

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held November 1, 2017 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Vicki Villebrun; Andy Datko; Vern Adams; Barb Brodeen; Donna Hoffer; Noah Buccholz; Eddie Chavers; Louise Isham; Miranda Lilya; Lorna Landgren; Angela Wright; Vonda Carr; Jaime Burdick; Cory King; Kim Greiner; Robin Thorne; Joel Astleford; Curt Goodsky; Sidra Starkovich; Dani Pieratos; Dale Aukee; Brad Anderson; Carol Booth; Gordy Adams Jr.; Gloria Love; Rick Anderson; Panda Whiteman; Brent Chosa

Invocation by Vern Adams.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following changes: delete Miranda Lilya's agenda items re 401k loan reduction and 401k employer match/auto enrollment/auto increase; add a donation of the Vermilion hockey board; and move Sidra Starkovich to the bottom of the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held October 18, 2017 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Jaime Burdick introduces Cory King who is the new tribal police officer.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved the sole-source of the gift cards for the veterans from the Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$6,384.00.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve Great River Energy to reroute the transmission line by the Y-Store and to conduct a survey at the proposed site. Carried 4-0-0. The project will start in 2019. The existing line will be removed/retired and the right-of-way for the existing line will be released by Lake Country Power.

Gordy Adams Jr., Dani Pieratos, and Robin Thorne give a presentation on the proposed plan for the conveyance of the Tax Credit I homes which will be submitted to Minnesota Housing for their review and approval. They are requesting approval of the priority eligibility, the purchase price for the 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedroom homes, and the incentives for the tenants when purchasing the homes.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the priority eligibility for the conveyance of the Tax Credit I homes as follows:

- 1) Tenants without existing debt will be given priority for conveyance.
- 2) Tenants with debt that have successfully working within a payback plan for minimum of 24 months will have secondary priority for conveyance and if they are eligible the tenants may also be allowed to include any existing debt in their Section 184 or other mortgage financing program.
- 3) Housing staff will continue to work with other tenants who have debt to assist them in qualifying to purchase a home.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the purchase price of the Tax Credit I 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedroom homes as presented by Dani Pieratos for the tenants who want to purchase their homes. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the incentives for the tenants who purchase their Tax Credit I home for Fairness Rent Deduction, Credit-Favorable Rent Deduction, Credit-Favorable Inspection Deduction, and Credit-Favorable Timely Recertifications. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the sole-source request from Donna Hoffer for expanded scope of services for Hope Practice Management to provide one more day of training, instead of three days it will be four days, for the EPIC system in the amount of \$3,000. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #39-2018, amendments to Chapter XII-Domestic Violence Code, Chapters V and VI-Crimes and Offenses, and Chapter VII-Bois Forte Children's Court. Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Amendment #18-1 FY 2016-2018 BIA Self-Governance Multi-Year Funding Agreement. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; to approve the Self-Governance 2018 Funding Agreement – Reprogramming Request. Chairwoman Chavers calls for a second. Chairwoman Chavers calls for a second again. Seconded by David Morrison Sr. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the FY 2018 Tribal Transportation Program Addendum to the FY 2016-2018 Multi-Year Funding Agreement. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Agreement between the cities of Cook and Tower, Bois Forte, Townships of Beatty, Breitung, Greenwood, Kugler, Owens and Vermilion Lake, and the County of Saint Louis. Carried 4-0-0. This agreement is to plan, develop, construct, own, manage, maintain, repair, improve, expand, and promote the Lake Vermilion Trail, a hard surfaced trail between Cook and Tower. Once approved by all the entities, they would like a representative selected by December and the board would start in January and the project started in June.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve Architectural Resources, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the ENP and Food Distribution renovation project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to donate the Vermilion hockey board to the Tower hockey program, and to get assurance from them to include the Bois Forte youth in their hockey program. Carried 4-0-0.

Lorna Landgren addresses the council and asks about statements Chairwoman Chavers made in the Bois Forte News in regard to the money given to the government from Fortune Bay and where the money went. Chairwoman Chavers informs Lorna that Kim Greiner is working on it. Kim said she is compiling the records to find out what was given to the government.

Lorna Landgren said there is a rumor the government is broke and at that the last staff meeting Chairwoman Chavers said the government is not out of the woods yet, and that there is a rumor that the RTC had to borrow money to make payroll. Chairwoman Chavers informs Lorna that she said the government is not out of the woods yet because no one knows what the federal government will do.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.