



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Special meeting, regular session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held September 4, 2024, at Nett Lake, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Invocation done by Verm Adams.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers, Tara Geshick, Shane Drift, Perry Drift, Robert Moyer, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Luke Warnsholz, Regina Howe, Randy Long, Sara Kinnunen, Theresa Drift, Jane Lawrence, Bob Degross, Dan Rabideaux, Vanessa Little, Carol Burr, Vondalee Carr, Pete Drift Sr., Miranda Lilya, Kim Greiner, David Morrison Jr., Doris Isham, Tracey Dagen, Malita Spears.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the agenda with the addition under Shane a discussion on council salary.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve RTC meeting minutes from Regular meeting held July 2, 2024.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve RTC meeting minutes from Special meeting held July 16, 2024.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve RTC meeting minutes from Special meeting held August 7, 2024.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a) Approved authorization for chair to sign letter for request for voluntary compliance agreement for FY 2023 audit. 4-0-0
- b) Approved conservation committee appointments 4-0-0
- c) Approved contract with Native Strategies for feasibility study for 2nd exit out of Nett Lake 4-0-0
- d) Approved contract with White Earth for FHPAP program 4-0-0
- e) Approved contract with St. Louis Cty-Renewal for New Moon COC Program 4-0-0
- f) Approved Resolution No. 19-2025, app submission for IHBG competitive grant to expand affordable housing for elders/handicapped individuals 4-0-0
- g) Approved Resolution No. 20-2025, app submission for IRRR for food shelf expenses 4-0-0

Carried 4-0-0

Jane Lawrence, Assistant Coordinator from the Minnesota Tribal Collaborative, Christina Olson, Coordinator from Minnesota Tribal Collaborative, and Joy Parker with Jacobson Law Group gives a presentation on the Minnesota Tribal Collaborative and the proposed legal status.

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Shane Drift; to support the Minnesota Tribal Collaborative in their efforts to become a political subdivision.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve becoming a part of the Co-Stewardship opportunity with the National Park Service.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to appoint Vickey Hackey to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to appoint Shannon Geshick to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to appoint Jaylen Strong to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to appoint Sidra Eaves to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to appoint Linda Thompson to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to appoint Jeff Mattson to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to appoint Alanna Sherman to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to appoint Joanna Boyer to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to appoint Taneesha Dupree to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to appoint Reyna Davelia-Day to the code of ethics committee for a term of two years.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 21-2025, Contract with Docks on Wheels, Inc. authorizing use of ARPA SLFRF funds for purchase and installation of docks at Vermilion and Indian Point.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 22-2025, authorizing use of ARPA SLFRF funds for installation of electrical utility infrastructure to support bands new maintenance garage and food shelf facility in Vermilion.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 23-2025, authorizing allocation of ARPA SLFRF funds for Government services expenditures from FY 2022 to present.

Carried 4-0-0

Kim Greiner gives a presentation on budget timelines and updates.

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Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve authorization for bank functions for Vanessa Little, Comptroller and Erynn Morrison, Accounting Manager.

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; for authorization to become a member of NAFOA (Native American Financial Officers Association).

Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve Resolution No. 24-2025, authorizing use of ARPA SLFRF funds for improvement of I.T. infrastructure on the Vermilion Sector of the Bois Forte Reservation.
Carried 4-0-0

A 5-minute recess was taken.

Meeting reconvenes at 12:01 p.m.

Discussion on sacred sites recognized with the State of MN. Suggested to Luke to task tow work with the Heritage Center, DNR and possibly the Voyageurs National Park and elders.

Discussion the kids trust accounts. Moving accounts to money markets or CD Accounts and Luke gives an example what the accounts could earn. Kim gives some background and suggests working with financial planner. Meeting with financial planner is to be scheduled.

Discussion on another ARPA payment for band members for possible date of November. A meeting with Kim to go over ARPA funds is to be scheduled.

Discussion on council salaries. Some history is given. Proposed salaries based on Bluestone Max for compensation. \$145,000 for Chair, \$135,000 for Secretary-Treasurer and \$125,000 for District representatives with a cap of \$200,000 for all. Kim states that is should be put in resolution as there is already a standing resolution. Tara states that until budgets are approved, know where Fortune Bay is at after recovering from COVID, until audits are complete, and implementations of new software, she votes no on any kind of Council salary increase. A resolution will be drafted and presented at the next RTC meeting.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to table proposed council salary increases until resolution is drafted and information from Kim Greiner, CFO.
Carried 4-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 pm.
Carried 4-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving 
Approved at Regular RTC Meeting: October 2, 2024