

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
May 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 8:33 a.m. at Grand Casino Hinckley, Hinckley, Minnesota.

Invocation: Larry Smallwood

Roll Call: Norman Deschampe, Marie Spry for 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 Kevin Leecy to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded Wally Dupuis. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the minutes of February 10, 2016. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 55-16 regarding RCDG Grant Application. Seconded by Carrie Jones. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 56-16 regarding Tribal Climate Resilience Grant Program. Seconded Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carolyn Beaulieu to approve Resolution 57-16 regarding Great Lake Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center application for IHS 2016-2021 Cooperative Agreement. Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Steven Clark to approve Resolution 58-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligibles (58). Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Steven Clark to approve Resolution 59-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth Ineligibles (91). Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Steven Clark to approve Resolution 60-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Leech Lake (3). Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Steven Clark to approve Resolution 61-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Correction I (4). Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Steven Clark to approve Resolution 62-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Correction II (8). Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Steven Clark to approve Resolution 63-16 regarding enrollment: White Earth No Parent Enrolled (23). Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Wally Dupuis to approve Resolution 64-16 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles (11). Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Wally Dupuis to approve Resolution 65-16 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles (28). Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Wally Dupuis to approve Resolution 66-16 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac No Parent Enrolled (2). Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 67-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles (24). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 68-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles (16). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 69-16 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish to Choctaw. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 70-16 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles (21). Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 71-16 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles (32). Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 72-16 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs No Parent Enrolled (2). Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 73-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles (15). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 74-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles (5). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 75-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Transfer to White Earth. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 76-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Blood Degree Correction I. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 77-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Blood Degree Correction II. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 78-16 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Blood Degree Correction III. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Ferdinand Martineau to approve Resolution 79-16 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles (2). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Ferdinand Martineau to approve Resolution 80-16 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles (2). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 81-16 regarding the JAG Grant application. Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Brian Brunelle presented the Administrative quarterly report.

Motion by Dave Morrison to approve the Administrative report as presented. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Rick Wuori presented the Finance Corporation quarterly report.

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

George Goggeye presented the Human Services quarterly report.

Motion by Ferdinand Martineau to approve the Human Services quarterly report as presented. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Michael Northbird presented the Natural Resources/GAP quarterly report.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the Natural Resources/Gap quarterly report as presented. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Brian Burh, Dean, College of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resource Science

Brian discussed the proposal on research at re: White paper (Wild Rice). Norman informed the Committee that they were looking for tribal group to work with.

Jeff Brunelle presented the Economic Development quarterly report.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the Liquor License for Strawberry Lake Store. Seconded by Tara Mason. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

BIA-MN AGENCY: Patty Olby

Patty discussed the letter included in the packet in regard to the Secretarial election. She stated that the Tribes request for a waiver was submitted for Secretarial approval but was returned because within that time new regulations for Secretarial Election Procedures were published in the Federal Register. MCT is required to submit the request and identify those specific provisions of the new regulations that will not meet the Tribe's need. Provision of the regulations requested be waived must include a clear justification. Regional Office will review request and resubmit with recommendation.

Norman stated he would like to review and hold a special meeting.

Kevin Dupuis asked what protocol is. Patty stated just received letter regarding the Secretarial Election. First – Tribe review and comment on language. Kevin asked about the time period. Patty responded 90 days.

Kevin asked who voted on the language for Secretarial Election. Guy Greene stated that membership should be included in this discussion. Kevin stated there would be more than one issue on ballots. Issue is not getting 30% of eligible voters for Secretarial Election. Norman stated it would be 30% of registered voters not eligible voters.

Land Consolidation meeting will be held June 9, 2016 at Mystic Lake. Re: forgiveness of liens.

Probate Department is experiencing problems/trouble location certified documents.

Patty informed the Committee of Save the Date – July 19th, 20th, 21st, 2016 – 5th Annual Partners in Action Conference at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Program people are encouraged to attend.

Discussion on WELSA – 80 acres off reservation.

Dale Green discussed Secretarial Election, concerns address to regarding “right under Constitution”. He asked who represents individual concerns. Patty responded by voting. Guy stated there are no meetings informing people about the Secretarial Election. Norman stated that the Secretarial Election would be run by the BIA. Discussion on Secretarial Election.

LEGAL: Mark Anderson

Announcement all bands part of Cobell Buy Back Program not to expect completion until 2018-2021.

Norman Wished Carri Jones and Kevin Leecy the best. Melanie states Chi mi gwitch to Carri Jones and Kevin Leecy and presented them with gifts.

Mark presented resolution supporting secretarial waiver of Indian Land Consolidation program liens.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 82-16 supporting Secretarial Waiver of Indian Land Consolidation Program Liens. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to adjourn the meeting 10:08 a.m. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.