



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Special meeting, regular session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 5, 2025, at Nett Lake, Eagle Room, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Invocation done by Vern Adams.

Members Present: Tara Geshick, Shane Drift, Perry Drift, Robert Moyer, Jr.
Shane Drift chairs meeting in absence of Chair.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Miranda Lilya, Frances Irving, Regina Howe, Robbie Goggeye, Jim Barto, Crystal Royer, Erin Shaw, Jennie Rowland, Will Mantye, Ann Marie Hill, Dan Rabideaux, George Strong, Kathie Holman, Vondalee Carr, William Villebrun, David Morrison Jr., Brian Whiteman, Victoria Villebrun, Mildred Holmes, Carol Burr, Teri Morrison, Randy Long, Kim Greiner, Doris Isham, Renika Love-Virtual. See attached for list of virtual attendees.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the agenda with addition of Shane Drift, stop/rescind what he submitted to Tara at last RTC meeting. Move Will Mantyh after Crystal Royer. Under Miranda, William Villebrun here to speak with the council. Shane also lets audience know that there will be a recess at 11:00am for a consultation with Gov. Walz and Lt. Gov. Flannigan.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve RTC meeting minutes from Special meeting held December 18, 2024.

Carried 3-0-0

Shane requests an update from Robbie Goggeye & Jim Barto on the approval of the RFP selection of David Farmer for the Pineview home and materials list from 02/02/2025 RTC meeting minutes. Robbie and Jim enter the meeting. They inspected his work, all is good. Ran into an unforeseen issue with plumbing. Need to call plumber to fix.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve RTC meeting minutes from Regular meeting held January 2, 2025.

Carried 3-0-0

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

- a) Revised contract for Dell-Comm to do wiring project for Fortune Bay 4-0-0
- b) Contract with David Farmer for Pineview Rd Home rehab 4-0-0
- c) Final approval of ARPA SLFRF General government Services Reallocation 4-0-0
- d) Resolution No. 57-2025, Authorizing us of ARPA Funds for reservation signs by WoodStone 4-0-0
- e) MOU regarding intertribal task force on helium extraction 4-0-0
- f) LTR of Support to US Secretary of Transportation for the FY 2024-2026 PROTECT Grant 4-0-0
- g) Sole Source to Fortune Bay for 2025 State of the Band Event 4-0-0
- h) MOU with NewRange Copper Nickel for Tribal Observers Program at NorthMet 4-0-0
- i) Resolution No. 62-2025, approving band application for DOE Tribal Clean Energy Planning and Development Grant 4-0-0
- j) Whole of State Service agreement and work order contract with State of MN for CrowdStrike antivirus and cybersecurity 4-0-0
- k) Approved bid proposal from Patterson Dental Supply for equipment at Virginia Property 4-0-0
- l) Resolution No. 63-2025, Authorization to designate Vice-Chair, Shane Drift to serve as an authorized signatory in place of Chair Cathy Chavers on all bank accounts 4-0-0
- m) Approval of 105I Leases FY 2023 4-0-0
- n) Approval of ISD 707 FY 2026 Impact Aid Waiver 4-0-0
- o) 2025 Special Election announcement and Calendar 4-0-0

Carried 3-0-0

Jennie Rowland introduces Crystal Royer and Erin Shaw with the United Way to give a presentation on the program ALICE. ALICE is Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

Will Mantyh & Ann Marie Hill update on research project on Alzheimer's and brain health. Looking to seek approval for 2 papers prior to publication. Will will provide documentation on what he is requesting to publish.

Moved Perry Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 65-2025, approval of recurring Bois Forte HHS expenditures.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr; to approve lease agreement with ISD 707 for noncommercial educational broadcast station.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 66-2025, Appointment of Jennie Rowland to the MIAAA (Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging) Executive Board.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the waiver of the \$12 reissue to the “Policy & Guidelines for Issuance of Tribal Enrollment Picture Identification Cards”.
Beginning January 29, 2025 for a period of one year.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the 2025 MIGA fees in the amount of \$27,500 to be paid by Fortune Bay.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve Resolution No. 67-2025, 2025 Indian Gaming Association dues in the amount of \$3,500.00 to be paid by Fortune Bay.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Perry Drift; to recess at 10:52 am.

Meeting reconvened at 12:38pm.

Renika presents on a project (Minnesota Indigenous Paths to Parenthood (MNIPTP)) that she is working on, curricula geared towards the indigenous population within State of MN pertaining to parenting. Project focuses on youth and young adults to: help them prepare for parenthood, educate them on financial and emotional realities of parenting, and support the economic stability of families and be a resource to the community. Would have focus groups in the urban office in Minneapolis.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Perry Drift; to table any approval on this project until all documentation is received (i.e. contract).
Carried 3-0-0

Shane brings up mandatory training for council members. Specific training tailored to each of the seats: Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and District I representatives. Shane requests that this be put into a resolution. A little bit of discussion on whether this should just be offered or mandatory.

Shane brings up the ordinance 46-2021 the Bois Forte Code of Ethics and the scope (section 103.b Time: “The standards of conduct contained in this Ordinance apply only to events occurring after the effective date of the amendment”. In MCT Constitution there is a five year window. Shane would like the Bois Forte Code of Ethics to be similar to what the MCT constitution says. Also brings up that there is a Civil penalty in code of ethics but not in MCT Constitution.

Shane brings up that he would like resolution for council members, that they cannot bind the RTC or Tribal Government to any contract or project by themselves. Is in code of ethics but would like it in its own resolution. Also asks that resolutions need to be put on the web page.

Shane brings up in the Jan. 2, 2025 RTC meeting minutes, Shane submitted documents to Tara to submit to TEC for consideration and asks that this motion be rescinded. Miranda states that there was not motion on the issue at that meeting. Michael Murphy states that if Shane chooses he can formally withdraw the submission. Robert agrees with Michael and states that he does

not know what was it in the documents that were submitted and agrees that if Shane chooses he can withdraw his submission. After some discussion on what the process should be, Shane makes the statement "I formally withdraw the documents that I submitted to Secretary-Treasurer, Tara Geshick".

Willaim Villebrun brings up an issue that in 2022 he sent an email to Tribal Council that no one responded to, regarding Bois Forte Housing. He is asking that he either gets the house back or money back 5 years. He feels they took the house illegally. Housing is to bring the information for this to the Tribal Council for review. William state that he doesn't have any documents because housing threw everything away. He also states that if Tribal Council does not help him, he will go to the FBI, internal investigations of tribal matters. Miranda asks William to submit some documentation (statement of timeline) with this information.

Shane makes some announcements. Free Tax preparation in Nett Lake Feb. 10, 2025. Holiday's and RTC excusals: Presidents Day 2/17/2025 offices closed, Feb 19 RTC meeting, needs to be changed to Vermilion, Feb 19 at Vermilion-Free Tax preparation, Mar 1st-State of the Band event.

Robert lets everyone know that he will not be attending State of the Band.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 pm.
Carried 3-0-0

Prepared by: Frances Irving 
Approved at Special RTC Meeting: March 5, 2025