



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of a Special meeting, regular session, of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held February 20, 2025, at Vermilion Social Center, Minnesota, Hybrid.

Meeting called to order at 9:29 a.m.

Moment of silence done for invocation.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Carol Burr, Tom Spears, Jim Barto, Vickey Hackey, Dan Rabideaux, Ed Chavers, Amy Mason, Nikki Irving, Miranda Lilya, Roger Heger, Doris Isham, Brian Whiteman Sr., Pam Parson, Brad Anderson, Heidi Gordon, Jennie Rowland, Marissa Rose. See attached for list of virtual attendees.

Shane addresses everyone and states that there will be an official statement from the Tribal Council regarding the Fortune Bay vault situation.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Perry Drift; to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1. Tribal Council unemployment resolution, 2. Resolution that no single RTC does not have power to take action, 3. Ishkode financial update and discussion.

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to table RTC meeting minutes from Special meeting held February 5, 2025.

Carried 3-0-0

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

- a) Resolution No. 64-2025, appointment of Shane Drift, Vice-Chair as successor trustee of the Tribal Government 401K plan, effective 01/31/2025. 3-0-0
- b) Notice of Candidacy-Chairperson for special election 3-0-0
- c) Amend the Bois Forte SORNA Code, Section 8.03 (Exclusion) and all Tribal Government, Fortune Bay, and enterprises expand backgrounds and effective 8/20/2025 sex offenders may not be employed by Reservation Tribal Government, Fortune Bay or any Bois Forte owned enterprise. 3-0-0

Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 68-2025, approving the band's submission of an application for the National Park Service's Tribal Heritage Grant Program.
Carried 3-0-0

Roger Heger, Bureau of Trust Funds and Administration, Fiduciary Trust Officer & Heidi Gordan, BIA, MN Agency, Superintendent provide information on the Bois Forte Tribal accounts and the ILCA funds for Tribal Trust land purchase. They also provide information on the accounts that Bois Forte has with the balances.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the Grant Administration Policy and Grant approval form.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve SRF Consulting Group to use the Bois Forte logo on the Bois Forte Transportation Safety Action Plan.
Carried 3-0-0

Discussion on the feasibility study that was done for a second route out of Nett Lake. Taylor Arriviello goes through the study.

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approved the purchase of 3 buses from Hoglund Bus Company.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to approve the Independent Services Contract with OJ's HVAC and Refrigeration, Inc for the New Moon air exchanger and duct work replacement.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Robert Moyer, Jr.; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 69-2025, Lease modification for Larry Milbridge, Anita Milbridge, and Sharon Milbridge.
Carried 3-0-0

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve the purchase of CD's for 1051 lease funds.
Carried 3-0-0

Pam Parson gives a compliance update.

Financial update on Ishkode

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Tara Geshick; to approve Resolution No. 70-2025, Salary schedule, severance (unemployment) benefits for RTC members, update polices pertaining to unemployment compensation benefits for RTC members into a comprehensive policy as outlined in the resolution.
Carried 2-1-0 (Robert opposes)

Moved by Perry Drift; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to table Resolution No. 71-2025, reaffirm that absent RTC authorization, no single RTC member has the power to take action to bind the Band, until further language can be drafted up.
Carried 3-0-0

Paxton Goodsky gives an additional update on Ishkode. Final walk through as been done and approved. Working on getting product.

Moved by Tara Geshick; seconded by Robert Moyer, Jr.; to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 pm.
Carried 3-0-0

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