

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
August 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 8:39 a.m. at Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Vermilion, Minnesota.

Invocation: Gene Goodsky

Swearing-In of Elected officials by Dave Morrison:

Norman Deschampe, Chairman, Grand Portage; Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Mille Lacs; Faron Jackson, Chairman, Leech Lake; Catherine Chavers, Chairwoman, Bois Forte; Kevin Dupuis, Sr., Chairman, Fond du Lac.

Election of Officers: Request election of officers takes place when all elected officials are present. Chairman Terrance Tibbetts, absent.

Motion by Carolyn Beaulieu to table election of officers until special meeting. Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Roll Call: Norman Deschampe, Dennis Morrison, Catherine Chavers, Dave Morrison, Faron Jackson, Arthur LaRose, Kevin Dupuis, Ferdinand Martineau, Melanie Benjamin, Carolyn Beaulieu, Tara Mason.

Absent: Terrance Tibbetts

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel, MCT; Kathy Goodwin, Rep., White Earth; Eugene Tibbetts, Rep., White Earth; Mike Fairbanks, White Earth; Ray Toutloff, Rep., Bois Forte; Corey Strong, Exe. Dir., Bois Forte; Bruce Savage, Rep., Fond du Lac; Steve White, Rep., Leech Lake; Penny Default, Rep., Leech Lake; Leslie Harper, Leech Lake; Dale Greene, Leech Lake; Jamie Edwards, Mille Lacs; Caryn Day, Legislative Communications Liaison, Mille Lacs; Shelly Diaz, Urban Rep., Mille Lacs; Shelly Day, Leg. Office Manager, Mille Lacs; Shena Matrious, Mille Lacs; Teresa Este, Deputy Superintendent, BIA-MN Agency; Robert Linteleman, Forester, BIA-MN Agency; Nicole Wakanbo, OST, BIA-MN Agency; Ed Fairbanks, Liaison, MN DOT; Linda Aitken, MNDOT; Melanie Franks, Executive Assistant/Education Liaison, MN Indian Affairs Council, Darrel Harmon, Special Assistant for Tribal Relations, US EPA, Region 5 Chicago; MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the minutes of May 18, 2016. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 83-16 Resolution regarding EDA Planning Grant CFDA Application. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Kevin Dupuis requested amounts be placed on resolution before action. Gary stated resolutions would be corrected to reflect amounts before signature.

Motion by Carolyn Beaulieu to approve Resolution 84-16 regarding application for JOM Funding. Seconded by Catherine Chavers. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve Resolution 85-16 regarding application for Tribal Operations Funding. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carolyn Beaulieu Resolution 86-16 regarding application for SNAP Education Funding. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 87-16 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 88-16 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 89-16 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Dupuis to approve Resolution 90-16 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Dupuis to approve Resolution 91-16 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Resolution 92-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Resolution 93-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Resolution 94-16 regarding enrollment : Rescind Enrollment Resolution. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 95-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 96-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 97-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve Resolution 98-16 regarding enrollment : White Earth Eligibles. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve Resolution 99-16 regarding enrollment : White Earth Ineligibles. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve Resolution 100-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve Resolution 101-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Sisseton-Wahpeton. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve Resolution 102-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve Resolution 103-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 104-16 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 105-16 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 106-16 regarding moose on endangered species list. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Gary Frazer presented the administrative quarterly report.

Mark Anderson discussed the enrollment issues: Updating specifying documentation for parentage. Blood Quantum change affects more than one band. Clean up language and make more specific in enrollment procedures. Who sits on the Enrollment Review Committee? – Enrollment Directors from each reservation. Faron asked how long enrolled members are active on the rolls after they pass. Gary responded that it depends upon when notification is received. Kevin – interpretation by each band to purge enrollment every two years. Tara asked who is not on or connected to the Progeny system. Karen Pemberton responded Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Grand Portage have Progeny, Leech Lake has the software but is not connected. Kevin asked all RBC members – to take on and bring up enrollment issues. Norman responded: attend meetings, enrollment staff want clarification, nothing happens until Tribal Executive Committee approves.

Motion by Ferdinand Martineau to approve the Administrative Report as presented. Seconded by Catherine Chavers. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Rick Wuori presented the Finance Corporation quarterly report.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Finance Corporation report as presented. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Jeff Brunelle presented the Economic Development quarterly report.

