



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 15, 2019 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:12 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jenna Lehti; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Steve Hertig; Darren Landgren;
Evertt Huismann; Dan Milbridge; Andy Datko; Billie Isham; Barb Brodeen; Kim
Greiner; Louise Isham; Dave Anderson; Joel Astleford; Randy Long; Eddie
Chavers; Sidra Starkovich; Jennie Rowland; Tara Geshick; Miranda Lilya; Leona
Bergemann; Kristen Holmes; Linda Tibbetts-Barto; Lance Hill

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

A moment of silence is observed for the elder that passed yesterday.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1) Dan Milbridge with two grant amendments, one for New Moon and one for MTC D Act Subcontract, 2) Dave Anderson with a request to sole source a room/food from Fortune Bay for the CDL graduation, 3) Billie Isham with a resolution for the OJP Mentoring Grants for the Boys & Girls Clubs because there needs to be two, one for Nett Lake and one for Vermillion, and 4) donations. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held May 1, 2019 at the Lake Vermillion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Jennie Rowland introduces Leona Bergemann who is the new On-Call Transit Dispatcher.

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

- 1) Approved the request from Randy Long to sole source the charges for the Honeywell Instant Alert System from Honeywell International Inc. in the amount of \$6,386.00
- 2) Approved to sole source the purchase of gift cards for the EMS (EMT's and Fire Department) personnel in the amount of \$7,843.00

Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift said the Ambulance has 19 people and the Fire Department has 12 people. Shane said on behalf of the Tribal Council, they appreciate the things they do – the service they provide to the community and the Band members.

Barb Brodeen said there are several people at Vermilion that serve on the Greenwood Township Fire Department and asks if anything can be done for them. Chairwoman Chavers said the Council will look at it and asks Barb if she know how many Band members there are. Barb said Krystal Strong and Belinda Fazio would know.

Kim Greiner said technically Shane Drift probably shouldn't be making the motion on that because he is on the Ambulance crew and the Fire Department.

Moved by Shane Drift; to rescind his motion he made on the consent agenda. Seconded by Peter Boney. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison, Sr. to approve the consent agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt resolution #79-2019, OJP Mentoring Native Youth grant, OJP 2018-43888, in the amount of \$20,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Bois Forte – Nett Lake. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt resolution #80-2019, OJP Mentoring Native Youth grant, OJP 2018-43889, in the amount of \$20,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Bois Forte – Vermilion. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Kim Greiner to open a new bank account which will be a Replacement Reserve Account (savings account) at the American Bank of the North per the Tax Credit 3's Partnership Agreement. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Contract Amendment to the Mental Health Grant for new FY 2019-2020, and to authorize the Chairwoman to execute it. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the amendment to the grant contract for MCT-Bois Forte Subcontract SAMSHA Opioid Response. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the New Moon Operating Expense Amendment. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to award the bid to KGM for the Human Services Parking Lot project in the amount of \$147,825.10. Carried 4-0-0. Joel Astleford said another bid was received and he had also requested a bid from another company but they couldn't submit a bid because of their workload.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the contract for KGM for the Human Services Parking Lot project. Carried 4-0-0.

Joel Astleford asks if employees can use the fitness center parking lot during the human services parking lot project. He is told yes.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the sole source request from Dave Anderson for the room/food from Fortune Bay in the amount of \$3,794.00 for the Bois Forte/MNDOT Commercial Driver's License Graduation Ceremony being held May 22, 2019. Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift has a Rights of Manoomin Law from White Earth which he reads some of. He said Tara Geshick also looked at it. He would like to see something like that at Bois Forte to recognize the rice as sacred, and keep the rice committee and conservation office and conservation laws as is. He said we hold it as sacred but to put our words to it. Chairwoman Chavers said the rice is sacred, it is a culturally importance to our people. The council talked about bringing this to the conservation committee and elders for input. Tara Geshick said it would need to be modified to fit Bois Forte's conservation code. Chairwoman Chavers asks the council if they are okay with sending it to the conservation committee for input. Darren Landgren asks if the council approves it will the council get involved in the mining and sulphides, to protect the rice and monitor the rice. Chairwoman Chavers said the council is not approving it today. She said there are quarterly meetings held between the tribes, the MCT and the mining industries, and MPCA. There are also groups concerned with mining. She said "Save the Boundary Waters" came to an 1854 meeting and will probably come to Bois Forte in regard to copper/nickel mining being proposed by Twin Metals in the Boundary Waters. Chairwoman Chavers said the council is trying to keep abreast of all mining and new mining. Peter Boney said there is another issue too, we need to look at the invasive species because canoes are being brought back and forth between Nett Lake and Vermillion.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the following donations as recommended by the donation committee:

- 1) Indigenous Foods Expo 1st Annual in Duluth: \$500
- 2) Al Franken "Books for Bug School": \$50
- 3) Leech Lake LLTC Golf Tournament: \$100
- 4) Lake Vermilion Pow Wow Fund Raiser: #15 Wild Rice

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to deny the following donation requests as recommended by the donation committee:

- 1) Mpls. Schools Indian Ed End of Year Celebration on May 8, 2019 (Deadline was too tight)
- 2) Wounded Warriors (we donate to them a few times per year)
- 3) Division of Indian work (was general request, we donate to their specific events).

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to move the Boys & Girls Clubs under the Education Department. Carried 3-1-0. Shane Drift against.

The job descriptions are done for the Boys & Girls Clubs and just need to be re-graded.

A motions is not needed for the organizational chart to be updated.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to appoint Chairwoman Chavers to the Great Lakes Area Tribal Health Board. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to appoint Travis Morrison to the Indian Legal Assistance Board of Directors. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the lease agreement with the Damiano Center of Duluth, Inc. for the Duluth Urban Office. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.