



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held July 1, 2020 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: Randy Long; Joel Astleford; Gene Goodsky; Steve Hertig; Vicki Villebrun; Evertt Huisman; Darnell Goggeye; Darren Landgren; Eddie Chavers; Dani Pieratos; George Strong; Andy Dakto (via telephone); Sue Larson; Theresa Morrison

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to approve the agenda with the addition of Theresa Morrison with the bid award for the lawn care project; and remove the sole source contract with DSGW for the Nett Lake Clinic remodel project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 17, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

Chairwoman Chavers gives an update on the powwow. She said at 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 10 there will be a ceremony. Gene will bring medicine for people if they want some. Gilbert Smith will be there. If there is a rise in cases of COVID the ceremony will probably be rescheduled.

Shane Drift asks in regard to the ballot count being livestreamed, if the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Tribal Executive Committee need to be asked if Bois Forte could do it. Chairwoman Chavers said Bois Forte does not need to ask them.

Shane Drift asks if there is a timeframe to the relief program. Chairwoman Chavers said accounting put in the guidelines they will try to process the applications in two weeks. Shane asks if they don't get an application who do they call. Chairwoman Chavers said Braeanne Porter. Peter Boney said the

application is also on the website. Chairwoman Chavers said there were some staff hired temporarily to work on the COVID relief program.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved the contract addendum with Fond du Lac who applied for state funding for suicide prevention education and efforts. They included all the tribes in their proposal and Bois Forte will get \$15,000
- 2) Approved the sole source request from Pam Hughes to purchase 10 iPads in the amount of 49,260.00
- 3) Adopted Resolution No. 100-2020, Bois Forte Quarantine Policy
- 4) Approved the Bois Forte Coronavirus Relief Program Guidelines and Application
- 5) Approved using Ram Construction for the food storage building 100x100 project

Carried 4-0-0.

Dani Pieratos is the new Food Access Coordinator for AEOA. There is a newly formed community group, "Bois Forte Food Sovereignty & Sustainable Agriculture Community Advocacy Group" and they are requesting to partner with the Bois Forte Tribal Government to build community gardens for food production and other sustainable agriculture activities. Dani reads the letter they have written to the tribal council. They are requesting a partnership for help with the following:

- Agriculture land access to lease for rent,
- USDA Industrial Hemp Seed Testing Plan for a future pilot project, USDA approval for Bois Forte RTG to Self-Regulate for 2021 Growing Season and beyond
- Fiscal Agency for the Group if and when they access grant capital for project implementation with opt out clauses if the group develops into its own nonprofit, LLC, or co-operative
- Future collaboration with Bois Forte Food Shelf program at both reservation locations
- Creation of a Bois Forte Seed Saving program to enhance sovereignty
- Formal participation in the creation of a community driven Tribal Food and Sustainable Agriculture Code.

Dani said if the Council are agreeable they will make a formal Memorandum of Understanding and present it at the next Tribal Council meeting. Dani is asked to include Leasing on this.

Dani is told to come back with an MOU and it will be sent to the attorney for review.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the agreement with Native Voice One (NV1) for station affiliate program renewal for KBFT. Carried 4-0-0.

Andy Datko on telephone.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Andy Datko, to sole source a contract with Architectural Resources Inc. for architectural and engineering services for

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the remodel work at the Vermilion Clinic, in the amount of a lump sum fee of \$14,000. The remodeling will be modifications of the nurses station and separation from the lab area, and expansion and remodeling of the pharmacy. Carried 3-1-0. Shane Drift against.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Andy Datko, to sole source a contract with Architectural Resources, Inc. for engineering work for the Vermilion Wellness Center backup generator project, for a lump sum of \$5,700. Carried 3-1-0. Shane Drift against.

Shane explains why he voted against.

Discussion was held on the request from Theresa Morrison to recommend Renika Love & Guy Ragsdale be approved for the lawn care project, they are low bid. Theresa is told only one bidder provided insurance information. Theresa is asked if all the bidders were provided the same addresses for lawn care. Theresa said yes, upon request.

Council decide to table this until Theresa gets the liability information from the bidders. She is to try to get it before the end of the meeting today.

A lottery is held for the placement of names on the ballot for the General Election being held August 18, 2020.

For the Chairman position:

Miranda Villebrun Lilya
Catherine Chavers "Incumbent"

For the District I Representative position:

Tara Geshick
Travis Morrison "Incumbent".

Chairwoman Chavers said if Theresa is not able to get the information by the end of executive session the lawn care project can be polled.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.