

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
February 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Kevin Dupuis, Sr. at 8:41 a.m. at Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Vermilion, Minnesota.

Invocation: Gene Goodsky

Roll Call: Kevin Dupuis, Sr. 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; Marie Spry, Committeewoman sitting in for Dennis Morrison, Grand Portage.

Absent: Ferdinand Martineau, Secretary/Treasurer, Fond du Lac; Dennis Morrison, Secretary/Treasurer, Grand Portage

Quorum present.

Others: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Phil Brodeen, Legal Counsel, MCT; Sandy Blake, Rep., Mille Lacs; David Aubid, Rep., Mille Lacs; Emily Johnson, Strategic Initiatives, Mille Lacs; Syngen Kanassategan, Legal Policy Counsel, Mille Lacs; Shena Matrious, Mille Lacs; Shelly Day, Leg. Office Manager, Mille Lacs; Caryn Day, Legislative Communications Liaison, Mille Lacs; Nora Benjamin, Mille Lacs; Susan Kapel, Mille Lacs; Diane Nickaboine, Mille Lacs Band; Eugene Tibbetts, Rep., White Earth; Frank Bibeau, Legal, White Earth; Leroy Staples-Fairbanks, Rep., Leech Lake; Levi Brown, DNR, Leech Lake; Leslie Harper, Assistant, Leech Lake; Laurie Harper, Leech Lake; Dale Greene, Legal, Leech Lake; Corey Strong, Executive Director Bois Forte; Dennis Olson, Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council; Santee Lewis, Land Buy Back Program, U.S. DOI; Roger Heger, OST, BIA-MN Agency; Winona LaDuke, Honor the Earth; Sonja Tanner, Owner, OPOS Tours and Travel; MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Catherin Chavers, Chairwoman of Bois Forte stated she hoped everyone would be respectful and move forward. She discussed Mille Lacs self-governance presentation. Presentation in short service doesn't do justice. Request a one day presentation and invite everyone. Give them time to invite; it is a dis-service to cram into a meeting today.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to remove from agenda, Mille Lacs Self-Governance presentation. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin.

Melanie Benjamin responded Mi-gwitch to speaker for ceremony, grateful for the Mille Lacs Band members for attending. At the December meeting it was stated the operations of the Mille Lacs Band are unconstitutional. Melanie stated that she is more than willing to provide information on their self-governance.

Kevin Dupuis agreed that a separate meeting to clarify how the Tribal Executive Committee did Mille Lacs bands self-governance and stated that he still had questions on what was approved at the special meeting.

Arthur LaRose commented on discrepancies with how Mille Lacs is organized under the constitution.

Tara Mason stated that she thought there was going to be information presented was going to be on the Tribal Executive Committees action in regard to Mille Lacs self-governance. She would like to see the presentation continue, the more we know the more we understand, keep on agenda.

Tara would like to include a resolution that was presented at the Education/Health and Human Services Subcommittee, this resolution was email to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe yesterday.

Motion by Norman Deschampe to approve the agenda. Seconded Arthur LaRose.

President Dupuis request we return to point of order, motion on the floor for approval of agenda.

Motion by Norman Deschampe to approve the agenda. Seconded Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 1 Silent (Tara Mason). Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the minutes of January 23, 2017. Seconded by Tara Mason. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 37-17 regarding application for funding EPA GAP Grant. Seconded by Terry Tibbetts. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 38-17 regarding USDA Rural Business Development Grant. Seconded by Catherin Chavers. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Norman Deschampe to approve Resolution 39-17 regarding amendment to CD Ordinance 19. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Discussion on Resolution 40-17 – Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 or “VAWA 2013”, Kevin asked what does this do for other issues with non-natives outside of VAWA. Melanie Benjamin responded that in meeting with Senator Klobuchar, she had asked what the tribes want. The U.S. Senator is looking at strengthening the violence protections against tribal members. Tara Mason asked in PL 280, what does this do for bands? A question was asked what types of services will be provided to the members and what is the intent of the proposal?

