



# Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Invocation by Gene Goodsky

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held December 16, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robbie Goggeley; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Steve Hertig; Sue Larson; Dan Millbridge; Tracey Dagen; Travis Vake; Kim Greiner

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the agenda with moving Christine Lundemo's agenda item under Travis Vake; and to add Shane Drift with discussion on Band members who have disabilities receiving assistance from the elder program but don't receive the elder holiday gift cards when elder's get them. Carried 4-00.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held December 2, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes, Shane Drift said he had asked for an update on the Indian Housing Block Grant for the elder units and where they will be placed.

Chairwoman Chavers said the Band contracted with Dave Danz to write the IHBG grant. It has been submitted on time last week. It was for two 8-unit buildings. One would go behind the Fitness Center in Vermilion. One would go by the Assisted Living Centre in Nett Lake. The grant is competitive and they are only awarding 20.

During approval of the minutes, Shane Drift said in regard to the 1866 Treaty. They thought it was gold. It was not gold. Shane's interpretation of it was based on gold and they didn't find it. Does that mean it goes back to the way it was – we have the rights to the land. And in regard to the school trust land

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exchange. There the two forest services were exchanging land, they didn't consult with the tribes – Bois Forte, Grand Portage, Fond du Lac. Chairwoman Chavers said this will be brought up at the 1854 Authority Board meeting tomorrow. David Morrison Sr. said to also have Reid LeBeau or Jeff Holth look for any information that Mark Anderson might have had in his files on this. Chairwoman Chavers said Joe Halloran is in that office and that is his speciality.

New tribal government employees: Robbie Goggeye introduces Miranda Lilya who is the new Judicial Services Director.

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

- 1) Approved the Head Start Parent Committee to hold a wreath raffle fund raiser for the Head Start and Early Head Start Christmas presents
- 2) Adopted Resolution No. 67-2021, submission of an application for funding under the Indian Housing block Grant Competitive Grant Program for two apartment buildings for elders and handicapped persons
- 3) Approved clarifying the Temporary Remote Work Agreement Policy that it allows the Tribal Government to recall employees for on-site work at any time, so there is flexibility for supervisors/directors to recall employees as needed to comply with the new rule of employees who test positive and are cleared to return to work should be working on-site until at least 90 days have passed since they tested positive

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Sue Larson to sole source additional equipment from Henry Schein in the amount of \$11,545.22 for the Digital Scanner and Milling machine in Dental. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request from Sue Larson to sole source two Autoclave machines (cleaning machines for any of the tools the medical providers use) for the clinics at a cost of \$9,250.86 (\$4,625.43 each). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from Sue Larson to purchase four (4) AED (defibrillators) machines for the two clinics and two trailers (the trailers were purchased for COVID), in the amount of \$5,976.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the Bois Forte Dental Clinic Non-Tribal Affiliated Patients Cancellation and Failed Appointment Policy. Carried 4-0-0.

Sue Larson said there is no patient cancellation and failed appointed policy for Tribal/Band members. That policy was dropped. There was only a handful that missed appointments.

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Robbie Goggeye asks if there is a call list if someone misses an appointment. Sue said yes, if they call in a half hour ahead of time, then someone on the call list can be called.

Chairwoman Chavers said the dental clinics are scheduled far out. The dental clinics were closed for a time due to the pandemic so the dental clinics are playing catch up.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt Resolution No. 69-2021, UMD Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Partnership. This is a partnership between Bois Forte and Dr. William Mantyh and Dr. Neil Henderson, an American Indian led research team with a focus on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. The research will consist of blood tests and therapies. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt Resolution No. 70-2021, Focus Group Research Partnership between the Bois Forte Band and MK-MDT (Memory Keepers Medical Discovery – Health Equity Team (MK-MDT)). The purpose of this partnership is to better understand how American Indian/Indigenous people reach to and feel about participating in science research projects. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the updated Bois Forte Registrar Fees effective January 1, 2021. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to affirm the consultation was held between the Bois Forte Band and ISD 2142. Carried 4-0-0. The Tribal Nations Education Committee (TNEC) also participated in this consultation.

Travis Vake said the consultations with ISD 2142 were two fiscal years behind. The one held last month was for 2019-2020. Another consultation will be scheduled in the spring for 2020-2021.

Chairwoman Chavers said the Band will probably be requesting an audit of how the Indian money is spent that 2142 receives. In talking with Tribal Leaders, it sounds like the state will do an all-state audit of how Indian Education money is spent.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Christine Lundemo to carryover funds in the amount of \$15,800 to complete the Vermillion log restoration project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Jacque Wilson to sole source games and puzzles from Amazon in the amount of \$8,706.65. The games and puzzles are to encourage families and individuals to stay home and stay safe. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the 2021 RTG Employee Christmas Club Match Club Rules. Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift said there are Band members that have disabilities receive some assistance that the elders get. Why can't they get the elder gift cards?

Kim Greiner said accounting/enrollment does not know who is disabled. Accounting/enrollment can't ask the clinics or other programs who is disabled because of HIPAA. Someone other than enrollment or accounting would have to keep the disability list. Chairwoman Chavers said the Council could have discussion on this later.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.