



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 4, 2019 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.

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

Others Present: Jenna Lehti; Gene Goodsky; Steve Hertig; Vicki Villebrun; Pam Hughes; Kristen Holmes; Darren Landgren; Sidra Starkovich; Eddie Chavers; Toni Wakemup; Ellen Little; Bryan Porter; Randy Long; Theresa Morrison; Evertt Huismann; Whitney Humphrey; Jenna Porter; Robbie Goggieye; Dan Milbridge; Melissa Wright; Sue Larson; Jane Lawrenz; Joel Astleford; Billie Isham; Kim Greiner; Amber Zapata; Doris Isham; Corey Strong; Natalie Goodsky; Charmaine Jourdain; Marty Connor; Barb Brodeen

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove the first consent agenda item; add a reimbursement resolution; add Sue Larson with a sole source request; add Joel Astleford with a sole source request; add Kim Greiner with the MIA Multi-Year Agreement; add Pam Hughes with a request to change the name of the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) department; and add discussion on the elder newsletter. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held August 7, 2019 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Joel Astleford introduces Bryan Porter and Jeffrey Mattson who are the new Building Maintenance Techs. Theresa Morrison introduces Ellen Little who is the new Housing Coordinator and Jenna Porter who is the new Administrative Assistant for Housing.

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

- 1) Appointed Panda Whiteman to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Murdered and Missing Women Task Force
- 2) Approved the request from Randy Long to sole source from HealthCare Appraisers, Inc. for a Fair Market appraisal done on the Bois Forte Health Services, Vermillion Health, and Vermillion Human Services in the amount of \$3,750
- 3) Approved the request from Joel Astleford to sole source from Northern Salt in the amount of \$28,000
- 4) Approved the request from Jill Schuchard to sole source the contract with The John Hopkins University for Marissa Rose to attend Family Spirit Training in the amount of \$3,000
- 5) Adopted Resolution #22-2020, authorizing IT department to apply for funding from Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for a Fiber Optic to the home telecommunication project
- 6) Adopted Resolution #23-2020, authorizing IT department to apply for funding from IRRRB for a Fiber Optic to the Home Build Out Telecommunications Project
- 7) Approved a sole source request from Randy Long for VMWare Licensing Renewal from Compudyne in the amount of \$6,438.00
- 8) Approved the request from Billie Isham to sole source from MB Custom's Development in the amount of \$4,956.00 for window blinds
- 9) Adopted Resolution #24-2020, Fortune Bay Resort Casino Exterior Renovation Project – AIA Contract and LAP drafts

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from Sue Larson to sole source the renewal service contract with Abbott Laboratories for the Vermillion Clinic's hematology instrument in the amount of \$3,600. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request from Sue Larson to sole source from Henry Schein the Dentrax Essentials & Optimum Bundles for the dental in the amount of \$4,213.00. This will allow dental to bill electronically as well as send out text reminders to patients, and other things. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #26-2020, grant application to MNDOT 2021 Public Transit for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Grant Program – Capital Purchase, for a bus. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the sole source request from Joel Astleford for a hydrant from C.W. Dirtworks for Fortune Bay in the amount of \$10,486.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the nutrition consultant agreement with Janelle Land for the Bois Forte Head Start Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request from Amber Zapata to sole source from Jonathan Thunder for graphic designer – designing bus wrap for the Bois Forte “Traditional Foods First” campaign in the amount of \$6,000.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request from Melissa Wright to sole source for the 2019 American Indian Mental Health Conference – Fortune Bay venue, in the amount of \$27,626.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the Arrowhead Region Emergency Management Association Region 2 Homeland Security and Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement. The parties to the agreement consist of County of Aitkin, County of Carlton, County of Cass, County of Cook, County of Crow Wing, County of Itasca, County of Kanabec, County of Koochiching, County of Lake, County of Pine, County of Saint Louis, Tribe of Bois Forte, Tribe of Fond du Lac, Tribe of Grand Portage, Tribe of Leech Lake, Tribe of Mille Lacs, City of Duluth. Carried 4-0-0.

Jane Lewrenz from the Department of Human Services gave a Power point presentation on the Housing Stabilization Services which will help people with disabilities and seniors find and keep housing.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the 2-year Emergency Services Program Contract. This is to house homeless at Fortune Bay on a short term basis. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to proclaim the month of September 2019 as National Recovery Month (Chairwoman Chavers reads the Proclamation). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the MOU between St. Louis County and Bois Forte for the sheltered plus care program at New Moon. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to internally change the name of SUD (Substance Use Disorder) to “Heal Towards Wellness”. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve a 5-year CCDTF contract to access dollars for people to go to treatment. Chairwoman Chavers will write a letter that it is to be a 5-year contract instead of a 1-year contract. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Kim Greiner to sole source from Falmouth Institute a training for staff “Basic Bookkeeping: Federal Grants and Contracts Accounting for Tribes and Tribal Organizations”. The price is different for the number of people that will participate in the training. Kim is to determine which staff need to attend – all of accounting, the council, and staff that work with grants. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the Self Governance Multi-Year Funding Agreement for FY 2020-2022 between the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians and BIA, the Self Governance 2020 Funding Agreement – Reprogramming Request, and the Tribal Transportation Program Addendum. Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift said he went to the Department of Agriculture and there was a program on hemp. He feels it would be good for the tribe to grow it. Chairwoman Chavers said White Earth grows hemp. She said there will be a TEC meeting and the council can see them and ask about it. Pam Hughes said also to check with the Prior Lake Housing. They talked about growing hemp and building with hemp instead of boards.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #28-2020, National Congress of American Indians membership dues in the amount of \$6,500 and individual membership dues for the council and Jenna Lehti in the amount of \$240. Vicki Villebrun is to check on Chairwoman Chavers individual membership dues (\$40) as the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe pays her dues because she is the President of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to appoint Jaylen Strong to the Minnesota Historical Society Indian Advisory Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #27-2020, reimbursement resolution for the hotel siding project at Fortune Bay Resort Casino, and the bond that is needed for the project for tax exempt obligations. Carried 4-0-0.

Sidra Starkovich addresses the council on the elder newsletter. She said she has heard comments from people that want the elder newsletter to come out a month or two before the activities are taking place. She said for example, the July newsletter was received by the elders around July 23 and there were events that were already over with in it. Chairwoman Chavers said that Natalie Goodsky is new in her position of elder coordinator. When Louise does the Bois Forte News she has to do it like a month in advance to get the word out there for people to see. A lot of elders don't use social media. The elders like the newsletter with things like the menu. Chairwoman Chavers asks Jenna to coordinate some ideas with Natalie Goodsky, Dan Milbridge, and Louise Isham. Maybe have an elder page in the newspaper with elder events in it. Toni Wakemup said the programs need to be more proactive about informing the elders too. Toni said she sends flyers out with the meals and physically post flyers at the ENP and the store. Darren Landgren said the radio started a morning show and some of the elders listen to the radio. People can also upload flyers to the KBFT website calendar page.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.