

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held January 21, 2015 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

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

Members Present: Kevin W. Leecy; David C. Morrison Sr.; Brandon Benner;  
Karlene Chosa; Ray Toutloff

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Mark Anderson; Vicki Villebrun; Randy Long; Kay Davis; Ira Brown; Eddie Chavers; Andy Datko; Robert Mathis; Sidra Starkovich; Myra Thompson; Karen Drift; Julia Wilde; Irene Boney; Jennie Woodenfrog; Donald Chosa Jr.; Joel Astleford; Dawn Benner; Beverly Steel; Brad Anderson; Carol Burr; Kim Greiner; Eric Strong; Dani Pieratos; Tara Geshick; Gabrielle Holman; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Marybelle Isham; Jake Isham; John Monacelli; Nancy Christenson; Linda Corrigan; Mary Strong; Jeneal Goggleye; Wendi Strong; Norm Adams; Miranda Lilya; Bill Whiteman; Darren Landgren; Billie Mason; Jennie Rowland

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) add the item of moving the Chemical Program to the Hideaway Pines building, and 2) add Brad Anderson with a resolution for the MN Deer Hunters Association Watab Creek Whitetails Chapter to conduct a raffle within the territory of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held January 7, 2015 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the consent agenda, locking in prices with Ferrellgas for propane for the 2015-2016 heating season (\$1.299 for buildings and Band members, \$.895 bulk for Fortune Bay, and \$.92 bulk for NL School). Carried 4-0-0.

Elder Committee: Donald Chosa Jr. said the Elders Abuse Conference is in April. The elders committee will be having Shirley Benner and Mavis Drift coordinate the trip. Donald said the elders thank the council for the veteran's dinner and sweaters, the holiday dinner and elder gift cards. He said the elders also thank the council and accounting for ordering the gifts and helping with the elder bingo.

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New tribal government employees: Carol Burr introduces Jake Isham who is the new term Elder Worker. Tara Geshick introduces Gabrielle Holman who is the new Ecological Program Director.

John Monacelli, Senior Vice-President for Finance, Planning and Development for the Spectrum Health Companies. John said they have home care agencies and assisted living facilities throughout the state. Nancy Christenson is in charge of the Carefree Living facility in Orr, and Linda Corrigan is in charge of their properties in northern Minnesota. They have two facilities located close to Bois Forte, one in Cook and one in Orr.

Linda Corrigan said they have 24 hour staffing to provide 24 hour care in their buildings for the residents. Some of the things they provide includes things like personal care, secured building access, meals/snacks, housekeeping and laundry. They also provide 1 or 2 day respite care for those that do not want to make a long term commitment. People are welcome to come to lunch and tour the facilities.

Nancy Christenson said they have plenty of opportunities for employment. They provide 24 hour care and as they gain more residents they will need more nurses. Also, there are nurses that are close to retiring and there are high school students that work with them that are going on to further their careers, so the employment opportunity is there.

John Monacelli said they can't provide service to residents if they don't have enough employees, so they will need resident assistants and nurses. John said they can provide scholarship opportunities to Band members that want to become LPN's.

Chairman Leecy lets John know Billie Mason, Commissioner of Education, can help with contact information for the scholarships.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #48-2015, authorizing Bois Forte Health and Human Services to enter into contracts or agreements for the procurement of goods and services for the Annual American Indian Mental Health Conference being held at Fortune bay in August. The Minnesota Department of Human Services will provide Bois Forte with funds for those. Carried 4-0-0.

Jeneal Goggleye is requesting approval for the Chemical Dependency program to be moved to the Hideaway Pines building. The building has been renovated and there is room for offices and outpatient classes. The insurance and utilities will be paid from the CD program. The license has the old address and Pam Hughes will need to contact MCT to let them know the CD program will be moving to a new building. Chairman Leecy asks about the building being secluded and if there is security there. Ray Toutloff said it wouldn't be too difficult to add a security system, and the police would have to add it to

their routes to check on. Ray Toutloff said prior to the move, have MCT come in and inspect. Chairman Leecy said to make sure everything is in compliance with the federal and state grants. Jeneal will contact Pam Hughes and come back with a plan before any action is taken.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #49-2015, approval of the Reservation Road Construction Priority list to provide and updated list of IRR construction projects on the reservation and requesting the BIA to include these projects in the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for 2015-2018. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #50-2015, Retained Services Addendum for FY 2015, certain services relating to transportation improvement can be best achieved by allowing the BIA to retain funds to perform specified services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Asset Management Agreement with VitalSpirit LLC for the Tax Credit I and II projects. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agreement with Teletrac for GPS tracking services for the housing vehicles. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to approve the contract with Gladen Construction for an amount not to exceed \$430,071 for the Nett Lake Dam Improvement project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the grant extension for the IRRRB Demo Grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Karlene Chosa; to adopt resolution #51-2015, submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice and the OVW Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program funding under its Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) program/Purpose Area #5. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #52-2015, submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice and the OVC Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities for funding under its Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) program/Purpose Area #6. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #53-2015, submission of a grant application to the Department of Justice CTAS program and supporting the development and

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implementation of a Comprehensive Strategic Plan which includes planning to improve Tribal justice and community wellness and safety, and commits to the requirement of retention of grant-hired officers for 12 months after expiration of the grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #54-2015, authorizing the MN Deer Hunters Association Watab Creek Whitetails Chapter to conduct a raffle within the territory of the Band. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Karlene Chosa; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.