2) Approve contract with Broen Housing Consultants for services in the development of Tax Credit 3 housing project and work plan (council poll vote was 4-0-0).
- 3) Approve resolution: CTAS grant application to US Department of Justice (council poll vote was 4-0-0).
- 4) Approve contract with Twin Ports Testing for geo-technical (soil borings) for the Tax Credit 3 project (council poll vote was 4-0-0).
- 5) Approve Tribal Historic Preservation consulting contract with Bill Latady for the Bois Forte Heritage Museum (council poll vote was 4-0-0).

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Group Residential Housing Agreements for the New Moon and Nett Lake Duplexes. Carried 4-0-0.

Brandon Benner leaves the meeting.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison; to approve the grant contract for the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services Tribal Nation Grant Contract for Social Security (SSB) Advocacy and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) Advocacy. Carried 3-0-0.

Brandon Benner enters the meeting.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the lease agreement with LV Larson Companies, Inc. for office space for the Bois Forte Chemical Dependency Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agreement with James Bell Associates, Inc. for completion of the evaluation report for the Bois Forte Prevention Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agreement with James Bell Associates, Inc. for completion of the evaluation report for the International Falls Prevention Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agreement with Northeast Service Cooperative for broadband internet service. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #76-2017, recreational lease for Janet Walter and Victor Walter. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #77-2017, lease modification to Raymond Villebrun and Victoria A. Villebrun lease, to extend the lease another 25 years and change the annual rental rate. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #78-2017, lease medication to Richard W. O'Shea and robin R. O'Shea lease, to extend the lease another 25 years. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to transfer the police department Suburban SUV to the BIA. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #79-2017, Retained Services Addendum for FY 2017. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #80-2017, 2017-2020 Bois Forte Transportation Improvement Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to appoint Teresa Knife Chief to the statewide Dakota and Ojibwe Language Volunteer Working Group. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the Boys and Girls Club and whether to stay with the club or venture on our own. The Boys and Girls Club is given \$280,000 each year but they only budget \$120,000 for the Nett Lake and Vermilion clubs (which is only 42% that goes to Nett Lake and Vermilion clubs).

Corey Strong informs the council the National Native American Boys and Girls Club office also sends them \$40,000 for our two clubs. Corey said they asked if that money actually went to the Bois Forte clubs. Corey told them he didn't know, it was hard to track the financial report from the Boys and Girls Club.

Other issues at the clubs are the workers' wages are lower than the minimum wage. There are times staff want to do activities with the youth but are told they can't. Pam Hughes said Terry Strong goes into the club but her program provides everything. The LIEC provides transportation for the youth. The Bois Forte Prevention Program provides money and things for a lot of the events.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to end the agreement with the Boys and Girls Club and the money contributed. Carried 2-1-1. Ray Toutloff against. David Morrison Sr. silent.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #75-2017, renewal of the Gaming Facility License for Fortune Bay Casino. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #81-2017, National Indian Gaming Association membership dues. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison; to approve a \$500 donation to Angela House whose home was one of the units that was destroyed in the fire at Little Earth of United Tribes in Minneapolis. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on the Organizational Chart. Chairwoman Cathy Chavers said if this is approved today she would like it re-evaluated in a year. REDW did the salary schedule and recommended changes to the organizational chart. Those changes would be to 1) split the Health & Human Services Department. Sue Larson would handle the medical clinic and would be a co-director with Jeneal Goggleye who would handle the human services division. 2) move Lance Kingbird, Collections, under Kim Greiner. Currently he just does housing collections but under Kim he would do all collection on the reservation, like the water and san, and head start/daycare. 3) move KBFT to the IT department under Randy Long. 4) move Realty and GIS to the planning department (Realty was already moved). Chairwoman Chavers is recommending a Trust Land Management Division be placed under Corey Strong. That would include Forestry, Realty, and GIS. 5) all the maintenance at Nett Lake and Vermilion would be placed under Joel Astleford at Public Works department. 6) Jacque Wilson, Urban Office is under Corey Strong, but the Duluth Urban Office will be placed under Jacque. 7) Head Start would be separate from the Education department. (Christine Lundemo asked that Head Start be left under Education).

Dawn Benner said she was told the TERO would be moved under the Planning Department. She said she was not asked for input. She said she wants to stay under Corey Strong.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the organizational chart the way it was agreed to at the meeting at Fortune Bay. 1) separate Head Start from Education. 2) move Tom Burr and Bennett Morris to Planning. 3) Split Health and Human Services, 4) move KBFT under IT Department. 5) Lance Kingbird under Kim Greiner. 6) Transportation would be on its own. Vote is 2-2-0. David Morrison Sr. against. Ray Toutloff against. Chairwoman Chavers breaks the tie by voting against. Vote is 2-3-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Organizational Chart. 1) leave Jeneal Goggleye at Health. 2) have a new Human Services Director. 3) leave Head Start under Education. Other changes stay the same – Public Works (adding maintenance), IT (adding KBFT), Planning (adding GIS, Transportation and TERO), and Kim Greiner (adding Collections). Vote is 2-2-0. Travis Morrison against. Brandon Benner against. Chairwoman Chavers asks if the council would fund the new Human Services Director position. She is told yes. Chairwoman breaks the tie by voting against, because it would cost the tribe additional funds for the new human services director position. Chairwoman Chavers felt there are two individuals already hired and funded – there is a clinic manager

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and the health services director. Keep them in charge of the two departments and that way it doesn't cost the tribe any additional funds. Vote is 2-3-0.

Chairwoman Chavers said the organizational chart stays the same - Status Quo.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 p.m. Carried 4-0-0.