

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 15, 2017 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:18 a.m.

A moment of silence is held for those that have passed away.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Vicki Villebrun; Kim Greiner; Kristen Holmes; Jaime Burdick; Louise Isham; Josh Villebrun; Andy Datko; Christine Lundemo; Randy Long; p Miranda Lilya; Joel Astleford; Tara Geshick; Vonda Carr; Lorna Landgren; Evertt Huisman; Jeneal Goggleye; Billie Mason; Robin Geshick; Rick Anderson; Brad Anderson

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agenda with the addition of Kristen Holmes with a donation request from the Nij Nation and a request for the Nij Nation to hold a raffle at the Mid-Winter powwow this weekend; and the addition of an update on the Boys & Girls Clubs. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held February 1, 2017 at Nett Lake, Minnesota with the correction to delete "because there was another meeting and changes" on page four, paragraph five. 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) Approved the Heritage Museum Consulting Contract with Bill Latady (council poll vote was 3-1-0, Brandon Benner against).

Carried 4-0-0.

Kristen Holmes is requesting a donation for the Nijj Nation at NorthWoods High School and a request for the Nijj Nation to hold a raffle at the Mid-Winter powwow this weekend. The Nijj Nation is planning to take two trips this year, one for the 11th and 12th grade and one for the 7th through 10th grade.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the request for the Nijj Nation to hold a raffle at the Mid-Winter powwow this weekend. Their request for the monetary donation will be forwarded to the donation committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request from Randy Long to sole-source the phone system from Arrow Communications for Bois Forte Human Services in the amount of \$6,848.42. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the EPIC System Access Agreement with Essentia for electronic record keeping system at Bois Forte Health Services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the Minnesota Department of Health Pathway II Scholarship. This is not a grant, but a scholarship for the children. It will provide items like transportation, curriculum, culture supplies, books, classroom supplies. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Volunteer Agreement with Jane Lawrenz. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Volunteer Agreement with Joe Witt. Carried 4-0-0.

Jeneal Goggeye said Jane Lawrenz and Joe Witt have psychologist licenses and will be coming to provide psychologist services and to help with the billing and will be doing it for free.

Discussion was held on Wilkie Communications. Chairwoman Chavers said Brandon Benner had wanted this put on the agenda. It has been an ongoing issue, there has been no contract with her. This was to have been put out on an RFP. Louise Isham has been doing the Bois Forte News but still wants Helen to review the paper. Brandon Benner said for one month Helen billed and got paid for \$9,371 and times that by 12 months it would be \$120,000. Corey and Kim worked on an RFP but need direction from the council on what all the council wants from communications other than Louise taking over the paper. Chairwoman Chavers suggests bring the RFP to senior management to get their input, and also meet with Fortune Bay and get their input too.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to table the Wilkie Communications agenda item and develop a new RFP as soon as possible. Carried 4-0-0.

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Corey Strong gives an update on the Boys & Girls Clubs. He and Billie Mason have been working on it since the decision was made to terminate from the Northland Boys & Girls Club. Corey and Billie have worked on setting up a food ordering system with Fortune Bay, and setting up accounts for gas. Corey and Billie have been in contact with the Native American Boys & Girls Club. Carla Knapp from that organization will be back in her office next week and will give options on opening a new chapter. Corey said the money will still be the same on if a new chapter is opened or if Bois Forte went out on their own. Either way Bois Forte would have more control over the programming. Corey said the Northland Boys & Girls Club is willing to donate the equipment at the Nett Lake and Vermilion sites for the clubs. Chairwoman Chavers tells Corey to contact the Boys & Girls Club advisory councils and get their input.

Lorna Landgren addresses the council and said in regard to open meetings and transparency, that the council poll vote was 3-1-0 with Brandon Benner voting against on the Heritage Museum Consulting Contract with Bill Latady but no one got to hear why he voted against. Brandon Benner said the reason he voted against was because of the cuts, and what he saw was an agreement for consulting for \$120 an hour. Brandon said he is into a mode where money has to be saved and things have to be cut. He said there is a limit on the contract now for \$20,000 but in three months it might be changed to \$40,000 and he didn't want to see it get out of hand like Helen Wilkie.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0.