



# Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 6, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:16 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Randy Long; Joel Astleford; Gene Goodsky; Steve Hertig; Vicki Villebrun; Noah Buccholz; Darren Landgren; Ray Thompson; Wendy Thompson; George Strong; Pam Hughes; Melissa Walls; Dan Milbridge; Josh Villebrun

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the agenda with the addition of Pam Hughes and Melissa Walls with a resolution for a grant application to the Johns Hopkins University SCIBAR initiative; and the addition of Dan Milbridge with Suggested Plan for the next phase of opening the dental clinics. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held April 1, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

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

- 1) Approved to open up travel to International Falls due to the closing of the Canadian border
- 2) Adopted Resolution No. 84-2020, Bois Forte COVID-19 Shelter in Place
- 3) Adopted Resolution No. 85-2020, Suspended per capita garnishment/collection for the year 2020
- 4) Approved closing the Head Start and Boys and Girls Club in Nett Lake and Vermilion starting April 8, 2020
- 5) Approved a \$1,000 donation to KBFT Benner Show for his contests
- 6) Approved the new policy for the ambulance service on call 24 hours paid time
- 7) Approved a request from Randy Long to sole source an Everbridge notification system in the amount of \$6,705

- 8) Approved a request from Randy Long to sole source for an Avast Antivirus 2 years subscription in the amount of \$5,830
- 9) Approved a request from Randy Long to sole source a contract from Liberty Pharmacy Systems in the amount of \$29,484. The costs includes the transition from McKesson Pharmacy Systems to Liberty Pharmacy Systems which took them over
- 10) Approved adding language to the 2020 Netting Code, "An emergency declaration for the 2020 Netting Season only: a band member can use their a) 1854 Treaty Authority ID or b) Bois Forte Tribal ID as their official netting permit. They must keep that ID on their person, as required in the original code."
- 11) Approved suspending the June 2020 Pow-Wows, they can be re-scheduled to a later date
- 12) Approved the COVID-19 Expanded FMLA and COVID-19 Emergency Sick Leave policies for Bois Forte Enterprises
- 13) Approved a request from Nikki Irving to sole source the purchase of 7,000 masks in the amount of \$10,500 from EMS Association
- 14) Approved the Indirect Cost Rate of 22.40% for FY2020
- 15) Approved the COVID-19 Expanded FMLA and COVID-19 Emergency Sick Leave policies for the Bois Forte Tribal Government
- 16) Approved to add Section 623 Unexpected and Extraordinary Leave to employee policy, effective March 16, 2020
- 17) Approved changing the application date for the Sales Tax Rebate for Band Member Owned Business from May 1 to August 1 because the Income Tax Deadlines have been changed due to COVID
- 18) Approved a request from Ericka Cote to sole source COVID-19 testing supplies from McKesson and Amazon in the amount of \$7,774.98
- 19) Adopted Resolution No. 86-2020, New Moon Operating Subsidy Amendment
- 20) Adopted Resolution No. 87-2020, Submission of a grant request to IRRRB for engineering services for a water control structure feasibility evaluation for the Nett Lake dam
- 21) Adopted Resolution No. 88-2020, support of the grant application for the HRSA Rural Community Opioid Response grant
- 22) Approved the Long Term Homelessness Supportive Services Subcontractor Agreement
- 23) Approved the request from Pam Hughes to sole source ten iPADS from the Apple Store for Government in the amount of \$9,260 to be used by youth that do not have access to computers for Distance Learning

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the updated Tribal Code, effective today, May 6, 2020. Carried 4-0-0.

The Tribal Code is to be posted publicly and put on the website.

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Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to review the Tribal Code on a yearly basis, from today forward, for any updates or revisions that may need to be done. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the agreement for Native Voice One (NV1) FY20 Station Affiliate Program Renewal for KBFT 89.9 FM Community Radio. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Billboard Lease Contract with Red Sunset Land Development LLC for KBFT 89.9 FM Community Radio. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt Resolution No. 89-2020, to support the submission of a grant proposal for funding from the Johns Hopkins University SCIBAR initiative for collaboration between the Johns Hopkins University investigators and Bois Forte community team members and service providers to implement community-driven research to understand the scope of substance use problems and address inequities by translating research into action locally. Carried 4-0-0.

Dan Milbridge has a Suggested Plan to proceed to the next phase of opening dental per Governor Walz Executive Order Regarding Elective Care effective May 11, 2020: Crowns, Bridges, Root Canals, Fillings, and Dentures. Dan has a proposed next phase of staff recall. The Implementation plan will be in line with the recommendations from the Minnesota Board of Dentistry.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the recall of staff on his list and approve opening dental per the Suggested Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the sole source request from Dan Milbridge for the Health Department to purchase 4 high volume suction machines for an approximate cost of \$12,000. Carried 4-0-0.

Josh Villebrun is requesting to be appointed as Bois Forte Representative to the Tower Area Ambulance Service Commission on a volunteer basis, he is not requesting any type of compensation (they meet quarterly). He said he has been on the Tower ambulance for five years, he just recently resigned as the assistant director. He said there is a Tower Area Ambulance Service Commission that is made up of seven entities which include six townships and Fortune Bay. Fortune Bay makes donations every year towards the purchase of new ambulances. Josh said he has been assistant director for 3 ½ years and only one time there was a representative from Bois Forte at the meetings. Jeff Damm usually shows up for Fortune Bay. Josh said he would like to represent the tribe because the Tower Ambulance covers the entire Vermilion reservation. Chairwoman Chavers says she knows Jeff Damm represents Fortune Bay but there has never really been anyone to represent the Band as a whole.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to appoint Josh Villebrun to represent the Bois Forte Reservation to the Tower Area Ambulance Service Commission as a volunteer. Carried 4-0-0.

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Josh Villebrun would like to meet with the Tribal Council to see what the Council would like to see him do at those meetings. Wick-o is to coordinate this meeting and it is to be held at Vermilion.

Josh Villebrun said he would like to congratulate the staff at the Tribal Court, Police Department, and Human Services for working on the Tribal Code, and thanks the Council for approving it.

David Morrison Sr. informs the Council Gene asked about setting a date for the Spring Ceremony for some time next week. David asks if May 14 would work. Council agree that the morning of Thursday, May 14 will be okay.

Chairwoman Chavers said she would like to say, on behalf of the Tribal Council, "We realize these are hard times for everybody with the COVID-19. We're trying to keep you updated as much we can on our website. We are going to try get back to the new normal. We hope you are all being safe out there, practicing social distancing and using masks, washing your hands, doing what you can do to keep your family and community safe. It is hard times right now, but we will get through this together. If there is anything we can do, please free to call, email us, use technology however you may, or just even send a letter. We're willing to help in any way we can, as a tribal council, because we realize there are a lot of needs out there that are maybe not being met. We just want to say Chi-Miigwech to all of you and wish you to be safe and healthy".

Shane Drift said he would like to say the same thing, these are hard times for all of us. And if there are any suggestions or comments or thoughts, please share. Five heads are better than three. Seven are better than five, etc. Thank you.

Chairwoman Chavers said the council does not always have the answers but it is good to hear different viewpoints. Chairwoman Chavers said the council does talk with tribal leaders every day except for the weekends. It is nice to hear what other tribes are doing out there, but the council does need comments and suggestions.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.