



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Council held July 3, 2019 at the Lake Vermillion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, 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: Jenna Lehti; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Steve Hertig; Kim Greiner; Barb Brodeen; Sidra Starkovich; Theresa Morrison; Billie Isham; Alanna Drift; Darren Landgren; Evertt Huismann; Darnell Goggeye; Dan Milbridge; Eddie Chavers; Sue Larson; Melissa Wright; Marissa Rose; Pam Hughes; Bill Latady; Jaylen Strong; Simona Benner; Tara Geshick; Curt Goodsky; Jill Schuchard

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the agenda with the following additions: Billie Isham with a sole source request Teaching Strategies LLC, Theresa Morrison with a sole source request for RT Hawk, Theresa Morrison with the 2020 Indian Housing Plan, Jenna Lehti with a sole source request for MB Customs, Curt Goodsky with a sole source request to purchase a truck, and Tara Geshick with a request to bypass the conservation committee to set the hunting seasons.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 12, 2019 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes, Peter Boney asks about the vehicles that would be used if an instructor came to Bois Forte to do the CDL classes. Travis Morrison said they are looking into using a couple of automatic dump trucks. Joel Astleford is looking into it. Dave Anderson said his program would cover all the costs.

New tribal government employees: Jill Schuchard introduces Marissa Rose who is the new Maternal Child Health Coordinator. Jenna Lehti introduces Jaylen Strong who is the new Heritage Center and Cultural Museum Executive Director.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved the request from Dawn Benner to sole source from Hibbing Community College for Commercial Driver's License training to be held in Bemidji MN in the amount of \$14,600.00.
- 2) Approved the request from Sue Larson and Michelle Long to sole source the purchase of new equipment for the Dental Observatory in the amount of \$14,978.00 from Henry Schein & Adec.
- 3) Approved the request from Pam Hughes to sole source agreements with Melinda Dertinger for outside evaluations of the Bois Forte & International Falls Prevention Programs in the amount of \$4,000.00.
- 4) Approved the request from Sue Larson to sole source the user license agreement with Dentrax/Henry Schein to update the current dental software in the amount of \$18,150.00.

Carried 4-0-0.

Jenna Lehti introduces Sidra Starkovich who is the new Planning/Community Development Director.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Sue Larson to sole source the Clinic Piccolo Chemistry 2 year service contract for Nett Lake and Vermilion in the amount of \$6,000. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the contract for the software license for 5 providers for the hand held ultra sound machines in the amount of \$3,175.00 for one year. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt resolution #1-2020, modification to Gary Donald residential lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift asks (in regard to the life estate clause), if a Band member passes on, and the non-Band member stays on our reservation, do they automatically submit to our jurisdiction and our laws. Barb Brodeen said she doesn't know. Under Federal law, she doesn't believe that is true. Shane said that should be looked into. Barb said she thinks that is something for the judicial director to look into because that would fall under that category. Shane said to talk with Mark Anderson regarding that. Look at it as a requirement to protect our interests as well. Chairwoman Chavers said that is being addressed in the new updated tribal codes, with regard to the jurisdictional issue regarding non-Band members.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #2-2020, modification to Sidra and John Starkovich residential lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #3-2020, modification to Mark Stepec residential lease. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #4-2020, modification to Roger Toutloff Jr. residential lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt resolution #5-2020, modification to Thomas Anderson residential lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt resolution #6-2020, modification to William Tibbetts residential lease. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt resolution #7-2020, cancellation of Sidra Starkovich recreational lease pending sale of the house recreational lease to Bryan Boutto. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #8-2020, recreational lease – Bryan Boutto. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt resolution #9-2020, recreational lease – Hunter Gilbert. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #10-2020, recreational lease – Dianna Good Sky-Hertig. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers said there are issues with the lots in Vermilion, and lots in general. She reads #7 of a lease that says, “No refuse pile, rubbish, garbage, debris or solid waste of any nature shall be allowed on the premises unless the same shall be concealed from the public view and removed periodically such that the premises are maintained in a clean, sanitary, and neat manner”. There are a lot of lots that have junk cars and boats, and not kept up in a neat manner. The council will be looking at inspections of lots. The lessees will be contacted and given time to clean up the lots.

