



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 5, 2018 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:21 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Corey Strong; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Donna Hoffer; Andy Datko; Evertt Huisman; Noah Buchholz; Jaime Burdick; Steve Hertig; Miranda Liliya; Joel Astleford; Lorna Landgren; Sidra Starkovich; Dawn Benner; Tara Geshick; Doris Isham; Gordon Adams Jr.; Rebecca Adams; Paul McDonald; Billie Isham; George Strong; Mike Bass; Wendy Thompson

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; to approve the agenda.

Brandon Benner wants to add discussion on the budget.

Ray Toutloff doesn't think it should be added because the council doesn't have all the information. It should be in the form to a motion to add discussion on the budget.

Ray Toutloff rescinds his motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to add details of the budget to the agenda. Ray Toutloff against. David Morrison Sr. against. Vote is 2-2-0. Chairwoman Chavers breaks the tie by voting no because the CFO is not present to address any questions on the budget, and those questions need to be asked publicly when Tribal membership know it is going to be presented. Vote is 2-3-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda. Brandon Benner against. Travis Morrison against. Vote is 2-2-0. Chairwoman Chavers breaks the tie by voting yes. Vote is 3-2-0.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held August 15, 2018 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

There are no new staff to introduce.

Paul McDonald, candidate for St. Louis County Commissioner, Northern District, addresses the council and audience. He said he is originally from Chisholm and most everyone remembers his father Bob who was the legendary coach there for 53 years and who always had a special place in his heart for the tribe. Paul said his father taught him to work hard and help people so that is one of the reasons for getting into this race, to be an advocate for people in Northeastern Minnesota. Paul said he has a tribal member coming into his family. Eli Dotts is marrying his daughter Megan. Paul said the county mission statement says prosperous communities in Northeastern Minnesota, and there is work to do to get that done. Paul said there is a drug crisis in this area. And going along with the drug crisis is out-of-home placement for kids. Paul said some type of program needs to be developed to recruit and retain quality foster parents because these kids are our future. Paul said he wants everyone to know that he will be an advocate for this area. Paul said a lot of money comes from this area to St. Louis County. There aren't a whole lot of jobs coming from St. Louis County. There is a new building going up in Cook. Maybe some more health & human service jobs in Cook so people from the northern part of the county don't always have to travel to Virginia or Duluth. You look at traveling 60, 90, 100 miles vs. 30 miles, and some people have trouble with transportation. Paul humbly asks everyone for their support on November 6 in the general election.

Chairwoman Chavers thanks Paul McDonald for coming today. She said it was nice to hear his comments regarding our children and also the need for foster parents because out-of-home placements is a huge issue in Indian Country. The other thing is workforce development. Chairwoman Chavers said she liked the idea of including way northern Minnesota. She said she has nothing against the Iron Range, but north of Virginia is forgotten. Jobs is also an issue. She said it is nice to hear he is advocating for northern Minnesota.

Chairwoman Chavers calls for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Brandon Benner wants to revisit the political contributions. He sees a couple on the list that are a little bit iffy. Brandon wants better clarification from Reid LeBeau why to support sometimes a certain party that has proven they are against Indian Country.

Chairwoman Chavers removes the political contributions for political caucuses/individual contributions from the consent agenda per Brandon Benner's request until the council gets answers from Reid LeBeau and then put on the next consent agenda line item.

Ray Toutloff said the total amount seems to be much higher than in the past and said he was going to ask that be revisited also.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to remove the political contributions from the consent agenda for further research. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved new policy Non-Band Member Burial: allowing non-members who are the spouse, domestic partner, or parent of a Band member interred (or who will be interred) in a Reservation Cemetery
- 2) Approved postponing until October the September 5 & 6 RTC meetings where the senior management is presenting their budgets to the Band members
- 3) Approved the request from Randy Long to sole source 7 Ipad Pro WiFi 64GB and 7 year apple care plan from Apple Inc. in the amount of \$6,006.00 for Health – Teri Morrison’s program
- 4) Approved the request from Randy Long to sole source VMWare support and subscription from Compudyne in the amount of \$6,438.00 for Administration.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the new logo for Health & Human Services (designed by Louise Isham). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the request from George Strong to sole source an Upgraded 2 Unit CPU System from ENCO Systems in the amount of \$7,210.00 so KBFT can upgrade their current equipment and software. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Bois Forte Housing – Tenant Bill of Rights policy effective today. Gordon Adams to put a signature line on it for the tenant to show they received a copy of the policy. Carried 4-0-0.

Gordon Adams Jr. informs the council he applied for a grant for playground equipment for the Cedar Grove/Red Pine area in the amount of \$36,000. He got a matching grant of \$13,000. Gordon will be seeking donations from different vendors and will also be holding fundraisers to raise the match.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Rebecca Adams to sole source the contract with The Sioux Chef in the amount of \$4,000 to provide traditional dinner services during KBFT’s Fall Language Immersion Camp. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #20-2019, amendment to the partnership agreement first approved in Resolution No. 50-2018, MNDOT/TERO agreement, that will

provide transportation related Highway Heavy Occupations Training to Bois Forte Band members. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Brandon Benner; to adopt resolution #21-2019, submission of an application to the Boys & Girls Club of America Native Services for the creation of a Boys & Girls Club of Bois Forte. Carried 4-0-0.

Lorna Landgren asks if the DNR or Conservation Committee can give updates on the website. Lorna said she was informed the Criminal Code is being updated and she asks about the abuse and neglect of animals. Lorna asks Chairwoman Chavers about her statement in regard to the financial information coming out in regard to the million dollars and Fortune Bay.

Chairwoman Chavers said in regard to Lorna's last statement, Kim Greiner has been working on the report of how the distributions were spent. The Fortune Bay distributions go back to the eighties. And sometimes the distributions were put into the businesses internally. Kim is close to getting the report done.

Wendy Thompson said in regard to updating the criminal code, she received bids from attorneys which will be given to Mark Anderson to review before she brings it to the council for approval.

Tara Geshick said they are working on updating the conservation code. The whole code needs to be revised. It will be published on the website.

Donna Hoffer said she is working with Jacobson Law Group on the Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Code. There are six sections of the code that are being worked on. It will be a two-year project to get it updated.

Chairwoman Chavers said if anyone wants a copy of the Tribal Code they can request it from Tribal Court.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.