



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held January 15, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Meeting called to order at 9:27 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Shane Drift (excused)

Others Present: Jenna Lehti; Gene Goodsky; Steve Hertig; Vicki Villebrun; Eddie Chavers; Noah Buccholz; Randy Long; Darren Landgren; Curt Goodsky; Lance Kingbird; Warren Villebrun; Corey Strong; Jordan Goodsky; Jeffrey Mattson; Theresa Morrison; Kim Greiner; Jennalee Porter; John Bennett; Jason Schlender; Holli Arp; Fawn Sampson; Jennie Rowland; Sue Larson; Christine Lundemo; Louise Isham; George Strong; Joel Astleford; Jaylen Strong; Doris Isham; Millie Holmes; Marybelle Isham

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the agenda with the addition of Jaylen Strong with Polymet alternative outcomes; and Jenna Lehti presenting Rick Anderson and Sidra Starkovich agenda items. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held December 18, 2019 at the Lake Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation, Minnesota. Carried 3-0-0.

New tribal government employees: Warren Villebrun introduces Jordan Goodsky and Jeffrey Mattson who are the new Maintenance Technicians.

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

- 1) Approved the new Nett Lake Wild Rice pricing with an effective date of January 1, 2020
- 2) Approve the Ambulance Pay Policy Change
- 3) Approved a \$500 donation to Eugene Boshey III who had a house fire

- 4) Granted Sidra Starkovich, Census Tribal Liaison, permission to speak with the press on behalf of the Tribal Council in regards to the census
- 5) Approved to change the minimum age required to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21, effective immediately.

Carried 3-0-0.

Jason Schlender, University of Minnesota Extension Educator, and his team give a presentation on their project "Collaboration with the University of Minnesota Extension Community Vitality and Economic Development Administration: working together to expand economic development in Indian Country.

Chairwoman Chavers said the council is always looking for collaboration and that tourism is huge. Chairwoman Chavers asks Jenna Lehti to schedule meetings for Jason Schlender to meet with the tribal government staff at Nett Lake and at Vermilion to talk about the services U of MN Extension offers.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #54-2020, Access to Records – Procedure. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the following donations – approvals and donations – denials:

APPROVALS:

- 1) \$250: Two Rivers Pow Wow – Elk River Area School District
- 2) \$250: Second Harvest Food Bank – North Central Food Bank
- 3) \$250: Interfaith Action – Department of Indian Work St. Paul
- 4) \$500 matching fundraising: Brynn Chosa Volleyball MN North Elite Team
- 5) \$1,500: Virginia Public Schools Indian Education Indigenous Games
- 6) \$250: Division of Indian Work – Minneapolis
- 7) \$200: Virginia Community Foundation
- 8) \$150: New Native Theater – Indigenous Theater Twin Cities
- 9) \$200 and 2# Wild Rice: Minnesota Indian Womens Sexual Assault Coalition – MMIW Woman March
- 10) \$100: Northwood Grizzlies Cheerleaders

DENIALS:

- 1) Darren Landgren – Tuition Superior College
- 2) Wounded Warriors Project
- 3) Lakota Waldorf School
- 4) Adriana Leecy – Gymnastics (no proof of individual fundraising provided (was requested) and last donation was given within the year)

Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adopt resolution #55-2020, to discontinue the yearly "Vendor Royalties" distribution (from Fortune Bay) starting with FY 2020 (October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020). The amount will be combined with the annual distribution set by the Tribal Council. (This reverses resolution #80-2006 which established the "Vendor Royalties"). Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt resolution #56-2020, approving the distribution of \$3,102.651 from Fortune Bay Resort Casino for Fiscal Year 2020 (October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020) to be allocated to programs per the Final Column on the 2020 Bois Forte Budget (attached to this resolution). Carried 3-0-0. This budget will be added to the annual report.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve Health insurance single coverage cost to programs be increased by 5% for calendar year 2020. The CY rate for 2019 was \$1,118.41 per month. The new rate for FY 2020 will be \$1,174.33 which is an increase of \$55.92 per month per employee. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the certification of TRIP report from minimum data report for the State of Minnesota. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the purchase of three new buses for the Big Woods Transit program. Two will be purchased from Heglund Bus Company at the costs of 1 - \$59,158.00, 2 - \$54,178. The 3rd bus will be purchased from Telin Transportation Group for the cost of \$65,454. Carried 3-0-0.

Jaylen Strong said there is a sugarbush site, "Spring Mine Lake Sugarbush" a half mile away from the Polymet site but 3 to 4 miles inside the Polymet property. MSHA won't budge on their rules when you are on the property. Some rules are the sugarbush can only be visited and sugared during daylight hours, a PolyMet representative needs to escort and be nearby to any visitors, all visitors would be required to wear hard hats, safety-toe boots, safety glasses, and safety vests, no visitors under the age of 12, and visitors between the age of 12 and 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

PolyMet had said they would buy the site and get another site and equipment for sugarbush. Chairwoman Chavers said she would like to see input from the elders and community on the sugarbush. Jaylen is to put this on the of the community meetings agendas at Vermillion. If the sugarbush was switched to another site, what would happen to that sugarbush. Chairwoman Chavers said they will be setting up a meeting with Grand Portage to talk about sharing a THPO.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Carried 3-0-0.