

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting  
May 7, 2014

A regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 1:35 p.m. at Grand Casino – Hinckley, Hinckley, Minnesota.

Invocation: Larry Smallwood

Roll Call: Norman Deschampe, April McCormick, Kevin Leecy, Dave Morrison, Carri Jones, Donald Finn, Karen Diver, Ferdinand Martineau, Melanie Benjamin, Curtis Kalk, Erma Vizenor, Robert Durant.

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Wally Dupuis, Rep., Fond du Lac Ray Toutloff, Rep., Bois Forte; John Morrin, Rep., Grand Portage; Rick Smith UMD; AnnaMarie ; Diane Gibbs, Rep., Mille Lacs; Nicole Miller, ; Kevin Dupuis, Rep., Fond du Lac; Joe LaGarde, White Earth; Nora Benjamin, Mille Lacs; Steve White, Rep., Leech Lake; Dennis Olson, MDE Director of Indian Education; Phil Brodeen, Legal, Grand Portage; Steve Howard, Rep., Leech Lake; Arvid Dahl, Rep., Grand Portage; Jim Jones, Cultural Resources Specialist, MIAC; Sheena Matrious, Mille Lacs, Edward Fairbanks, MN DOT; MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by April McCormick. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve the minutes of February 6, 2014 and March 18, 2014 with changes. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dave Morrison not to censure Norman Deschampe, President. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 11 for, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dave Morrison not to censure Karen Diver, Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Erma Vizenor.

11 for, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried

Motion by Dave Morrison to draft an ordinance or set up a committee to look at petition process. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 11 for, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 58-14 regarding Nelson Act Funds transfer to Bois Forte. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 59-14 regarding EDA Planning Grant. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Ferdinand Martineau to approve Resolution 60-14 regarding EPA GAP Funding Application. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Robert Durant to approve Resolution 61-14 request for Grant Funding Bush Foundation. Seconded by Donald Finn. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by April McCormick to approve Resolution 62-14 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles. Seconded by Karen Diver. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by April McCormick to approve Resolution 63-14 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles. Seconded by Karen Diver. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 64-14 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 65-14 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 66-14 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 67-14 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 68-14 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 69-14 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles. Seconded by Donald Finn. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 70-14 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles. Seconded by Donald Finn. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 71-14 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish from Red Lake. Seconded by Donald Finn. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 72-14 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Donald Finn. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 73-14 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 74-14 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 75-14 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Blood Degree Change I. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 76-14 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Blood Degree Change II. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 77-14 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligibles. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 78-14 regarding enrollment: White Earth Ineligibles. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 79-14 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Bois Forte. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 80-14 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 81-14 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake Denied. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 82-14 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish from Red Lake. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 83-14 regarding enrollment: White Earth No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 84-14 in supporting an Application to continue INMED. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

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Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 85-14 regarding Legislation on Boarding School Policy. Seconded by Robert Durand. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 86-14 regarding Application for SNAP-Ed. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 87-14 regarding SNAP-Ed Application to USDA. Seconded by Carri Jones. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 88-14 negotiating with State of Minnesota over exercising Hunting, fishing and gathering rights 1855 Treaty ceded Territory. Seconded by Carri Jones. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 89-14 supporting the opposition of the pipeline. Seconded by Erma Vizneor. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 90-14 regarding application for 2014 MNSure Outreach and Infrastructure Grant. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

#### **QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

Brian Brunelle presented the Administrative Report.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve the Administrative Report as presented. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Jeff Brunelle presented the Economic Development Report and the Finance Corporation Report.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the Economic Development Report and the Finance Corporation Report as presented. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Billie Annette presented the Education Report.

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

Linda Johnston presented the Human Services Report.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the Human Services Report as presented. Seconded by April McCormick. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**WILDER RESEARCH:** Nicole Rogers, Joel Smith

Nicole Rogers presented a draft report – population study based on assumption. She discussed other scenarios that could be used.

Indian Affairs meeting scheduled June 16/17, 2014 in Hinckley and July 21/22, 2014 in White Earth.

**MNDOT:** Ed Fairbanks

Introduction of Ed Fairbanks new MNDOT Liaison.

**LEGAL:** Mark Anderson

Transfer of MCT lands – identify how they became MCT lands. Subcommittee authorized to go to Bureau to find source used to purchase lands.

Consultation Cobell Meeting scheduled in Portland May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mark informed the Committee that the process on handling censor of Tribal Executive Committee Members. Tribal Executive Committee would need to consider uniform process for referendum. Also consider whether the referendum would meet criteria under the constitution.

Kevin Leecy – support the Vice Chair for NIGA.

Motion by Karen Diver to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.