

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 15, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Invocation by Gene Goodsky.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robbie Gogleye; Gene Goodsky; Vicki Villebrun; Eddie Chavers; Eddie Villebrun; Wendy Drift; Tea Drift; Jennie Rowland; Kristen Holmes; Ellen Little; Lela Goodsky; Sheryl Gonier; Erynn Morrison; Lavonne Drift; Linda Shykes; Gloria Love; Beverly Steel; Alanna Sherman; Cassandra Villebrun; Travis Vake; George Strong;

Gene Goodsky informs the council and audience there was a house fire at Sugarbush last night.

Gene Goodsky said the wild rice is looking pretty slim. He asks the council if they can get the airboat to get wild rice. Chairwoman Chavers said the airboat is modified and it might be possible to gather rice. She said there is no active elders committee. Travis Morrison said he heard of it being done before. Ask Chris Holm about the water levels. David Morrison Sr., said to get Gene Goodsky, the elders, and the conservation committee together to get their input on the airboat, and have the meeting as soon as possible. Gene Goodsky said the airboat does not damage the plant. He said he asked the elders a long time ago and they said it would be okay. The airboat is propelled, it will not leave gas in the water. Peter Boney said it is okay as long as it is okay with the elders and spiritual advisor. Shane Drift said he thinks okay, but traditionally what is gotten is enough. Talk about it with the elders. Gene Goodsky said there will need to be a ceremony with the drum and ceremonial dish before the airboat is used. Shane Drift said to put offerings across the lake. Chairwoman Chavers tells Robbie to set up a meeting with the elders and conservation committee for next week as soon as possible.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agenda with the addition of George Strong with a Native Voice One 2021-22 Carriage Agreement.

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Gene Goodsky asks about the house that burned down. He said it was Florence Huisentruit house. Gene said they were going to purchase it. Gene is asked if there are any relatives. He gives a name. Chairwoman asks him to get the council the contact information because they will need to be told about the house. David Morrison Sr. said to see if it was insured.

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held September 1, 2021 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

During approval of the minutes, Chairwoman Chavers said at the last RTC meeting Donna Hoffer asked about the employment figures. Chairwoman Chavers said yesterday the council, Human Resources staff from both Fortune Bay and the government side, met yesterday to start the employment report. Also, the financial report for Fortune Bay was given to Donna and if anyone else wants it to contact Vicki "Wick-o" Villebrun.

New tribal government employees. Wendy Drift introduces Tea Drift who is the new COVID-AP Clerk at the Duluth Urban Office. Jennie Rowland introduces Kristen Holmes who is the new Administrative Assistant for Big Woods Transit. Ellen Little introduces Lela Goodsky who is the new Housing Office Manager, and, Sheryl Gonier who is the new Housing Admissions & Occupancy Manager. Erynn Morrison introduces Lavonne Drift who is the new COVID-AP Clerk in Accounting; Linda Shykes who is the new COVID worker, Gloria Love and Beverly Steel who are COVID workers. Alanna Sherman introduces Cassandra Villebrun who is the new COVID worker.

Shane Drift asks how many checks were completed. Kim Greiner said 587 as of yesterday.

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

- 1) Approved the change order for the muscle room
- 2) Adopted Resolution No. 14-2022, New Moon Case Plan Compliance Policy, and Lease Addendum
- 3) Approved the request from Eddie Chavers to sole source a license renewal from Compudyne in the amount of \$6,630.00

Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Peter Boney; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adopt Resolution No. 15-2022, authorizing expenditures from the CARES Act fund in the amount of \$30,000 for the motor room construction project. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the Native Voice One FY 22 Carriage Agreement. Carried 4-0-0.

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Chairwoman Chavers informs the audience the Council went to zoom meetings again because of the increase in COVID cases on the reservation. There are 7 active cases at Vermilion and 7 active cases in Nett Lake. This notice will be put in the door-to-door information packet on Friday. The government building will be closed to the public. People will need to make an appointment with staff if they need to see someone.

Chairwoman Chavers informs the audience there will be a billboard by Gheen with Bois Forte youth regarding people getting a vaccine. There will be another on ten miles north of Britt.

Chairwoman Chavers asks the audience to get vaccinated. She said it keeps a person from getting so sick if they get the COVID. She said we don't want any fatalities from it.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Peter Boney; to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.