



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 2, 2019 at the Lake Vermillion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, 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: Kim Greiner; Gene Goodsky; Steve Hertig; Vicki Villebrun; Dan Millbridge; Pam Hughes; Melissa Walls; Joel Astleford; Theresa Morrison; Natalie Goodsky; Barb Brodeen; Tara Geshick; Alanna Drift; Darren Landgren; Sue Larson; Eddie Chavers; Noah Buccholz; Jaylen Strong; Billie Isham; Doris Isham; Corey Strong; Nikki Irving; Terry Strong; Sara Van Norman

A moment of silence is observed in memory of a veteran and elder that passed away this morning.

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) move Barb Brodeen before the consent agenda, 2) add Melissa Wright with a sole source request, 3) add Billie Isham with a sole source request, and 4) streaming of the community meetings. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held September 24, 2019 at Nett Lake, Minnesota with a correction to the second paragraph on page 2 that "Moved by Ray Toutloff; seconded by Brandon Benner" be changed to "Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney". Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #31-2020, modification to residential lease – Pamela M. Hughes and Jori Donald Floyd Hughes. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #32-2020, modification to residential lease – Brian K. Anderson and Terri Hamre-Anderson. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #33-2020, new recreation lease – Rocky King. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #34-2020, new residential lease – Darrell L. Larson and Susan K. Larson, and Michael John Larson. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt resolution #35-2020, modification to residential lease – Bruce Schuster and Christopher Schuster. Carried 4-0-0.

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

- 1) Approved \$25,000 from the Business Loan Fund to buy more wild rice
- 2) Approved the sole source request from Amber Zapata to wrap the buses from Big Woods Transit to use as a media for the Traditional foods First social marketing campaign in the amount of \$3,600.

Carried 4-0-0.

Melissa Walls, PhD, Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, Great Lakes Hub and is a member of the Maawaji' idi-oog Mino-ayaawin (Gathering for Health) Team and they are beginning work on a 5-year diabetes intervention grant project, "Family-Based, Culturally Centered Diabetes Intervention with Ojibwe Communities" which involves collaboration between Bois Forte and four other reservations. Each reservation has a research team called Community Research Councils (CRC) which will work to accomplish the goals of the grant. The team has posted for members and Melissa is requesting appointments of Bois Forte community members to the CRC.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to appoint the following individuals to the Bois Forte Community Research Council: David Morrison Jr – CRC Coordinator, Melissa Hawk – member, Doris Isham – member, Muriel Deegan – member, Beverly Steel – member, Jane Villebrun – member, and Stan Day – member. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #36-2020, authorizing the Bois Forte Band participation in a Nation-wide Elder Needs Assessment; and to adopt resolution #37-2020, endorsing an application for funds under Title VI of the Older Americans Act for the period beginning April 11, 2020, and ending March 31, 2023. Carried 4-0-0.

Jaylen Strong was going to request approval to use the birch bark canoe that KBFT did as a project to make. Jaylen said he doesn't need the canoe because the individual helping with the event he was going to use it for is not able to come. Jaylen said he may need it later with a project with the U of M where they would come up to take pictures of the canoe being used in the water and interview people that remembers them being used in the past.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with PolyMet Mining for the Phase II Intensive Level Survey of the Spring Mine Lake Sugarbush area where three elders, Gene Goodsky, Hank Goodsky, and Vern Adams, will participate in ethnographic interviews to provide traditional knowledge of sugaring practices and a tribal monitor, Summer Isham, who will be monitoring the site. Carried 3-1-0. Shane Drift against.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to appoint the following to the Conservation Committee:

- 1) Edward Villebrun to fill the vacancy through May 2022
- 2) Stan Day to fill an elder advisory seat through his term May 2020
- 3) Bruce Schuster to fill elder advisory seat throughout his term May 2020
- 4) Travis Morrison to fill the Tribal Council representative.

Carried 4-0-0.

Nikki Irving is requesting Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) courses to be paid by the RTC for 2-3 individuals per course. The cost for the Emergency Medical Responder is \$585 per person and the Emergency Medical Services course is \$1,555 per person and \$1,355 if they are already an EMR.

Billie Isham said Education (scholarships) can help with the costs.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the costs for the courses with the funds to come from Education and government funding. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the contract with Nikki Irving to serve as the interim Ambulance Director until one is hired. Carried 4-0-0.

Corey Strong said the holidays in the personnel policy list Thanksgiving Day is the fourth Thursday in November and the Native American Heritage Day is the fourth Friday in November. Those holidays were the same week but this year they are on different weeks. Corey is requesting for this year only the Native American Heritage Day be observed on the fifth Friday.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request that the day for the Native American Heritage Day will be observed on the fifth Friday, November 29, 2019 and will be just the one time. Carried 4-0-0. Corey Strong will send out a memo informing the employees.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Pam Hughes to sole source from the Apple Store for 10 Ipad's for the Healing Towards Wellness Program (SUD) in the amount of \$12,670.00. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from Pam Hughes to sole source from Fortune Bay the venue for the Wellbriety Feast in the amount of \$4,235.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the grant contract #161272 2019-2024 for the Bois Forte Prevention program. Carried 4-0-0.

A sole source request from Melissa Wright was approved previously in the amount of \$27,626.00 to use Fortune Bay as the venue for the American Indian Mental Health Conference. Due to increased attendance at the conference an additional \$1,328.00 is being requested for that sole source.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request for the increase of \$1,328.00 for the sole source for Fortune Bay as the venue for the American Indian Mental Health Conference. Carried 4-0-0.

Billie Isham had previously requested and was approved to sole source from the University of Minnesota Institute - Community Integration for Expanding the Circle Training in the amount of \$6,952. Billie said in talking with the school, they want to add two more participants. So Billie is requesting the amount of the sole source be \$7,162.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve increasing the sole source request to \$7,162 for the Expanding the Circle Training from the University of Minnesota – Institute on Community Integration. Carried 4-0-0.

Laura Duffey from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) emailed and said they are creating a recreation map of the Koochiching State Forest. The purpose is to show recreationists what is available in the area for public use, along with showing what is off-limits for public use. The MN DNR is requesting Bois Forte send them shapefiles and map review on tribal lands within the Koochiching State Forest for accuracy that they are showing the tribal land, boundaries, and place names the way Bois Forte wants them on the map.

Tara Geshick is recommending the files not be shared. Corey Strong asks if there is a map that was included. He said there are two public domain allotments outside the reservation boundaries.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to table the request from the MN DNR until this can be researched. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to live stream the community meetings. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers informs the audience the Code of Ethics is now on the Bois Forte website for public comment. If anyone has a comment contact Vicki Villebrun or Louise Isham.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.