



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held November 4, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:39 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robbie Gogleye; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Eddie Chavers; Mary LaGarde;
Barb Brodeen; Pam Hughes; Ashley Goodsky; Teri Morrison; Travis Vake; Doris
Isham; Dani Pieratos

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agenda with moving Dani Pieratos after Travis Vake, and to add Doris Isham with a contract for Dave Danz to work on the Indian Housing Block grant application to replace the elder units at Nett Lake and Vermilion, and to add Doris Isham with an agreement for Architectural Resources to do the preliminary work on the Indian Housing Block grant project for the elder units. Carried 4-0-0.

Gene Goodsky explains what he said when he did the invocation.

Gene Goodsky requests the replenishing of walleye at Vermilion. He said he went fishing and hardly got anything. Chairwoman Chavers said the council talked with DNR about a hatchery and will try to address that.

Gene Goodsky said he has a remedy for the Coronavirus. He gave the remedy to one person on the reservation, and to see him if anyone needs it.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held October 21, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes, Shane Drift asked about the section where he asked if the Band members in Bemidji could be included when food boxes are given out. He asked if anyone asked Leech Lake if the Bois Forte Band members receive services there. Chairwoman Chavers said she talked to Farron Jackson who said they are getting some assistance. And in the TERC meeting it was discussed to bring breakfast boxes to the elders living in that area and some of the other boxes the TERC committee will be getting in the future. The TERC committee talked about another delivery in a couple weeks, and will talk to someone in Bemidji to set up sites.

Robbie Goggeley introduces new tribal government employees:
Toni Wakemup, Administrative Assistant for Public Works
Frank Barto, Maintenance Technician for Public Works
Crystalin Patrick, Administrative Assistant for Human Resources
Stacy Howe, COVID Relief for Accounting
Nikki Irving, Accounting Clerk
Rachel Tuve, Substance Use Prevention Specialist
Adrienne Whiteman, Housing Stabilization Case Manager
Bret Hanson, SOAR Benefits Case Manager
Jessica Gustafson, International Falls Substance Use Prevention Specialist.

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

- 1) Approved the request from Lynette Tahtinen to sole source the renewal of the MLPRODGY contract for software for the PRC program
- 2) Approved the request from Amber Zapata to sole source the contract with Software Touch Corp for the database Amber uses for her program, at an annual cost of \$6,000
- 3) Approved to sole source for emergency trench line/emergency conduit/wire to repair the underground power feed between the meter and a house at Red Pine Way at a cost up to \$6,980
- 4) Approved for November 3, 2020 early release at noon to go vote
- 5) Adopted Resolution No. 55-2021, Fortune Bay COVID-19 Assistance Program
- 6) Adopted Resolution No. 56-2021, establishing the Bois Forte COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program
- 7) Approved the Bois Forte COVID-0 Energy Assistance Program Guidelines
- 8) Approved a \$500 fire donation to Jennalee Porter who had a house fire on October 29, 2020.

Carried 4-0-0.

Mary LaGarde, Executive Director for the Minneapolis American Indian Center requests a donation of 50 pounds of wild rice for holiday baskets that will be given to families and elders in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

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Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve a donation of 50 pounds of "the best wild rice in the world" to the Minneapolis American Indian Center for holiday baskets. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt Resolution No. 57-2021, Retained Services Addendum for FY 2021 for the Self-Governance Compact and Annual Funding Agreement with the USDOJ Bureau of Indian Affairs. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt Resolution No. 58-2021, 2021-2024 Bois Forte Transportation Improvement Plan. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the MOU between Bois Forte and St. Louis County for the Shelter Plus Care at New Moon. This is a subsidy program for six of the units for individuals that have disabilities (disabilities, mental health, substance use). It pays a portion of the rent or 100% rent if no income. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt Resolution No. 59-2021, residential lease cancellation, Johnathan Lehti. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt Resolution No. 60-2021, residential lease, John Lehti. Carried 4-0-0.

Peter Boney leaves the meeting.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Terry Defoe for an additional lot located next to her residence at Vermilion that she will need if she ever wanted to build a garage. The lots are small on Cemetery Road. Carried 3-0-0.

Peter Boney enters the meeting.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the updated application, policy and appeal process for the Elderly Needs Program. Added "This program will not pay for an item to be used at a cabin or vacation home." And added "Veteran's Benefits are NOT counted as income." This updated application, policy and appeal process is effective immediately. Carried 4-0-0.

Discussion was held on opening the elder needs program to all the elders in the state of Minnesota. And discussion on if there is more than one elder in the household would they all be able to participate. Maybe one year for the elders living on the reservation and the next year for those elders living off the reservation. Teri Morrison and Ashley Goodsky are to do a survey of the elders in the state of Minnesota to get their input, and also find out how many elders there are in order to see how much it would cost.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the agreement for Lutheran Social Services Financial Counseling. Carried 4-0-0.

Dani Pieratos is requesting a letter of support for the grant application for the Good Food Access Program (GFAP) to purchase fresh food cooler units for the Nett Lake C Store with healthy foods procurement and promotions to drive sales assistance from the Rutabaga Project. The units will go in the unused deli seating area. Dani also requests that the Bois Forte maintenance provide physical renovation work, removing the furniture, restoring the floor and wall. The cost, \$2,700 would be written into the grant. Robbie Goggleye will meet with Joel Astleford and Ernie Barto for the request for maintenance to do the renovation work.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve a letter of support for the Good Food Access Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Dani updates the council on some of the projects she is working on.

- 1) AEOA found funding for the 50 meal kits they will be giving to Bois Forte for people that are in quarantine. Dani has a list of the food and indigenous foods that will be in the kits. The kits will be delivered in January. There will also be household hygiene kits that will be provided by United Way.
- 2) The deadline was missed for the Musser Fund for the part time food sovereignty position. A Rutabaga partner out of UMD is applying for funding for a 2 year full-time position food sovereignty position for Bois Forte.
- 3) 8th Fire Solar is installing solar panel at two residential sites at Vermilion. One private home and one Housing Tax Credit unit. For the training and the installation there are two Housing technicians that are participating, and three Bois Forte community members. 8th Fire is writing Bois Forte in a grant for Spring 2021 and will do the training in Nett Lake.
- 4) Dani asks if there is a staff person she should work with for Tele-City Hall Model-online community meetings. She thinks Louise Isham. Council said Louise.
- 5) Dani said she will continue with referrals to Dawn Benner and Leanne Hoffman when Band members want to participate in food and energy sovereignty projects and trainings.
- 6) Dani said she is working on a food access land trust to co-manage private lands with landowners for hunting, fishing, gathering access rights for people.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt Resolution No. 61-2021, National Indian Gaming Association 2021 membership dues in the amount of \$3,500, to be paid by Fortune Bay Resort Casino. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the agreement with Dave Danz to prepare the grant application for the Indian Housing Block Grant to replace the elder units at Nett Lake and Vermilion. The amount is \$5,000 now, \$5,000 after writing the application and Bois Forte approves it, and \$2,000 if Bois Forte is awarded the grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; because of time constraints, to waive the current architectural bidding process and approve the agreement with Architectural Resources to develop construction plans (site plans, floor plan, exterior image, construction budget) for the Indian Housing Block Grant in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the elder housing project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.