

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 21, 2018 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:07 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; Jaime Burdick; Dawn Benner; Donna Hoffer; Eddie Chavers; Noah Bucholz; Dani Pieratos; Andy Datko; Tracey Dagen; Pam Parson; Randy Long; Barb Brodeen; Sidra Starkovich; Tara Geshick; Joel Astleford; Gordon Adams Jr.; Frances Morrison; Vonda Carr; Kim Greiner; Jennie Rowland

A moment of silence is held in place of invocation.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of 1) Andy Datko with discussion on the Nett Lake Tribal Court project, and the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, 2) donation requests, 3) Randy Long with a resolution for Verizon to put cellular equipment on the water tower at Fortune Bay, and 4) discussion and clarification on the 1854 per capita payments for this year. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held February 7, 2018 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Andy Datko introduces Tracey Dagen who is the new Registrar and Energy Assistance Coordinator.

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

- 1) Appointed Chris Anderson as the Election Contest Judge, Tadd Johnson as the Alternate Election Contest Judge, and Susan Allan as the Alternate Election Court of Appeals Judge (council poll vote was 4-0-0).

Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Capacity Building Grant, Money Follows the Person Tribal Initiative through the State of Minnesota which is a community based program for elders with disabilities. Carried 4-0-0.

Andy Datko informs the council of the 1854 Treaty Authority boundary signage. There would be signs placed in ten locations on State Highways. The cost for the signs will be \$13,048.65 and will need to be paid by the three Bands – Bois Forte, Grand Portage, and Fond du Lac. Darren Voight from the 1854 Treaty Authority will research grant possibilities to help cover the cost of the signs. Darren will also bring this to the next 1854 meeting. Council asks Andy to look at the State paying for the signs. It was also suggested that if we have to pay for them, then to look at the color of the signs and maybe something cultural on them.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve The Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Government 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Andy Datko will post the strategic plan on the website. Andy said each division will have to develop action plans and those will come back to the council.

Chairwoman Chavers said a 1.25 million grant was received from Shakopee Mdewakanton to upgrade the tribal court to add better security and a bigger court area. \$900,000 more is needed for the project. The council met to discuss this and are requesting approval of the \$900,000 to be paid in the Fall of 2018. If the \$900,000 is not approved the grant will need to be returned to Shakopee Mdewakanton. The \$900,000 will come from Fortune Bay next year.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the \$900,000 from the contract support cost for the tribal court upgrade project which will be given back by Fortune Bay. Carried 3-1-0. Brandon Benner against.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the letter of support for the Native Community Development Institute where staff (Core Team) from Natural Resources, Planning, Housing, Health & Human Services, Chemical Dependency, Education, and the Nett Lake Police Department will attend workshops to develop a Community Needs Assessment in regard to culturally based interventions to substance abuse in our community, elder care services and housing accommodations, and green energy (solar) investigation. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Bois Forte TERO Grant Contract #8BFTERO1100. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #63-2018, business lease for Verizon to put cellular equipment on the water tower at Fortune Bay. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the donation requests as recommended by the donation committee:

- 1) Match donation up to \$500 to Orion Dagen-Goodsby who will be going on a class trip to Washington DC on March 21-26,
- 2) \$150: Virginia Community Foundation for various projects such as a new mural, renovating Olcott Park Fountain, and revitalizing downtown,
- 3) \$200: Norther St. Louis County Youth in Action 23rd Annual Young Leaders Conference: Make a Difference 2018 being held at Fortune Bay,
- 4) \$250: Little Earth Community annual Mothers' Day Pow-Wow,
- 5) \$150: Minnesota Indian Womens Sexual Assault Coalition Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women's March,
- 6) \$100: Native American Spiritual Services Group of Moose Lake for wood, rocks, and tobacco,
- 7) \$268: Participation costs for Alexandria and Adriana Whiteman for the Junior Olympics Volleyball Program at North Woods School

And to deny the following donation requests as recommended by the donation committee:

- 1) Kingfisher Indigenous Cultural Spiritual Group,
- 2) Lakota Omniciye 35th Annual Lakota Omniciye Wacipi,
- 3) Unity 2018 Midyear and National Conferences,
- 4) Bemidji State University Scholarship Program
- 5) W.C. Heiam Medical Foundation 24th Annual Benefit
- 6) Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Foster Grandparent Program

Carried 4-0-0.

Brandon Benner said he received calls last week that this year the 1854 per capita payments were not going to happen. Brandon said the council needs to officially set that to rest, that is isn't true. And there should be an official response in the paper and a mailing that there will be a per capita payment. Kim Greiner said the treaty monies are budgeted at 100% as a per capita payment to the Band members. There will be letters going to Band members that if they owe money to the Band over 90 days and if they don't make arrangements then their per capita will be garnished.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.