



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held November 22, 2019 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:24 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; Steve Hertig; Vicki Villebrun; Evertt Huismann; Noah Buccholz; Natalie Goodsky; Louise Isham; Darren Landgren; Destinie Villebrun; Dave Anderson; Josh Villebrun; Waylon Drift; Joel Astleford; Kim Greiner; George Strong; Tara Geshick; Wendy Thompson; Amber Zapata; Christine Lundemo; Dan Milbridge; Jerome Whiteman; Corey Strong

Chairwoman Chavers informs the audience we lost a good friend and colleague, Mark Anderson.

A moment of silence is observed.

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of Louise Isham with two sole source requests, one for the hams/turkeys for the employees and one for the State-of-the-Band T-shirts; the addition of Shane Drift with a question in regard to a section of the Bois Forte By-Laws; and move Dave Anderson to after the consent agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held October 16, 2019 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

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

- 1) Adopted resolution #41-2020 and 42-2020, loan with American Bank for Fortune Bay
- 2) Approved a letter of support/commitment for Melissa Wright for the Zero Suicide Model application

- 3) Approved the request from the DNR – Environmental Program to purchase a BOSS 9”2 V – Snowplow for the Bois Forte DNR F-350 Super Duty EX “Enviro 1 truck from ZTech (lowest of three bids), in the amount of \$6,730
- 4) Approved the request from Chris Holm – Water Quality to purchase a 2012 F-259SD XLT XCab pickup truck from Iron Trail Motors, lowest of three bids, and to trade-in one DNR pickup truck with a trade-in value of \$21,000. The new truck will be \$25,587.00 after the trade-in
- 5) Approved the transition of the Wilderness (Kemper) employees to the Wilderness Division of Fortune Bay
- 6) Approved the request from Randy Long to sole source the NPR in the amount of \$10,268.00 which is required for KBFT to offer National Programming
- 7) Approved the request from Louise Isham to sole source 818 Elder gift cards from Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$31,084.00

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #43-2020, second amendment to the partnership agreement between Bois Forte and MNDOT for Highway Heavy Occupations Training. Carried 4-0-0.

Destinie Villebrun explains how the medical emergency fund works. She is requesting to change it to Medical Needs Fund because people use it for doctor appointments besides emergencies. She is also requesting to increase the amount of money in the fund to \$30,000 and increase the amount a person may get to \$400 per calendar year from \$350. Destinie is asked to include grandparents and foster children in the guidelines. In regard to the mileage rates and hotel rates, Kim Greiner suggests changing if IRS changes, then the rates automatically change to match the IRS instead of having to bring it back. Chairwoman Chavers tells Destinie to bring this back with the changes for formal approval. Destinie will bring it back.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve to sole source two contracts for the KBFT “Native Americana”. One with Keith Secola in the amount of \$12,000 for Project Talent/Content Producer services. And one with Brett Ross in the amount of \$2,970 for Project Editor services. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt resolution #46-2020, correction to resolution #37-2020 to change “April 11, 2020” to “April 1, 2020”. This is for the application for funds under Title VI of the Older Americans Act for nutritional services to Native American people age 55 and older. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to change the appointed Treasurer of the Bois Forte PAC (Political Action Committee) account from Sue Ronkainen to Erynn Morrison. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the change in the cost of the sole source from Falmouth Institute for the Basic Bookkeeping training from \$6,950 to \$11,700. There were 10 people signed up but now there are 55 people signed up. The training was originally scheduled for December 5-6, 2019 but will be rescheduled for February 2020. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the revision to the Personnel Policy Section 702.7 Travel: Travel must be submitted to the authorized program manager within 15 working days. The authorized program manager has 5 working days to submit it to accounting. Travel can be approved outside the policy by the Executive Director for extenuating circumstances. The deadline for submission to be processed for the week will be changed to noon on Tuesdays. All travel will be paid by direct deposit. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Amendment No. 1 to contract dated April 1, 2019 between the Bois Forte Band and National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). Section 5 is hereby amended by mutual agreement to provide a start date of July 1, 2019 and a termination date of January 31, 2020. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve a request from Melissa Wright to sole source an additional \$521.00 for final remaining balance to Fortune Bay for the AIMHAC conference. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from Louise Isham to sole source \$20.00 gift cards from SuperOne Foods in the amount of \$4,700.00 which will be given to the RTG employees in place of a ham or turkey. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison; to approve the request from Louise Isham to sole source the State-of-the-Band T-shirts from Barber Graphics in the amount of \$6,603.90. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #44-2020, National Indian Gaming 2020 membership dues in the amount of \$3,500 to be paid by Fortune Bay Resort Casino. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the use of the Bois Forte Logo for the Purchasing Power Initiative. Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift reads the duties of the tribal council that are on Ordinance 56-99, Bois Forte Bylaws. He said the council needs to review these once in a while.

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Shane Drift asks about Kempersports. He said Band members asking him questions and he wants to know if he can talk about it. Chairwoman Chavers said a notice should go out to the people on that. She asks when is it appropriate. Jenna Lehti said Reid LeBeau will send an answer by the end of the day.

Jerome Whiteman informs the council he was at the Veteran Celebration. He said there were three of them there that were not taken care of. He said he was told by Louise Isham he would be taken care of.

Tara Geshick asks what they tell their staff in regard to the new policy. Jenna Lehti said it was sent to legal. Right now it is travel and large purchases. Chairwoman Chavers said senior management met with Kim Greiner and come up with Phase I and II. Once legal responds the council will meet with senior management.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.