

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2014

A regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 9:00 a.m. at Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Vermilion, Minnesota.

Invocation: Gene Goodsky

Swearing In of new members: Dennis Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer, Grand Portage; Carolyn Shaw-Beaulieu, Secretary/Treasurer, Mille Lacs; Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer, White Earth; David Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer, Bois Forte; Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer, Leech Lake; Ferdinand Martineau, Secretary/Treasurer, Fond du Lac, by Norman Deschampe.

Roll Call: Norman Deschampe, Dennis Morrison, Kevin Leecy, Dave Morrison, Carri Jones, Arthur LaRose, Karen Diver, Ferdinand Martineau, Melanie Benjamin, Carolyn Shaw-Beaulieu, Erma Vizenor, Tara Mason.

Quorum Present:

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Sandy Blake, Rep., Mille Lacs; Sheila Diaz, Mille Lacs; Nora Benjamin, Special Projects, Mille Lacs; Shena Matrious, Public Relations, Mille Lacs; Jerome Lhotka, Executive Director, White Earth; Joe LeGuard, White Earth; Rob Hull, Rep., Grand Portage; Dana Logan, Enrollment Coordinator, Grand Portage; Marie Spry, Rep., Grand Portage; Phil Brodeen, Legal, Grand Portage; Ray Toutloff, Rep., Bois Forte; Corey Strong, Ex. Dir., Bois Forte; Kevin Dupuis, Rep., Fond du Lac; Sally Fineday, Leech Lake; Chris Haugen, Editor, Leech Lake; Laura Vedder, Legal, Leech Lake; Simone Greenleaf, Leech Lake; Bev DeVault, Enrollment Coordinator; Leech Lake; Randy Finn, Leech Lake; Patty Olby, Superintendent, BIA MN Agency; Roger Heger, OST, BIA-MN Agency; Jim Jones, MIACC; Ed Fairbanks, Tribal Liaison, MNDOT; Cindy Bellefield, Training Board, MNDOT; Jill Doerfler, Assistant Professor, UMD; MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Election of Officers:

Motion by Dave Morrison to nominate Norman Deschampe for President. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau.

Motion by Dave Morrison to cease nominations. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Norman Deschampe President by acclamation.

Motion by Dave Morrison to nominate Karen Diver for Vice-President. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin.

Motion by Dave Morrison to cease nominations. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Karen Diver, Vice-President by acclamation.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to nominate Melanie Benjamin for Secretary. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau.

Motion by Dave Morrison to cease nominations. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Melanie Benjamin, Secretary by acclamation.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to nominate Dave Morrison for Treasurer. Seconded by Karen Diver.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to cease nominations. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Dave Morrison Sr., Treasurer by acclamation.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 91-14 Implementing Constitutional Petition and Censure Process. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 9 For, 1 Against (David Morrison), 1 Silent (Tara Mason). Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 92-14 in support of other Forms for Basic High School Education Equivalency Testing. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 93-14 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles. Seconded by Carolyn Shaw-Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 94-14 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles. Seconded by Carolyn Shaw-Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 95-14 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles. Seconded by Karen Diver. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 96-14 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles. Seconded by Karen Diver. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 97-14 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 98-14 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 99-14 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 100-14 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 101-14 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 102-14 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Disenrollment. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 103-14 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 104-14 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 105-14 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Transfer to Bois Forte. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 106-14 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 107-14 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake. Seconded by Carri Jones. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Ferdinand Martineau to approve Resolution 108-14 regarding amendment to Adult Day Services Ordinance #1. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

#### **QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

Brian Brunelle presented the administrative report.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the administrative report as presented. Seconded by Carri Jones. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Rick Wuori presented the Finance Report.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the Finance report as presented. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Jeff Brunelle presented the Economic Development Report.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the Economic Development Report. Seconded by Dennis Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Billy Annette presented the Education Report.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve the Education Report as presented. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Linda Johnston presented the Human Services Report.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the Human Services report as presented. Seconded by Carolyn Shaw-Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Linda Johnson informed the Committee of the Grand Opening for the Adult Day Services Building on Friday, September 5, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**PRESENTATION:** Erma Vizenor, Chairwoman, White Earth

Erma Vizenor presented Linda Aitken with a gift for her retirement from MNDOT – Training into Government – mandate. Gift presented from Grand Portage and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

**MNDOT:** Ed Fairbanks, Tribal Liaison

Ed Fairbanks discussed Tribal State relations.

**BIA-MN AGENCY:** Patty Olby

Patty Olby gave an update on Partners in Action Conference held at Mystic Lake. Patty informed the Committee of the great job done by Drew Annette, MCT Employee. She was given the job of room manager at the Conference.

Records Training for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is scheduled for the second week in September 2014.

Fee to Trust – Finished White Earth TSR, 10,000 acres completed. Status report was handed out. There is a vacancy as Realty Specialist.

Probate – example of letter sent out – 5% rule. An attempt to deal with fractionated interests. Band gets acquisition funds to buy back less than 5% interest.

Patty gave the status of Tribal TAMMS Access. Secure Computer for Tribal TAMMS access.

Roger Heger informed the Committee that the seconded part of Cobell would be paid in September. Roger also discussed with the tribes the Nelson Act monies which have not been returned to the bureau. Four bands have returned funds from the Nelson Act stilling waiting on the other two bands. Resolution would expire November 2015.

Melanie Benjamin presented information on Rick Nolan's commitment to Indian Country – Press Release. He extended his invitation to bands to send members interested in the aspects of government.

Kevin Leecy discussed Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, ICWA- Out of home placements. Work with state, tribes and counties. Vern LaPlante, Chairperson of ICW Advisory Council, wants to codify strengthening.

Chairman Leecy recommends holding a Summit on this issue; include counties, 1 out of 7 Indian children in out of home placements. Invite Governor, State Officials and Counties. The date of September 25<sup>th</sup>, host discussion. Results: invite, recruit staff to actively participate. Hopefully would lead to Legislative/Congressional proposals. Have DHS/MIAC work on agenda.

**LEGAL:** Mark Anderson

Mark discussed Rights of Way Regulations Process, similar to last year. Comments are due by next Monday.

Mark Anderson discussed Bill 5020.

Motion by Karen Diver to support Bill 5020 for legislation. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**BROADCAST TRAINING AND CONSULTATION WORKSHOP:** Sally Fineday, Manager

Sally Fineday stated that Leech Lake is second in the nation to have a wireless telephone Company. Startup cost is expensive – leasing spectrum (air space) takes up to eight months. Maps are inaccurate. This would be available to underserved areas. September 9<sup>th</sup> is the Training and Consultation Workshop.

Motion by Karen Diver to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 pm. Seconded by Dennis Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.