Barb Brodeen said the leasing department doesn't have any type of enforcement unless the council terminates the leases. She said there is no money in the leasing budget for junk cars. Chairwoman Chavers said those tenants need to be made aware of that their leases could be terminated and be asked to leave because it does state in the lease that they will keep the lot in a neat manner. The council did take a tour of the reservation and it is getting pretty bad again. The lakeshore property needs to be taken care of. The tax credit homes will be having inspections and having a junk car dealer come up. Barb said when she came into the leasing program it was in such disarray and she is trying to work on a lot of stuff at once. She said she wouldn't be able to do inspections until after the land buyback program is done which would probably be in the spring. Chairwoman Chavers said the blight ordinance is being added to the tribal code. Shane Drift asks Barb for a list of all the things that she was talking about that are problems in the leasing program.

Darren Landgren asks if the council looked at the housing area across from the police department. And all the garbage that was behind the housing garage by the store in Nett Lake. The only way that got cleaned up was he filed a police report.

Chairwoman Chavers informs everyone that Barb Brodeen's program, the leasing program, has moved to Vermilion.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the contract with Chad Scott, LPCC – for Mental Health Services at Bois Forte. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request from Kristen Parendo, who works for Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, to use the Bois Forte logo. She will be advertising the clinic, putting it on a sign at her table at the Elders & Caregivers Conference, in a radio spot on the Bois Forte radio station, and on an ePoster for the Live Well at Home grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the International Falls Prevention Program 5-year contract in the amount of \$840,000. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the HSASMI (Housing Support Services for Adults with Serious Mental Illness) Purchase of Service Agreement for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$125,500 per year. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve moving the Realty Manager back to the Department of Natural Resources, moving the Registrar and Programs Manager to the Department of Education/Workforce Development, and the Emergency Preparedness Director to the Department of Health & Human Services. All are effective July 8, 2019. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve setting the annual deadline for address changes to July 31 each year; and to set this year's per capita distribution date of August 16, 2019. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Theresa Morrison to sole source the agreement with RT Hawk for asset management services consulting service for low income housing tax credit projects in the amount of \$11,000.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the 2020 Indian Housing Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Billie Isham to sole source "The Creative Curriculum for Preschool" from Teaching Strategies, LLC in the amount of \$3,300.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Curt Goodsky to sole source the purchase of a truck from Waschke Family Chevrolet for the curbside waste management program in the amount of \$33,155.06. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Tara Geshick to bypass approval of the conservation committee, because they haven't been meeting, for the council to approve setting the 2019 hunting seasons which is the same as 2018, and subject to change through the conservation committee. July 1, 2019 is the beginning of the season. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request to sole source with MB Customs the asphalt and class 5 gravel for the courthouse project in the amount of \$21,835.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Darren Landgren asks who oversees the committees. The language one disappeared. The conservation committee is not doing their job. It sounds like they do a lot of important things but are not getting done. Chairwoman Chavers asks Jenna Lehti to get all of the chairs of the committees so the council can meet with them. Darren asks if they are bound by the ethic codes. Chairwoman Chavers said she thinks they are volunteers so they wouldn't be bound by the ethic codes. David Morrison Sr. said that the committees should meet quarterly or would they need to meet more often. Chairwoman Chavers asks Jenna to contact Mark Anderson about the committees and the Code of Ethics. Pam Hughes said she allows her employees to only serve on one committee because it takes too much time away from their job.

Dianna Goodsky Hertig thanks the council for the lease for the lot. She said she first submitted an application in 1988 and every time she came home on leave she stopped in the leasing office and was told there they didn't have anything for her. Four years ago she was told she was fifth on the list. She wanted a place for her family, kids and grandkids to come so they would know where she came from. Gary and Barb told her to write a letter so it would get addressed. She did and now got a lot.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.