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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BOIS FORTE RTC RESPONDS TO ALLEGATIONS FROM COUNCILMAN

(Nett Lake, MN) - The Bois Forte Tribal Council takes allegations of sexual harassment seriously. When someone comes forward in good faith and asserts that our Code of Ethics has been violated, we have a duty to get to the truth. That is the purpose of the investigation. To suggest that the allegations are “political” or that there is any other reason for this investigation is ridiculous.

Mark Drift apparently believes that the way to the truth is to create a smokescreen and claim that he is somehow the victim of an unfair investigation. To the contrary, the way to the truth is for him to acknowledge the possibility that the allegations are the result of his actions. Everyone needs to act responsibly and make sure to focus on the real issue being investigated.

The independent investigation will move forward because we have an obligation to know the facts before making judgments. If Mark Drift wants to continue to draw attention away from the allegations and make a public spectacle with his claims of “it’s political,” that is his choice and not a decision of the Bois Forte RTC.

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