George Goggeye discussed the conference call he had with Office of the Justice-BIA. It was short notice but is in respond to request from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The idea of VAWA training at one of the hotels, he would provide specifics when information is received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Tara Mason asked if the deadline for the Grant was extended. George responded that it was extended until April 3rd. Norman Deschampe stated that there are PL 280 tribes on these issues. George responded yes, but this is an opportunity for us. Melanie commented that the law itself has a trending agenda, PL 280 states, she recommended work on agenda. Kevin Dupuis stated that Fond du Lac would commit to use of their facility,

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Resolution 40-17 Resolution regarding Grant Application to Office of Justice BIA (VAWA 2013). Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Arthur LaRose asked if any of the reservations are going after the same grant. Tara Mason responded that White Earth has a Domestic Violence working group, don't have domestic ordinance. Is there a resolution in regard to Victim Services?

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Resolution 41-17 regarding Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution curriculum. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Terrance Tibbetts to approve Resolution 42-17 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligibles (19). Seconded by Tara Mason. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Terrance Tibbetts to approve Resolution 43-17 regarding enrollment: White Earth Ineligibles (21). Seconded by Tara Mason. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Terrance Tibbetts to approve Resolution 44-17 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Bois Forte. Seconded by Tara Mason. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Terrance Tibbetts to approve Resolution 45-17 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake (2). Seconded by Tara Mason. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Terrance Tibbetts to approve Resolution 46-17 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe. Seconded by Tara Mason. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Terrance Tibbetts to approve Resolution 47-17 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Sisseton-Wahpeton. Seconded by Tara Mason. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Terrance Tibbetts to approve Resolution 48-17 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change. Seconded by Tara Mason. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 49-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles (29). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 50-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles (36). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 51-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish to Sisseton Wahpeton. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 52-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish to Red Lake. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 53-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change I. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 54-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change II. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 55-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change III. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 56-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change IV. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 57-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake No Parent Enrolled (7). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Faron Jackson to approve Resolution 58-17 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Erroneously Enrolled. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Resolution 59-17 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles (15). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Resolution 60-17 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles (2). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Resolution 61-17 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Blood Degree Change (1). Seconded by Dave Morrison. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Catherine Chavers to approve Resolution 62-17 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Disenrollment. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 63-17 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles (13). Seconded by Norman Deschampe. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve 64-17 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles (18). Seconded by Norman Deschampe. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve 65-17 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Disenrollment. Seconded by Norman Deschampe. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Norman Deschampe to approve Resolution 66-17 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles (5). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Norman Deschampe to approve Resolution 67-17 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles (2). Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 68-17 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles (73). Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 69-17 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles (57). Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 70-17 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Blood Degree Change. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 71-17 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Break – Reconvenes at 10:15 a.m.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Joel Smith presented the quarterly Administrative Report.

Kevin Dupuis questioned the special reports requested to the Tribal Enrollment office that are provided to the reservations. Joel stated these reports require Reservation Business Committee member's signature.

Kevin then questioned the tracts and family tree compiled, is this used for enrollment? Joel responded yes. Is there a way to apply the BIA system to assist enrollment request? Tara Mason asked that report include deceased, transfer and relinquishments. Joel stated the membership, recaps are on last page, attachment A.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the Administrative report as presented. Seconded by Tara Mason. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Rick Wuori presented the quarterly Finance Corporation Report.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the Finance Corporation report as presented. Seconded by Terrance Tibbetts. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Kevin asked about the plan and budget overall. Rick responded that it is separate. Faron Jackson asked about letter approving individuals/members. Rick informed the Committee that there was nothing available for urban area. Tara requested map of loans located in State of Minnesota.

