

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held May 5, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:36 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; Darnell Goggleye; Kim Greiner; Jennie Rowland; Braeanne Porter; Lucas (Wirta) Kosobuski; Dr. Laura Palombi; Dr. Melissa Walls; Pam Hughes; Miranda Lilya; Tara Geshick; Anthony Mason; Joshua Sherman; Corey Strong; Mark Drift Jr.; Shelia Lampia; Melissa Wright; Shawna Boney; Jody McCormick

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agenda with removing Tracy Dagen – Lake Vermilion Powwow Committee raffle. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held April 7, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes of April 7, 2021, Shane Drift asks about the strategic plans for the American Rescue Plan funding and if anything was heard about the lost revenue for the casinos. Kim Greiner said there has not been a lot of guidance yet. It is not known how much will be received. There was to be 1 billion that was to be given to the tribes in 60 days. The sixty days should be up soon. Chairwoman Chavers said there are 580 tribes. Kim said it would be \$1,724,137.92. There is 19 billion where they are working on a formulation how that will be distributed.

Shane Drift said in regard to the lease lot lottery, that the lot Elmer Boshey, number 1472, it has a big drainage culver that runs alongside it. It looks like a marsh back there. Shane asks how much it would cost to fill it in if possible. Peter Boney said Chelsea Mason thought that was her lot. Chairwoman Chavers said there is confusion on the lots. The lots should have been marked because no one knows

where their lot actually is. Shane said he talked to Joel Astleford who thought some of those lots shouldn't be turned into lots. Chairwoman Chavers asks Robbie Goggeye to set up a meeting between the council, Barb Brodeen, Joel Astleford to discuss the lots.

Shane Drift asks about property tax for the Urban Office that is at the Damiano Center in Duluth. Kim Greiner said the taxes are being paid, about \$330 a year. It is cheaper to pay the tax. The Band is not a 501c3. There is a state law. The Damiano Center is a 501c3 so they don't have to pay taxes but they lease parts of their building to those who do have to pay taxes.

New tribal government employees: Jennie Rowland introduces Braeanne Porter who a new Bus Driver; Tara Geshick introduces Josh Sherman who is the new Chief Conservation Officer, and Tony Mason who is the new Conservation Officer; Corey Strong introduces Mark Drift Jr. who is the new Clinic Administrative Assistant, and Shelia Lampia who is the new Licensed Practical Nurse and Jody McCormick who is the new Registered Nurse; Melissa Wright introduces Shawna Boney who is the new Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Worker.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 1) Approved a request from Jenna Lehti for a budget modification to purchase MN Vikings tickets
- 2) Approved the State Opioid Response (SOR) supplemental tribal contract
- 3) Approved the request from Kim Greiner and Randy Long to approve the Fortune Bay Server Project in the amount of \$299,754.51. The entire amount will be from the US Treasury CARES Act Funds
- 4) Approved the request from Lance Hill to sole source BK radio equipment from BK Technologies Inc. for Forestry in the amount of \$19,000
- 5) Approved FFCRA COVID Emergency Sick Leave and Expanded Family Medical Leave
- 6) Approved the One-Time Funding Application for Head Start in the amount of \$19,864
- 7) Approved the request from Kim Greiner, Teri Morrison, and Jill Schuchard to sole source the contract with Gartner for box assembly and startup for food shelf walk-ins, freezer and cooler in the amount of \$6,160.00
- 8) Approved a \$500 fire donation to William Wirta whose belongings were destroyed in a house fire
- 9) Approved the Pitney Bowes new lease for the postage meter, paper folder/envelope stuffer, and machine to put addresses on labels and envelopes
- 10) Approved the grant application for the Cost of Living Adjustment for Head Start, Early Head Start
- 11) Approve a waiver of the required lakeshore setback for Jessa Boyer's building to have a setback of 65' instead of the 75'
- 12) Approved the request from Travis Vake to sole source from Advanced Minnesota the fees for the CDL program for 5 Big Woods Transit employees in the amount of \$12,475.00
- 13) Approved the request from Travis Vake to sole source inspections and testing services for the Vermilion Head Start Large Muscle Addition from Braun Intertec in the amount of \$11,190.00

14) Approved to extend the deadline for the Sales Tax Rebate program to May 17, 2021 to match the IRS deadline for filing
Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the consent agenda Shane Drift asks if the funding for the inspections and testing services for the Vermilion Head Start Large Muscle Addition is part of the original bid or if it is an additional expense. Chairwoman Chavers said part of the original bid.

Shane Drift asks what the Sales Tax Rebate Program is. Kim Greiner said it is for on-reservation Band member owned businesses that pay tax on some of their supplies and gas. The program has been in place for over 20 years. They use their tax returns to apply for the program. That is why the program's deadline has been extended.

Lucas (Wirta) Kosobuski said he is a 2nd year pharmacy student at the University of Minnesota Duluth. He was accepted into a competitive research program. As part of his training they wanted him to do a project of his choosing. He picked elder wellbeing. The importance of the project is to see how elders are feeling and part of his training as a researcher is to learn how to conduct research in an ethical and responsible manner on tribal lands. The purpose of the project is to talk to elders about their wellbeing and their needs around their wellbeing. That will involve interviewing elders, ask them about their wellbeing in regards to overall physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional wellbeing. How they are doing in these areas and what ways could better support their wellbeing. After the interviews are conducted and analyzed he wants to create a report to bring back to the tribal council so the council can see how elders are doing and to improve policies. He also wants to create a report for the elders that participated so they can see how other elders are doing. And if the council is okay with it, he wants to give the report to other tribes too so they can improve policies too. The project will be conducted under the mentorship of Dr. Laura Palombi and Dr. Melissa Walls so they can make sure he is doing everything responsibly and correctly. Lucas is requesting a tribal resolution to conduct the project. Chairwoman Chavers asks Lucas how many elders he plans to interview and what the timeline is for the project. Lucas said about twenty elders. The project is due at the end of August so he wants to finish interviewing the end of July or beginning of August. Chairwoman Chavers asks what age, the elders age at Bois Forte is 55, and if on-reservation or on and off. Lucas said 55 and on-reservation. Chairwoman Chavers said the tribal attorney will be asked to draft a resolution.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Peter Boney; to adopt Resolution No. 84-2021, authorizing Lucas (Wirta) Kosobuski to conduct the project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt Resolution No. 85-2021, authorizing City Auto Glass to conduct a raffle at their 2021 Annual Meeting being held at Fortune Bay on May 21, 2021. Carried 4-0-0.

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Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to adopt resolution 86-2021, authorizing the Transportation Manager, Jennie Rowland, to apply for a DOT's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the construction of a transit facility. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison; to approve the agreement with DSGW Architecture for the development of the transit facility design with conceptual site design. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the New Moon Lease Agreement, House Rules and Addendum, Tenant Selection Plan, and Retention Plan Agreement, effective today, May 5, 2021. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Sub award Agreement with the John Hopkins University for funding in the amount of \$97,917 for the next four years, to conduct mixed methods community based participatory research of substance users. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Bois Forte Tribal Court Code of Ethics for Court Employees, effective today, May 5, 2021. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Government Full Court Enterprise User Confidential Statement & Agreement, effective today, May 5, 2021. This is specifically for the software that was recently purchased. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.