



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Regular meeting, regular session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held October 2, 2024, at Vermilion Social Center, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Invocation done by Verm Adams.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers, Tara Geshick, Shane Drift, Perry Drift

Members Absent: Robert Moyer, Jr-excused

Others Present: Luke Warnsholz, Regina Howe, Frances Irving, Bessie Medicine, Rhiannon Strong, Marissa Rose, Hannah Lehti, Paxton Goodsky, Brian Whiteman Sr., Brad Anderson, Bob Degross, Miranda Lilya, Kim Greiner, Randy Long, Amy Mason, Dan Rabideaux, Carol Burr, Drew Ebert, Kevin Strong, Doris Isham, Pam Parson, Pete Drift Sr., T Jon,

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the agenda with the following additions: Randy Long-Master Services agreement with Integris for VM renewal, Pam Parson compliance update, and Kim Greiner with a MN State sales tax update.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve RTC meeting minutes from Special meeting held September 4, 2024.

Carried 3-0-0

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

- a) Approved letter to St. Louis Cty auditor requesting polling place within Nett Lake for 2024 General Election 3-0-0
- b) Approved Resolution No. 25-2025, Authorization use of ARPA SLFRF funds for DSGW Service order no. 3 for DNR Building. 4-0-0
- c) Approved letter support to American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, RE: Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award 4-0-0
- d) Approved for chair to sign BIA Self governance agreement amendment 2 for 105L leases for the old dnr building and Tribal Government Center 4-0-0
- e) Approved authorization for chair to sign BIA Self Governance amendment 5 for Tribal Electrification program 4-0-0
- f) Approved change order for Valint Construction Services for Heritage Center renovations 4-0-0
- g) Award Demo bid for HHS Virginia property to Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$66,300 and the abatement bid to ACCT in the amount of \$8,800 4-0-0

- h) Approved contract with Archkey Solutions Town & Country for housing project-Home rehabs on three homes 3-1-0
 - i) Approved authorization for Bois Forte to join Tribal Amicus Brief in North Metro Harness (Running Aces) v. Anderson 4-0-0
 - j) Approved permission for 477 program to participate as member of the Soroptomist International of Virginia MN Group 4-0-0
 - k) Approved sole source request to Sundancer Solutions in the amount of \$10,000 4-0-0
 - l) Approved Service Line Agreement with LCP for electrical buildout for Dispensary 4-0-0
 - m) Approved permission to host dinner & Community Bingo Oct. 16, 2024 4-0-0
 - n) Approved Resolution No. 26-2025, Appointing Jessa Boyer to the position of Director of the Bois Forte Cannabis Regulatory Commission for term of four years 4-0-0
 - o) Approved subsistence hunters for 1854 4-0-0
- Carried 3-0-0

Bob Degross, Superintendent, Voyageurs National Park. Presents an example funding agreement, example of requests through agreements, and guidance policy for funding agreements with Grand Portage. Looking to seek information from Bois Forte and see if interested in entering into a similar agreement. Set up meeting to discuss further.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve the participation in the MN Greenstop Tribal Nations program.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 28-2025, approving issuance of HUD 184 Residential Lease for William G. Isham Jr.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the Service Line Agreement with Frontier communications for lot in Vermilion.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve sole source request to Imprivata-EPCS for Healthcare.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve Master Services agreement with Integris for access point for Fortune Bay.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Master Services agreement with Integris for switches for Fortune Bay.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve Master Services agreement with Integris for VM Ware renewal.
Carried 3-0-0

Cathy leaves meeting, Shane takes over to chair meeting.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve the Pickup and Release Policy for Head Start.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to table the Early Head Start Handbook Policy changes until legal review.

Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to table the Head Start Handbook policy changes until legal review.

Carried 2-0-0

Cathy returns and takes over to chair meeting again.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to table the Head Start/Early Head Start Selection Point system for SY 2024-2025 until legal review.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the recommendation for Donation Committee for donation of \$500 to Cheryl Debelak.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve \$75 check amount for both the 2024 Veterans check and Elders holiday check.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve Resolution No. 29-2025, approving the BFTA (Bureau of Trust Funds Administration) delegations to Cathy Chavers and Tara Geshick.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Shane Drift; to approve the recommendation to purchase from Blue Oasis for a Hydration Trailer.

Carried 3-0-0

Andrew Ebert gives an update on the Bois Forte Cannabis project. Decided on name "ISHKODE". Dispensary location near Fortune Bay next to RV Park. Also looking to have a small dispensary located in the Nett Lake C-Store.

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve for public comment for thirty (30) days, Amendment to the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council Bylaws. Positions are posted.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve for public comment for sixty (60) days, the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) 2022 and Human Trafficking revisions to the Tribal Code.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve for public comment for sixty (60) days, the Elder Justice Revisions to the Tribal Code.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Shane Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to deny Resolution No. 30-2025, update to salary schedule for RTC members base rates.
Carried 3-0-0

Shane leaves the meeting.

Pam Parson gives an update on compliance for HHS. Greatest concern is cyber security with staff education. Background study process is in process, hopeful done by the end of the year. Top 3 issues working on-Risk assessment done for 2024, Ensuring employees are logging off their computers, encouraging employees to not be checking their personal emails on work computers. Oct 24th & 25th, Tim Peterson will be here from North American Health Care Group to complete audit.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Perry Drift; to table the MN Sales tax update.
Carried 2-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Perry Drift; to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm.
Carried 2-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving 
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: December 4, 2024