

A moment of silence is held in place of invocation.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held March 3, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:12 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robbie Goggleye; Vicki Villebrun; Lynette Tahtinen; Tara Wagner; Travis Vake; Angelo Kingbird; Damon Day; Darnell Goggleye; Alanna Sherman; Kim Greiner; Darren Landgren; Simona Benner

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agenda. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held February 3, 2021. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes Shane Drift asks if the report of the CARES Act funding was put in the Bois Forte News. Chairwoman Chavers said it was in this month's paper.

Shane Drift asks about the section regarding the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and if the council is okay with Grand Portage making a statement on behalf of Bois Forte. Chairwoman Chavers said April McCormick from Grand Portage did contact Bois Forte and the council told her it was okay to do that. In regard to the letter being sent to the MPCA there are still about 3 tribes that need to sign on. They are going to sign, the letter probably got lost in the emails. All eleven tribes in Minnesota will be signing the letter.

Introduction of new RTC staff: Lynette Tahtinen introduces Tara Wagner who is the new Clinic Administrative Assistant working at the reception/front desk at the clinic in Nett Lake. Travis Vake introduces Angelo Kingbird who is the new part-time Youth Development Specialist at the Boys & Girls Club in Nett Lake, and Martha Anderson who is the new Youth Development Specialist at the Boys &

Girls Club in Vermilion. Robbie Goggeye introduces Damon Day who is the new Emergency Preparedness Director, and Darnell Goggeye who is the new Network Technician.

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

- 1) Approved awarding the bid to the low bidder for the Vermilion Head Start Large Muscle Addition to Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$656,000.00 for the Base Bid and \$9,100.00 for the Add Alternate Bid #1 to replace the gravel path with bituminous surfacing
- 2) Approved the agreement with "The Food Group" food bank to purchase food for the new food shelf
- 3) Approved the request from Nikki Irving to sole source the Mobile Vaccination Unit from North Central Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$196,000.00 and adopted Resolution No. 76-2021, Contract for the Mobile Vaccination Unit
- 4) Approved the Equipment Lease Agreement for the Forestry Department to lease equipment, the Mobark Drum Chipper, to Grand Portage Reservation
- 5) Approved the grant application to supplement funding to existing CDC OT20-2004 funding for COVID-19 response
- 6) Approved the request from Dan Milbridge to sole source Physical Therapy equipment from Arrowhead Medical in the amount of \$9,970.95 for the Nett Lake Clinic and \$9,970.95 for the Vermilion Clinic

Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift said the dollar amount for the Max Gray Construction was not listed on the consent agenda on the agenda. Chairwoman Chavers said the amount can be found and listed at the next RTC meeting.

Shane Drift asks if there is a date set for when the food shelf will be open. Chairwoman Chavers said when the refrigerators and freezers will be delivered. Everything has been delayed due to the pandemic. Joel Astleford and others have gotten the shelving in but now just waiting for the refrigerators and freezers.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to appoint the following individuals to the Donations Committee: Danelle Porter, Jenna Porter, Tara Geshick, Nikki Irving, Jacque Wilson, Stephanie Werdier. Carried 4-0-0. Chairwoman Chavers said the committee handles donation requests from people and agencies and recommends approvals and denials to the Council.

Darren Landgren said it was Karen Drift's idea to get the community involved to fix the cemetery sign. Darren said the school will be involved. The radio station also will be involved with an art competition. Darren is asking to replace the sign and do fundraising. Karen has some fundraising ideas. Chairwoman Chavers said there are two entrances into the cemetery. And also maybe the reservation signs. Shane Drift said the boundary on Hwy 65 and one in Vermilion.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the request from Darren Landgren to fundraise and hold a drawing competition to replace the old cemetery sign. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Volunteer Agreement, Release & Waiver of Liability for the tribal government and Boys & Girls Clubs. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the annual DocuSign renewal agreement pending an addendum removing the clause regarding sovereign immunity if the agreement is amendable. If it is not amendable Kim Greiner will bring the agreement back. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve renewing the lease contract with Pitney Bowes for the mailing equipment (machine to put addresses on envelopes and labels, machine to fold paper and stuff envelopes, and postage machine) pending an addendum removing the clause regarding sovereign immunity if the agreement is amendable. If the agreement is not amendable Kim will bring the agreement back. Carried 4-0-0.

When the Vermilion Clinic was built, part of the funding was a Bond from the USDA. It is a 40 year bond and is a yearly payment. Five payments were made. Kim Greiner and Dan Milbridge are proposing paying an additional \$30,000 on the principal which would reduce the number of payments by 11.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the additional payment of \$30,000 on the principal for the Bond from the USDA for the construction for the Vermilion Clinic. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the request from Kim Greiner to open a new bank account for Health for setting aside a reserve. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve to transfer \$150,000 out of the 3rd party revenue to the Health reserve account for FY 2020 and transfer \$150,000 for FY 2021. Each year money will be put in the account. Carried 4-0-0.

Shane Drift said something should be drawn up on parameters for what the reserve can be used for.

DW Jones had established a reserve account at Bank Forward in Walker for the Tax Credit III. The RTG accounting department now does the accounting for Tax Credit III and is requesting a bank account be opened at American Bank for the reserve account.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve opening a replacement reserve account at the American Bank for the Tax Credit III. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association (MIGA) Dues in the amount of \$23,913.00 to be paid by Fortune Bay Resort Casino. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m.
Carried 4-0-0.