



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Special meeting, regular session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held June 5, 2024, at Vermilion, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:14 a.m.

Vern Adams does invocation.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers, Tara Geshick, Shane Drift, Travis Morrison,

Members Absent: Robert Moyer, Jr. (excused)

Others Present: Luke Warnsholz, Frances Irving, Regina Howe, Carol Burr, Sarah Kinnunen, Gloria Love, Randy Long, Evertt Huisman, Lance Hill. See attached for virtual attendees.

Moved by Travis Morrison.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the agenda with the following additions, Sarah Kinnunen, update on the Youthprise grant & Luke Warnsholz, mpls election board, and Luke will present for Jaylen, Gloria Love-Wisdom steps. Shane Drift would like to discuss the resolution on getting Nett Lake as a no landing zone.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the RTC Special Meeting, regular session meeting minutes held May 15, 2024.

Shane brings up at a previous meeting that he requested a resolution for Secretary-Treasurer to request audits without tribal council interference. Jeff states the resolution was sent to Tribal Council for review. Shane also brings up the language/culture meeting and if that has been scheduled yet. Luke states yes.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a) Approved Resolution No. 86-2024, submission of ltr of intent & app for the home electrification and appliance rebates program grant fund through DOE. 4-0-0
- b) Approved RFP for Cannabis Regulatory Commission Director 4-0-0
- c) Approved change order for Northland Metal exteriors (LE Roof) (\$7,713.05) 4-0-0
- d) Approved 105L lease modifications for I'falls, Amb. Facility, New Moon, HHS & Garage, and Leander house. 4-0-0
- e) Approved contract with DSGW, renovation of virgna properly (PLESHA) 3-1-0
Shane denied.
- f) Approved Resolution No. 87-2024, contract with HAWK Construction and use of ARPA funds for construction of Vermilion Maint. Garage & Food Shelf Building 4-0-0
- g) Approved 105L lease modification for Vermilion Center 4-0-0

Carried 4-0-0

Sarah Kinnun & Kristine Snyder give an update on the Youthprise Grant. Awarded \$339,300 for direct cash transfers for youth 18-24 years old. Will be working with EVCU to create accounts if they do not have one. Estimated start date Jan. 1, 2025. 30 youth, Bois Forte band members and descendants. North St. Louis County would receive \$5,000 up front payment and \$900 per month and Southern St. Louis County would received \$3,000 up front and \$1,000 per month and if parenting it would be \$1,200 per month. No Match and not going to be counted on their taxes.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the Head Start Early Head Start center licenses.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 89-2024, authorizing use of ARPA SLFRF funds for Foundation Services Corporation for Geopier installation.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Travis Morrison; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 90-2024, permit submitted by Arvig to lay fiber on non-trust land in the Deer Creek sector of the Bois Forte Reservation.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve sole source request to Innovative Office Supply to purchase 2 fire king cabinets in the amount of \$14,219.00 for Tribal Court.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 91-2024 and letter of support, submission of grant to Shakopee Mdewakanton for Heritage Center improvements.

Carried 3-0-0

Cathy Chavers leaves the meeting.

Travis Morrison takes over as Vice-Chair.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve and appoint Charles Holmes as the chair of the Minneapolis Urban Office election board.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve and appoint Darian Morrison as Clerk of the Minneapolis Urban Office election board.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve and appoint Kristen Holmes as the Teller of the Minneapolis Urban Office election board.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve and appoint Samiarya Strong as the alternate of the Minneapolis Urban office election board.
Carried 2-0-0

Cathy Chavers re-enters the meeting and takes over as Chair.

Gloria Love gives an update on Wisdom steps and what it is. Gloria would like assistance in helping get the information out to the elders.

Shane brings up the issue of getting a resolution to list Nett Lake as a no landing zone. Jeff states that it is a work in progress and will get a draft resolution that would incorporate those restrictions and other rules into the conservation code directly, such as no dipping, motorized use restrictions. The incident of the plane landing on the lake led to a broader discussion of a variety of restrictions that would make sense to have in writing for the lakes protection.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.
Carried 3-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving 
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: July 16, 2024