



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held January 20, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:46 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; Eddie Chavers; Suzanne Nash; Ben Pachito

During approval of the agenda Shane Drift said he sent an email last week in regard to the CARES money. He would like to see a report on what was spent so far for that money. Chairwoman Chavers said Kim Greiner will be presenting that information at the State of the Band tomorrow. After it is presented by her it will go on the website. Also this year the directors and Fortune Bay will be presenting reports on their programs.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve agenda with a change that Ben Pachito will be presenting the Revised Bois Forte Tribal Code instead of Miranda Lilya. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes Shane Drift said in regard to moving the Grants Manager, the TERO Officer, and the TERO Compliance Training Officer under the Career Development Department, the Band members should be told why that is being done. That this is part of the 477 program that is being started.

Chairwoman Chavers said Bois Forte received approval to have a 477 program. It allows the combination of certain programs to combine into one pot of money, and into one reporting aspect for tribes. Mille Lacs and Red Lake have 477 programs. The career development department is basically to have a workforce development program. It is a one-stop-shop where Band members can come in - it is a training program. The workforce is dwindling and it is a training program for workforce development. It will have education training, workforce development, grant writing, TERO.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held January 6, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

There are no new tribal government employees to introduce. Robbie Goggeye said there are a couple new employees but it needs to be figured out how to do it.

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

- 1) Approved the request from Travis Vake to extend the CARES Act Energy Program Assistance to March 1, 2021
 - 2) Approved the Bois Forte COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program Guidelines and Application
- Carried 3-0-0.

Shane Drift asks if a Band member applied before, can they apply again. Chairwoman Chavers said no, it is in the guidelines.

Suzanne Nash works for the Indigenous Peoples Task Force. She said they have a tobacco curriculum on the difference between commercial tobacco and traditional tobacco. The traditional tobacco is a very powerful medicine. Suzanne gives a power point presentation on the dangers of vaping and COVID 19. There is a huge amount of chemicals in vaping products. She said more young people are vaping and are 7 times more likely to get COVID then those who do not smoke or use vaping products. There are 15,500 flavored tobacco products out there and counting. Tobacco stores are popping up all over. The reason is because a lot of the neighboring cities in Minnesota have restricted and banned the sale of flavored tobacco products because it is in such high demand and the kids are vaping at high rates. Suzanne said she is a part of a coalition for ClearWay Minnesota called Smoke-free Generation. There are things they are working on. They increased the tobacco age changed to 21. They want to continue to increase the taxes on tobacco and raise the price of tobacco products. They want to prohibit the sale of tobacco flavored products. Minneapolis and neighboring cities have done that, about 12 cities that are flavored free from selling from convenience stores. They are investing in tobacco prevention and cessation programs. They want to teach the kids early.

Ben Pachito, Tribal Prosecutor, said the Jacobson Law Group was asked to revise the Tribal Code. He goes over the revisions that were made. Some of the changes were the Substance Abuse Code was a stand-alone code but has been put in to the Tribal Code. The criminal classifications were updated. The code was renumbered and reformatted.

Chairwoman Chavers said once it is approved it will go on the website.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the Revised Bois Forte Tribal Code. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to appoint Alanna Sherman in charge of the Donations Committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison, Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.