



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 19, 2018 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 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; Wendy Thompson; Lorna Landgren; Kim Greiner; Donny Villebrun; Mike Bass; Joel Astleford; Eddie Chavers; Evertt Huisman; Billie Isham; Andy Datko; Rae Edstrom; Darren Landgren; Gordy Adams Jr.; Janell Smith; Tracey Howg; Tara Geshick; Donna Hoffer; Shane Drift; Miranda Lilya; Jaime Burdick; Dawn Benner; Sidra Starkovich; Alanna Drift; Arianna Zapata; Simona Benner; Barb Brodeen; Doris Isham

A moment of silence is held in place of invocation.

Discussion is held on the agenda in regard to the Senior Management Budget Presentations and how they should be presented, either the distribution process or the department budgets. Lorna Landgren asks the council to explain the difference. Chairwoman Chavers said the departments do their budgets and then request from Fortune Bay Distributions for any shortfalls or increase. Brandon Benner said he doesn't want to approve any budgets. He wants the budgets to be done after the new council members are sworn in. Other council members agree. Brandon Benner asks if the new council members can be given the budget books before being sworn in. Chairwoman Chavers asks Corey Strong to call Mark Anderson on that. Shane Drift asks if you don't agree with something in the budget can it be separated or do you have to approve the whole budget. Chairwoman Chavers said to wait on the budgets until hearing from Mark Anderson.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with tabling the budget agenda item. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held September 5, 2018 at the Lake Vermillion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers informs the council Reid LeBeau submitted a revised political contribution list.

New tribal government employees: Wendy Thompson introduces Janell Smith who is the new Part-Time Court Clerk/Guardian Ad Litem.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved a sole source request from Gordon Adams Jr. to award the bid to MB Customs in the amount of \$12,100.00 to replace roofs on two housing homes.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve authorizing the Chairwoman to execute the Construction Manager at Risk contract with MB Customs Development with a guaranteed maximum price of \$1,898,000. Vote is 2-2-0. Brandon Benner against because 1) the court house we have now was just renovated, 2) he is leery of how much architect fees are, and 3) the strain it put on the casino. Travis Morrison against because of the strain on the Fortune Bay dollars. Chairwoman Chavers breaks the tie by voting for because 1) the issue with regards to Fortune Bay, they did not make any payments last year to get back on their feet and do capital improvements. The council still had to fund the distribution budget (funeral fund, medical emergency, and those types of things). The \$900,000 for the court project was used for that to offset the Fortune Bay nonpayment. Fortune Bay did allocate the money and put it aside. The intent of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is for tribal governments to seek funding from gaming revenues to help offset things that the federal government isn't following through with through treaty rights. Fortune Bay is doing well now. 2) The BIA did a review of all the tribal courts in the nation, and it was recently renovated, but there are still attorneys meeting with clients in cars outside. Another issue is security. There were a couple instances where people that are in the court system get very angry with the outcome of what happens. There will also be a separate CHIPS court. Vote is 3-2-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve using Travelers Insurance Company in the amount of \$169,971.00 for the 2018-2019 Commercial Insurance Package Policy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the increased building values from Travelers at an additional cost of \$9,406.00. That is adding 11 buildings to the list of 54. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve increasing the sexual abuse limits. This is a grant requirement for the Boys & Girls Clubs. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the submission of the 2019 Federal Head Start Grant Application. (continuation). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the sole source request from Billie Isham to purchase safety gates from Community Playthings. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to approve the Vermilion and Nett Lake Head Start and Early Head Start-Child Care Centers licenses. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the contract with MB Customs for the basketball courts in the amount of \$79,768.08. One will be placed at Nett Lake and one will be placed at Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the revisions to the Bois Forte Burial Fund Policy. Carried 4-0-0.

No action is needed on the Joint Powers Agreement between the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa and the Minnesota Department of Human Services. This is a continuation agreement for licensing and background checks for foster homes.

Corey Strong reads an email from Mark Anderson regarding the new council members getting the budget books before being sworn in.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #22-2019, National Congress of American Indians membership dues. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adopt resolution #23-2019, allowing the new council members access to the budgets prior to being sworn in office. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.