



# Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 12, 2019 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Billie Isham; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Evertt Huismann; Darnell Goggeley; Eddie Chavers; Darren Landgren; Leanne Hoffman; Sidra Starkovich; Jennie Rowland; Steve Hertig; Joel Astleford; Dave Anderson; Roxanne Goggeley; Sue Larson; Lance Kingbird; Tara Geshick; Theresa Morrison; Simona Benner; Marybelle Isham

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the agenda with the addition of Leanne Hoffman with a sole source request for a contract for an artist, Scott Hill, for a mural painting. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes Shane Drift said he wanted to clarify in regard to the section that said the Nett Lake School is in the process of extending the hours for Harvey. Shane said the school board met on Monday and are not moving in that direction as of yet. Shane doesn't know what they will be doing with that.

Shane Drift, in regard to the section of the minutes where Darren Landgren had said when Brandon Benner was here, he started a language committee but that committee isn't active anymore. Shane asks what that committee did, did they have an actual language table. Darren Landgren said Brandon Benner put it together and asked people to come. Chaz Wagner was president and Darren was the vice-president. He said Chaz started making plans for teaching the language. Then people quit showing up. It was during lunch. Darren said they didn't market it very well.

Shane asks Darren if he thinks they will want to continue the committee or do the table. Darren asks what that is. Shane said getting together and say words and phrases to talk to teach each other.

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Chairwoman Chavers said Karen Drift brought some words down and are posted around the building. We should be saying things like Miigwech and Boozhoo to start learning.

Shane said we need to do more. Shane said he wants to start a language table during lunch.

Sidra Starkovich said we should get a language coordinator or culture coordinator and then get a language table.

Travis Morrison said when Brandon started the committee they couldn't attend all of the time because of their schedules. When they weren't here it slowly fell apart.

Tara Geshick said there were quite a few people that showed up at first. The ones that attended were the busiest ones. That is what keeps people from participating in stuff because they are so bogged down with accounting stuff, budgets, field work. Tara said they are running ragged here.

Travis Morrison said they should do traditional stuff besides just the language. Things like etiquette around the drum, teachings, etiquette at powwows.

Darren said it would be wise to find out what how the community wants to learn the language and culture. Have them organize it, instead of saying this is what we're going to give you, this is what we're going to teach you.

Chairwoman Chavers said we need to get back to the community getting together like a Wednesday 5:00 potluck to talk.

Sidra Starkovich said Karen Drift reminded her that we need to go to the elders to ask them what needs to be done for things like ceremonies. We need to learn because the younger ones will be asking us when we are elders.

Tara Geshick said long time ago there was time for that. You would get time off to do things. In order for us to participate in things, you need to rethink the demands you're putting on us.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 5, 2019 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Jennie Rowland introduces Roxanne Goggleye who is the new full time bus driver for Big Woods Transit.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved the request from Alex Mehne to sole source the agreement with Superior Forestry Services to plant red pine seedlings in the amount of \$9,750.00.

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Dave Anderson to sole source from Hibbing Community College for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training to be held at Hibbing Community College in the amount of \$43,750.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Dave Anderson said they would like to have an instructor come to Bois Forte to do the CDL classes. And also rent a vehicle the students can practice in.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Leanne Hoffman to sole source the agreement with Anton Treuer to conduct Ojibwe Language Classes and Teachings at the Bois Forte Summer Immersion Camp being held June 29 & 30, 2019, in the amount of \$8,000.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Leanne Hoffman to sole source the agreement with Scott Hill to provide Artistic Painting Services to paint a mural in the Bois Forte Language Resource Center, in the amount of \$5,036.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Leanne Hoffman said the Summer Immersion Camp is being planned for the last day of the birchbark canoe building event. Darren Landgren said Malitta Spears will also be doing a clay pottery pit fire at the same time. Darren will get a schedule of the events and Billie Isham will put the information on the website.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from Billie Isham to sole source from NIHSDA the registration fees for the NIHSDA conference for five (5) Head Start staff in the amount of \$3,500.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.