Tara Mason requested a list of accounts. Norman responded send information to planners.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the Economic Development report as presented. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Billie Annette presented the Education Report.

Billie discussed the Tribal Nations Education Committee (TNEC) that she recently became active with. Tara asked about participation with other Tribes. Billie responded that there two, Prairie Island and Lower Sioux. They are aware of TNEC.

Melanie Benjamin asked how charter schools are authorized in Minnesota – would like to see it done through MCT. Billie responded that she would look into legislation or Indian Education will share information at next meeting.

Kevin asked about the BIA regulations, does it authorize reservations to establish charter schools or allow for satellite charter schools off reservation.

Melanie responded: the BIA stated no expansions, Mille Lacs has legislation to get satellite extension.

Norman stated that there is a Charter School in Grand Portage. There is a lot to do with sponsorship – community runs the school.

Tara – Does the TNEC report to Indian Affairs? Billie just started – volunteer job, trying to get someone to attend.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Education report as presented. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

George Goggleye presented the Human Services quarterly report. Informed the Committee the Equity Program would be ending soon.

Motion by Carolyn Beaulieu to approve the Human Services quarterly report as presented. Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried

Michael Northbird presented the MCT GAP quarterly report. Michael informed the Committee the MCT GIS map would be available on-line, on MCT's website, before next Tribal Executive Committee meeting. The map includes MCT reservation boundaries, ceded territories, waters, and wild rice designated waters.

Darrel Harmon, Chicago EPA informed the Committee of upcoming dates: September 26 – Tribal Nations Conference, September 27th – Listening Session with Gene McCarthy, September 28th – Tribal Listening Session.

Norman – USGA, research owned, but tribes don't have direct access to information. Direction – documentation to all tribes.

Request to prepare resolution for special meeting.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve Resolution for special meeting. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS: Teresa Estes, Deputy Superintendent

Teresa informed the Committee of the Partners in Action Conference lasted 2.5 – 3 days. Office of the Special Trustee invited tribes to meetings being held in Bloomington August 30th. Teresa stated that all the bands except Bois Forte had TAAMS access. Also there are two new individuals hired for the scanning project which leave two positions still open. Gary asked how Tribes request access to TAAMS. Teresa responded – a written request is required. MCT requested access which requires a background check. This is a cost to the tribal government. Michael Northbird stated he did not follow up with the background check as he sees a problem with having us (MCT) paying for a federal government requirement.

MNDOT: Ed Fairbanks, Liaison

Ed informed the Committee that White Earth Initiative has taken the lead in Bilingual signs; they would be working with reservation Roads Directors. Road Directors are waiting on signature of an MOU with MNDOT. MNDOT currently working on updating road maps by March, 2017 as they currently are using 1997 data from BIA.

Ed presented information regarding the Masonry Program. Currently this is the 2nd graduation for Masonry along with Commercial Divers license graduation - working with surrounding TERO programs.

Interim policy – MNDOT is advertising for a full time liaison.

Melanie Benjamin asked about the pipeline. Do state entities consult with tribes on a regular basis? Linda Aitken/Ed - open door to communication with state. Commissioner of Commerce is being cooperative; but still don't understand boundaries and treaty rights.

LEGAL: Mark Anderson

Mark informed the Committee that no information has been received regarding waiver of liens on land acquired through Indian Land Consolidation Act. Fond du Lac, Grand Portage and Bois Forte are impacted by this, he suggested the three Bands contact the Assistant Secretary to get this done.

Mark stated that the distribution of the Ramah Navajo lawsuit funds is currently being worked on as a motion was filed last week. A Claim Letter was received for authorized official signature and returned. Distribution is set for the end of September, 2016.

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington office - Secretarial Election mirror Tribal Elections.

Discussion held on holding an all RTC/RBC working session, recommend scheduling it for the week of September 19th.

Kevin Dupuis stated that we need to discuss issues like this on tribal land. Melanie suggest working session be held in Mille Lacs on Thursday, September 22nd at 9:00 a.m., Sheena Matrious would handle logistics.

Dale Greene questioned the rights of members under Article 13.

Melanie informed the Committee that she would like to recognize Chila Brown, candidate for State Senate and get out the vote efforts.

Debra Topping discussed the wild parsnips growing along the pipeline in Fond du Lac. Ed Fairbanks stated that he is negotiating with all eleven tribes in Minnesota on vegetation management through the Department of Commerce.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. Seconded by Dave Morrison.
10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried