

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held January 17, 2018 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

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

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Louise Isham; Jaime Burdick;
Randy Long; Eddie Chavers; Mari Barto; Donna Hoffer; Andy Datko; Sidra Starkovich; Barb Brodeen; Shane Drift; Kim Greiner; Billie Mason; Dawn Benner;
Joel Astleford; Tara Geshick; Leon Chosa; Robbie Goggeley; Simona Benner;
Bridgette Villebrun; Gordon Adams Jr.; Sue Larson; Miranda Lilya; Cory King

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held January 3, 2018 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Donna Hoffer introduces Mari Barto who is the new Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Worker. Tara Geshick introduces Leon Chosa who is the new Lead Technician. Kim Greiner introduces Bridgette Villebrun who is the new Courier.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the sole source request from Louise to purchase food and services from Fortune Bay for the Veterans Event held in November 2017 in the amount of \$6,150.40. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the sole source request from Louise Isham to purchase food and services from Fortune Bay for the State-of-the-Band in the amount of \$9,790.75. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to appoint Sidra Starkovich as Bois Forte representative to the Vermilion Trails Association Joint Powers Committee, with Joel Astleford as the alternate. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to award the contract to Up North Builders, who was the low bid, in the amount of \$9,674.00 for safety deficiency upgrades and repairs to the Nett Lake Law Enforcement Center. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the sole source request from Sidra Starkovich for the agreement with Falmouth Institute to provide on-site 2-day training “The

Fundamentals of Grant Writing for Tribal Organizations” in March for program managers and supervisors and she is also to open it up for other tribes to attend. This covers 30 participants, any more than 30 will be \$150 a person. Carried 4-0-0.

Brandon Benner said in regard to the action taken on the contract with UpNorth Builders that it was an oversight on his part that he didn’t read thoroughly the memo from Sidra Starkovich. He read the first part that said the project was advertised in the papers and Builders Exchange with no bids received. He now read the middle where it says when no bids were received Sidra personally contacted local companies and three expressed interest. A deadline was set for bids and one said he was not going to submit a bid, two others submitted bids. Brandon said MB Customs is a Band member and there was only a \$600 dollar difference between the two. Brandon would like to rescind his motion and go with MB Customs because they are a Band member business and have a lot of Band members working for them.

Kim Greiner said to check with Mark Anderson because those are federal dollars, just to be in compliance, re the procurement policy and the 10% X-factor, that the X-factor was applied but they still weren’t the low bid.

Mark Anderson is called on the telephone.

Mark Anderson said the council could waive the competitive bid of the procurement policy, then justify it. Sidra Starkovich said the approval from the funding agency, BIA, needs to be gotten too.

Brandon Benner leaves his motion as is, with the contract being awarded to Up North Builders.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Brandon Benner; to approve the request from Shane Drift for KBFT 89.9 FM conduct one raffle a month in 2018 to raise funds for the radio station. The raffles will be a 50/50 or an item if a business/individual donates an item. Carried 4-0-0. There is a raffle reporting form which Vicki Villebrun is to send to Shane.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the amendment to the contract with Sheree Moldenhauer to add travel expenses not to exceed \$6,000 retroactive to the date of December 1, 2017 while she provides Chemical Dependency counseling services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the sole source request from Donna Hoffer to purchase food and services from Fortune Bay for the Community Forum on Opioids being held January 30 in the amount of \$4,185. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #61-2018, calling on Minnesota Department of Education to use the definition of American Indian student that includes “persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintain a cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition”. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.