

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 17, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:19 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; Vicki Villebrun; Noah Buchholz;
Darren Landgren; Adrienne Whiteman; Jerome Whiteman; Ray Thompson;
Travis Vake; Teri Morrison; Ashley Goodsky; George Strong; Jerome Whiteman

Gene Goodsky, Adrienne Whiteman, and Jerome Whiteman address the Council about the powwows. Gene said it is very important to have powwows. We need the power of the drums, we need the power of the eagle, eagle feathers, we need the power of the tobacco that are used at our powwows. That puts a shield around the village, the whole communities, Vermilion, Sugarbush, Indian Point. It puts a shield around us to protect us from that Corona virus.

Adrienne Whiteman said as a coordinator of the powwows, she agrees with Gene on why the powwows need to be held but she would suggest to have a smaller gathering and do the ceremonies associated with that. She said she said that because she doesn't want to be responsible for someone contracting COVID. She said they are talking about a second wave coming and no one knows how severe that will be. If it is decided a full powwow will be held they need a month in advance notice for the planning of it. Adrienne asks if she will have to have somebody take temperatures when they come in, tell them where to sit.

Chairwoman Chavers said the council had a discussion with Gene and she contacted Adrienne about having a smaller scale powwow. There was a small committee developed, Adrienne, Linda Barto, Chaz Wagner, Muriel Deegan, Tracey Dagen, Theresa Morrison so whenever powwows are going to be organized that would be the group. Muriel and Tracey for the Vermilion side, and the others for the

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Nett Lake side. Chairwoman Chavers said the powwows would be smaller with no food, no payouts. There are a lot of people with underlying conditions.

Adrienne said her and Linda talked about July 10 to do just the ceremonies. Keep it small and then a small powwow in September.

Peter Boney said in Vermilion there was one that had the virus. That person is okay now, she didn't have all the symptoms. She lost her taste and that is when she got tested. She was quarantined. So it is here. Peter said there are 150 elders getting fed. There are people with diabetes, etc. He is okay with powwows, just keep them local.

Adrienne said there are only four people planning the powwows. She said she doesn't know everybody. She said some people come from the cities and Fond du Lac, etc. She doesn't know how to police that. If people hear there will be a powwow, they will come.

Chairwoman Chavers said to coordinate a zoom meeting and ask Teri Morrison, Community Health Nurse, to participate in the meeting to get her advice. There are masks and hand sanitizer. It might rain that day and have to be held inside.

Adrienne said yes, it would be helpful to have a meeting because she would need to know what guidelines the council would like her to follow.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution establishing the Citizens CARES Act - Bois Forte Coronavirus Relief Program. Shane Drift said maybe for the next meeting to look at livestreaming the ballot count to our Band members for the election. Carried 4-0-0.

Peter Boney leaves the meeting.

Moved by David Morrison, Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held June 3, 2020 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 3-0-0.

There are no new staff to introduce.

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

- 1) Adopted Resolution No. 97-2020, designating the MCT Tribal Court of Appeals as the appellate body that will hear any appeals for the upcoming elections
- 2) Approved the Bois Forte Tribal Government COVID-19 Tribal Offices Preparedness Plan
- 3) Approved the amendment to the CCDTF – Tribal Admin Allowance

- 4) Approved the request to sole source the purchase of software support for the clinic in the amount of \$5,184.00

Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the request from Travis Vake to sole source in the amount of \$7,735.00 the services of a trainer from the University of Minnesota – Institute on Community Integration to provide a 2-day training to the Expanding the Circle facilitators to effectively implement the Expanding the Circle program. Carried 3-0-0.

Peter Boney returns to the meeting.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from Travis Vake to sole source the purchase of iPads, Smart keyboards, Air Pods, and Smart covers from Apple in the amount of \$8,700.00. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the FFY 2021 Energy Assistance Grant. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt Resolution No. 98-2020, Elder Radio Free Bingo Program. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve to sole source the contract with Keith Secola for the “Native Americana Audio Café Podcast” and Host Rider for KBFT 89.9 Community Radio (episodes 31-60). Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt Resolution No. 99-2020, establishing the Citizens CARES Act – Bois Forte Coronavirus Relief Program which will provide \$1,000 to each Band member age 18 and over. Carried 4-0-0.

As soon as the application is developed for the relief program the information will be put on the website and the application mailed to all of the adult Band members.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.