



# Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 3, 2019 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers; David C. Morrison, Sr.; Travis Morrison; Shane Drift; Peter Boney

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Billie Isham; Vicki Villebrun; Randy Long; Andy Datko; Dan Milbridge; Pam Hughes; Michelle Long; Darren Landgren; Tara Geshick; Joel Astleford; Sidra Starkovich; Sue Larson; Barb Brodeen; Louise Isham; Adrienne Whiteman; Jennifer Barbow; Susan Beaulieu; Briana Michels; Mary Jo Katras; Laura Palombi; Diane Ruouavaara; Miranda Lilya; Jaime Burdick; Wendy Thompson; Kim Greiner; George Strong; Melissa Wright

A moment of silence is observed in place of invocation.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agenda with the addition of Kim Greiner with a request to open a bank account for Tax Credit III, and the addition of Billie Isham with the transfer of the transit program and the facilities maintenance under public works. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held March 6, 2019 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Sue Larson introduces Dan Milbridge who is the new Health & Human Services Director.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved the sole source request from Randy Long for the purchase of archery equipment in the amount of \$7,132.00 from NASP for the Boys and Girls Club at Nett Lake and Vermilion
- 2) Approved excusing staff with supervisor approval to attend the Spring Into Health Conference from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on March 19 at Fortune Bay

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3) Approved the change order amount approved by the BIA for \$31,230 and to approve the change order to the MB Customs Development Contract in the amount of \$31,230 for the ice-damming issue at the law enforcement building at Palmquist

4) Approved the 2019 Netting Code

5) Approved the request from Pam Hughes to sole source the agreement with Edens Group to provide Rule 25 training on April 15-18

6) Approved the request from Louise Isham to purchase the 2019 State of the Band t-shirts in the amount of \$6,118.75

7) Approved the request from Louise Isham to purchase the 2019 State of the Band t-shirts in the amount of \$7,200.00

8) Adopted Resolution #58-2019, The Wilderness to purchase/lease lawn equipment from MTI Distributing

9) Approved the Policy for Bois Forte Fitness Center Key Card Access Benefit.

Shane Drift points out that he voted against Resolution #58-2019, The Wilderness to purchase/lease lawn equipment from MTI Distributing:

Carried 4-0-0.

Adrienne Whiteman gives an update on the midwinter powwow. She said it was successful given the timeframe they had to prepare for it. There were issues that happened but Adrienne said she had experience in dealing with those issues. They met with the council days after to powwow to go over those issues. One was how to approach the elders on them providing their ID's for billing purposes and how important it is for billing to have their personal information. Adrienne said she talked to Ron Boshey who provides cultural awareness training to the Duluth Police Department. She said they would like to get Ron to provide training up here to the employees in this building and health & human services. Adrienne said before the planning gets started for Saa Gii Ba Gaa powwow she wants to talk about what worked and what didn't for the midwinter powwow. She will email the council the information. She went to a powwow at Oxford and found a better way to do payouts. The first planning meeting for the Saa Gii Ba Gaa powwow is April 10.

Chairwoman Chavers said it was last minute to plan for the midwinter powwow because of the government shutdown. The council met with the people involved with the midwinter powwow and it seems like the planning falls on two people to run the powwows. At the meeting they came up with a core group of people to do the powwows. The council will also look at Ron Boshey to provide cultural awareness training at Bois Forte.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from Melissa Wright to sole source the bid from MB Customs in the amount of \$13,600.00 for the repairs to the two bathrooms at the upstairs of the Human Services Building. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #59-2019, modification to Raymond Toutloff, Victoria Toutloff and Antonette Marie Lee residential lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #60-2019, modification to David Farmer lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt resolution #61-2019, easement to Minnesota Power for electric utility purposes. There is a \$14,400 compensation. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #62-2019, easement to Lake County Power for electric utility purposes (zero compensation). Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers asks Barb Brodeen to research with the other tribes at their quarterly realty meetings on how they are handling future easements as a possible revenue source. Chairwoman Chavers said these two easements will enhance the power to Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

Kim Greiner recommends that when easement money is gotten that it be put it back in the realty program because they get so little money from the Bureau.

Barb Brodeen said the Great River Energy right-of-way is at the BIA for an appraisal because although Great River Energy provided an appraisal the council wanted one done by the BIA. Barb thinks it will be about \$45,000 compensation, and she would like this put in the motion regarding any revenue from easements/right-of-ways be delegated to the leasing department.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve any revenue from easements be delegated to the leasing department, to include the Great River Energy. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from Joel Astleford to sole source the purchase of sand/salt from St. Louis County. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #63-2019, temporary construction easement to the Bois Forte Public Works Division for constructing and improving a tribally owned parking lot at the Human Services Building in Nett Lake. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from George Strong to sole source the agreement with Native Voice One for KBFT Tribal Community Radio in the amount of \$3,150. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from George Strong to sole source the membership dues with the Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations (AMPERS) for KBFT Tribal Community Radio in the amount of \$6,500.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt resolution #64-2019, support for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant project with the University of Minnesota and in collaboration with divisions of the Band, members of the community to develop in-person and online resources, training and technical assistance to work on addressing the opioid issue. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the revision to the Personnel Policy Section 503 Overtime. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to make it mandatory for the Bois Forte Tribal Government supervisors and managers to attend the upcoming supervisory training "101 Things Supervisors and Managers Need to Know About Tribal Employment" being held April 29 and 30, 2019. Carried 4-0-0. Some of the supervisors said their staff can't close their departments like the pharmacy for two days so the training is to be recorded so the employees that can't attend can watch a recording of the training. The directors are to send Miranda Lilya a list of those employees.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the request from Michelle Long and Sue Larson to sole source the purchase of dental equipment (dental chairs with conversion kits and conversion kits to convert current dental lights to LED lights), from Henry Schein in the amount of \$30,190.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the request from Sidra Starkovich to sole source the purchase of kitchen appliances for the Nett Lake ENP from Central Restaurant Supply in the amount of \$13,040.91. Carried 4-0-0.

Sidra Starkovich is to post the maintenance plans for the ENP kitchen.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to award the bid for the furniture for the new courthouse addition from Northern Business Products in the amount of \$52,009.55. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #65-2019, Bois Forte Tribal Transportation Safety Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to authorize Kim Greiner to open a savings account for Expense Coverage Reserve Account for the tax credit 3 project at the American Bank. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt resolution #66-2019, the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council has determined that consultation with and input from Band members must be a priority when the Council is considering proposals to pursue business relationships that have the potential to make a material impact on the Band's resources and the lives of members; the Reservation Tribal Council finds that Band member input in the decision-making process must include a public hearing on the business proposal; the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council will conduct a public hearing for Band members as a condition that must be met prior to any final or binding decision on a business proposal and that the opportunity for Band member input must include (1) a notice of the proposal on the Band's website, (2) publication in the Bois Forte News, (3) public posting on the Reservation, all of which must occur at least 30 days prior to the public hearing, and (4) an opportunity for Band members to submit written comments on the business proposal following the public hearing. Effective today, April 3, 2019. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to transfer the transit department and the facilities maintenance department from the Planning Department to the Public Works Department effective today, April 3, 2019. Carried 4-0-0.

Barb Brodeen addresses the council and says there is one person that retired, Doris Isham, and one is going to retire, Ronette Novak. Barb said as a practice, on whether or not they want a party the council should send them a note thanking them for their service. Also other individuals when they leave, no matter what, they should be thanked because they did work for a long time for the Band. Billie Isham said maybe the council and director take them out to dinner. David Morrison, Sr. said maybe put it in the personnel policy to recognize them no matter what.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.