

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Special Meeting
November 10, 2016

A special meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Kevin Dupuis at 1:00 p.m. at Black Bear Casino/Resort, Carlton, Minnesota.

Roll Call: Kevin Dupuis, Chairman, Fond du Lac; Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Mille Lacs; Carolyn Beaulieu, Secretary/Treasurer, Mille Lacs; Faron Jackson, Chairman, Leech Lake; Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer, Leech Lake; Terrance Tibbetts, Chairman, White Earth; Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer, White Earth; Catherine Chavers, Chairwoman, Bois Forte; David Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer, Bois Forte; Norman Deschampe, Chairman, Grand Portage; (phone) Dennis Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer, Grand Portage.

Absent: Ferdinand Martineau, Secretary/Treasurer, Fond du Lac;

Quorum Present:

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; and other interested parties.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve the agenda. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

DISCUSSION ON THE OPERATING BUDGET:

Dave Morrison discussed officer's salary and should it continue. He was made in favor of officer's salary for extra work and sign lots of documents on top of everything else and meet separately. Norman responded that Officers and Tribal Executive Committee members can chose not to take the salary, individuals can request to turn their salary back to the Tribe. Kevin Dupuis stated that he would turn it back to the tribe.

Tara stated, you can't budget if you don't know the funds are going to be there, either pay out honorarium or not.

Melanie talked to Dennis Olson, discussion on funds available for education. The Committee was informed that Mille Lacs has education funds available. Suggest that Minnesota Chippewa Tribe budget for education. Look at grant research and look for money.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve the Operating Budget which includes honorariums and Officers' salaries with the understanding that they can designate them to programs or pay back to tribe. Seconded by Catherine Chavers. 8 For, 1 Against (Tara Mason), 1 Silent (Carolyn Beaulieu). Carried.

Tara stated because of confusion at the last meeting, Mille Lacs passed a resolution authorizing who would sit on the subcommittees.

Melanie informed the committee of the structure of the Mille Lacs government, separation of powers. Legislative Branch – Secretary/Treasurer , Judicial Branch, Election Board, Chief Executive Office. Each branch has power and authorization that are different then the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes.

Mille Lacs Band Assembly Resolution was not seen by the Chief Executive, this was not a joint resolution.

Norman Deschampe requested to continue with business.

RESOLUTIONS

Grand Portage did not get a chance to meet with their attorney regarding the Army Corp resolution for language restructure.

The resolution doesn't mention 1854 Treaty or any other treaties.

Question on how mining would be monitored.

Melanie stated that she wasn't comfortable with resolution as it was presented. White Earth and Leech Lake were probably more familiar with the resolution.

Mille Lacs sent Original resolution to attorneys and they sent back seconded resolution without comment. Mille Lacs doesn't want to jeopardize what they are doing, supports Leech Lake and White Earth.

Todd Matha stated the first issue in original resolution is the citing of cases throughout resolution; the court could limit the resolution to only issues cited by court cases. There are other things that are part of record. You run the risk of some positions taken early or that may be different then what you need later on. The resolution Mille Lacs provided could reach the same results.

Dicta is everything else, a court may include in its decision that you may not want. We are asking the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to pass a resolution to recognize usufructuary rights and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe would have authority to regulate, authority was a treaty right from 1854 and 1855, etc.

Norman Deschampe asked, are we just trying to protect our issues, wild rice, etc. Response is that each resolution looks at the treaty right, they aren't asking Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to regulate the rights. Statement that the resolution doesn't say that Army Corp can issue permit.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to table original resolution. Arthur Larose responded if one resolution is table, the other resolution should also be tabled.

Catherine Chavers stated that the Army Corp is meeting November 15th at Mystic Lake that is why we wanted to pass the resolution to bring to the meeting. Arthur LaRose asked can all attorneys look at resolution and bring forward to Army Corp of Engineers meeting. Frank stated that the resolution should be stronger and include all treaties.

Norman Deschampe asked if there was a deadline, Frank responded November 30 is the deadline.

Tara Mason stated that the purpose of this meeting was to act on resolution regarding Army Corp of Engineers.

Norman Deschampe suggested meet via teleconference and approve resolution.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to table both resolutions. Seconded by Dennis Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve the Truth and Healing resolution. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Dennis Morrison discussed possible compensation for individuals put in boarding schools. Gary will check with NCAI to find out if they have documentation.

Norman stated President elect Trump wants to do away with EPA.

Melanie responded, we should pass resolutions to bring to our legislature to oppose this EPA and other Trump initiatives. Kevin states we have to work with all tribe in country. Melanie stated the pipeline permits, Obama care, etc. will be Trumps main issues. Tara Mason asked what transition is Trump bringing in, Oklahoma Tribes have his ear, and we have to come up with an agenda at local Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and National levels. No one knows Trumps agenda, strengthen our Economic Development. Contact TBIC Planning meeting December 5th & 6th in Shakopee – BIA Budget Planning. Retirement Party for Diane Rosen is scheduled for December 5th, MAST is trying to get leaders together. NCAI meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2017 in Washington, D.C., December 13th-14th are in New York, to talk about tribes sovereignty status.

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Tara stated, we should formalize our bylaws to reflect who the representatives are on Subcommittees. Kevin responded we should have something in place for selection of officers, part of structure of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee. He stated the Tribal Executive Committee and Subcommittee meetings should always be held on Tribal lands.

Motion by Norman Deschampe to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.