

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
February 10, 2016

A regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 8:38 a.m. at Black Bear Casino Resort, Carlton, Minnesota.

Invocation: Thomas Howes

Swearing In: Norman Deschampe swore in Steven Clark, Acting Chairman of White Earth

Roll Call: Norman Deschampe, Dennis Morrison, Kevin Leecy, Dave Morrison, Carri Jones, Arthur LaRose, Wally Dupuis, Ferdinand Martineau, Melanie Benjamin, Carolyn Beaulieu, Steven Clark, Tara Mason.

Quorum Present:

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel, MCT; Caryn Day, Legislative Communications Liaison, Mille Lacs; Shelly Diaz, Urban Rep., Mille Lacs; Shelly Day, Leg. Office Manager, Mille Lacs; Shena Matrious, Mille Lacs; Emily Johnson, Mille Lacs; Jennifer, Mille Lacs; Kathy Goodwin, Rep., White Earth; Shannon Heisler, Enrollment, White Earth; Steve White, Rep, Leech Lake; Bev DeVault, Enrollment, Leech Lake; Dale Greene, Leech Lake; Levi Brown, Leech Lake; Karlene Chosa, Rep., Bois Forte; Ray Toutloff, Rep., Bois Forte; Corey Strong, Exe. Dir., Bois Forte; Angie Whiteman, Enrollment, Bois Forte; John Morrin, Rep., Grand Portage; Marie Spry, Rep., Grand Portage; Dana Logan, Grand Portage; Kevin Dupuis, Rep., Fond du Lac; Roger Heger, OST, BIA-MN Agency; Dennis Olson, Office of Indian Education, MN Dept. of Education; Sonja Tanner, Owner, OPOS; MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the agenda. Seconded by Carri Jones. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve the minutes of November 9, 2015. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the minutes of December 4, 2015. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 31-16 regarding NCAI membership with corrections. Seconded by Dennis Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 32-16 regarding Cooperative Agreement. Seconded by Tara Mason. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Wally Dupuis to approve Resolution 33-16 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles (15). Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Wally Dupuis to approve Resolution 34-16 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles (19). Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Wally Dupuis to approve Resolution 35-16 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac No Parent Enrolled (2). Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 36-16 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 37-16 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles (4). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 38-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles (10). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 39-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles (4). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 40-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Blood Degree Correction. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 41-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Relinquishment. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 42-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Disenrollment (2). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 43-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles (22). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 44-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles (25). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 45-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Transfer to Bois Forte (2). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 46-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish from Turtle Mountain. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 47-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish to Three Affiliated Tribes of ND. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 48-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 49-16 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles (31). Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 50-16 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles (40). Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 51-16 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs No Parent Enrolled . Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 52-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake (2). Seconded by Carri Jones. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Gary Frazer presented the quarterly Administration report. Gary informed the Committee of a memo received from Patty Olby, Superintendent, BIA-MN Agency regarding denying access to Bureau records by tribal staff. Gary questioned who made the decision on this. Norman responded, talk to tribal leaders and find out who's policy, public view when its staff, MCT staff and BIA staff. Kevin stated draft a policy. Norman responded the draft a formal letter to BIA supporting tribal staff continue to do business as usual with access to Bureau records effective immediately.

Tara Mason responded that we don't want to stop current business operations. Discussion regarding action in Resolution, recommendation is letter for signature.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve letter oppose denying access to Bureau records by tribal staff . Seconded by Carri Jones. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried

Rick Wuori presented the Finance Corporation quarterly report.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Finance Corporation quarterly report as presented. Seconded by Carri Jones. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Jeff Brunelle presented the Economic Development quarterly report.

Motion by Carrie Jones to approve the Economic Development report as presented. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Billie Annette presented the Education quarterly report.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve the Education report as presented. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Earlene Buffalo and Charles Lussier presented the Human Services quarterly report.

Motion by Carolyn Beaulieu to approve the Human Services quarterly report as presented. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

BIA-MN AGENCY: Roger Heger

Roger discussed the Nelson Act Funds. The amount returned was \$135,000 to be divided six ways. To collect the monies returned after one year is a decision by each tribe on how to handle. OST can pay the individuals eligible or the tribes. \$135 thousand each, Mille Lacs and Grand Portage collaborated. Pubic Voucher/resolution – mailed back. It's the Tribe's responsibility to decide what to do with monies. End of Nelson act with OST.

Buy Back Program – Fond du Lac will be getting their monies. Willing seller – goes thru OST Staff member – call is logged in at call center. In turn offers are sent out to the willing sellers. Bois Forte sent a letter of intent in 2014 in turn Cobell settled with MCT Buy Back Program for individual tribes.

Levi asked why in 2012 was MCT number 17 on the list and now we are not. Roger will bring in someone to explain how list was derived and referred to Mike in DC. Kevin stated that we are asking people to walk into to a program that is not clear.

Norman asked if there was anyone else from the Bureau to discuss the Secretarial Election. Regulations changed in November and BIA needs to re-access for new regulations. Question is the request was submitted before changes and why hasn't Bureau acted on. The Bureau is ignoring its own deadlines.

Mark stated technical comment and technical review are still in Solicitor's office, it has to be polled by Solicitor. Kevin stated that the Secretarial Election is null and void. Mark responded the law states 90 days, it doesn't state null void. Kevin responded that leave 30 days to educate people.

Roger Heger responded that he would get back to Norman with an answer in regards to the Secretarial Election.

LEGAL: Mark Anderson

Mark discussed the Tax forfeiture on the MCT Building. Taxes at \$24 thousand, the Minneapolis accessor kept property on tax roll even though it was tax exempt. We should know amount in March for special assessments.

Mark stated the BIA is implement new right away rules which will be in effect March 1st. The deadline for the reservations is perfect July. The Bureau should inform the bands and tribes how they will implement the new rules.

Bois Forte/Fond du Lac/Grand Portage payback U.S. under piolet project letter asking for waiver on liens and money collated be return to reservation to buy additional lands.

Melanie stated we need support from bands and educate people as well as MCT.

Carolyn Beaulieu informed the Committee that Mille Lacs is in opposition of the Secretarial Election. There is not enough information on the potential impact of the proposed enrollment changes. Other leaders may want to pursue.

INFORMATION:

Legislative Dinner schedule for March 10, 2016-5:30 at Double Tree by Hilton, St. Paul, MN.

Hand-out: Consultation with Representatives of the U.S. Government, U.S. Federally Recognized Tribe, and other U.S. Indigenous Peoples Organization – February 25, 2016.
MAST Impact

Tara Mason – letter handed out with concerns of White Earth – informational.

Deborah Topping – Facebook- Social Meeting. Rules – EPA- Pollutions put into waters, where's tribal representation. Hoping at least one tribe sent in letter opposing. Norman responded that he would discuss with environmental department.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Seconded by Tara Mason. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.