Jeff Brunelle presented the Economic Development quarterly report.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the Economic Development report as presented. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Kevin stated that he recognized this as being separate from Finance Corporation and asked if they ever went after grants. Gary responded yes, we do go after them through the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Norman asked about the tribe competing against the bands for grants. Kevin stated the goal of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is to secure monies the tribe itself can go after. Directed Gary to seek additional funds and watch to not compete against reservations.

Billie Annette presented the Education quarterly report.

Billie discussed curriculum on the constitution, training on enrollment. How came upon blood quantum, along with information on boarding schools and history. How was it decided where our ancestors would travel? MIEA Conference will be held at Prairie Island, April 15, 16 17, 2017, they've been the host past two years, same site, need to move around.

Dennis Olson, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council presented an update on behalf of the department of education. Hiring process of the new Director of Indian Education has been completed, and will be announced end of next week. The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council was involved in hiring process. The department of education is in the process of scheduling the tribal consultation process for state plan approval as required by new federal education law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The State Education Department submission of state plans has also been extended. The Governor's budget proposal includes language to continue the current equalization funding formula for tribal schools, as well as a proposal to increase the general formula 2% each year of the biennium. Representative Sondra Erickson is introducing a bill to have the content of the civics test passed last year to become part of mandated curriculum. There is a need to teach the current state standards related to treaties, sovereignty, etc. Minnesota Indian Affairs Council is pursuing funding from the Legacy Fund finance committee to support grants for native language immersion and revitalization.

Melanie Benjamin referenced new proposed civics legislation, resolution opposing. Kevin agreed, what do you need to pursue? Dennis responded resolution speaks volumes. March 10, first committee deadline for bills to be introduced. Collective bodies, band staff to testify or submit written testimony would be very helpful.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to oppose legislation, Seconded by Norman Deschampe. (Tara Silent) Tara supports but would like something in writing before supporting for clarification.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve the Education quarterly report as presented. Seconded by Catherine Chavers. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

George Gogleye presented the Human Services quarterly report.

Dale Green discussed an MFIP case where individual had loss of constitutional rights at county and was forced to utilize the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe MFIP services. Was informed needed to use culturally appropriate services of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe MFIP. State Supreme Court stated political status.

George Gogleye stated that MFIP participants of Beltrami County don't have a choice of which program to utilize. Kevin Dupuis asked who ensures where participants are supposed to utilize services. George responded their caseworker. Kevin stated the state is noncompliance on their procedures.

Motion by Catherine Chaver to approve the Human Services quarterly report. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Michael Northbird presented the Natural Resources/Environment quarterly report. Michael request band staff review the Map link on the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe website. Send shape file of any changes/corrections that need to be made. Michael gave an update on the Great Lake Tribal Initiative. He stated that samples have been gathered and tested by private-sector lab for analysis. Results have been provided to Grand Portage Environmental staff for their overall project. Cost associated with MCT GLTI Project 1 so far is \$37,500. The remaining \$5,838 will be utilized for items listed in grant proposal or as a grant deliverable, such as publications and signage.

Kevin asked why bands haven't turned in comments on Watercraft licensing issue. He doesn't believe the State should have authority to license in regard to tribes. Is there a reason why we are not pursuing the watercraft licensing? Tara Mason stated that she didn't know about licensing issue, but would make sure the information is sent to State under State Statute that the Tribe needs to be licensed under. Kevin asked how many reservations license boats for their membership, White Earth, Mille Lacs and Leech Lake. Ray asked shouldn't it be addressed if violated.

Motion by Tara Mason to approve the Natural Resource/Environment report. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

BIA-MN Agency: Roger Heger, OST

Roger Heger handed out material in regard to the "Whereabouts unknown" from Santee Lewis. Tribal Chairs were asked to give pros and cons about offers. Catherine Chavers stated they rely on message and update on Indian Land Consolidation Act lien waiver. Tara Mason asked where Superintendent Olby was. Roger responded at a regional staff meeting.

Recess 11:35 a.m. Reconvene 12:37 p.m.

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Mattie Harper

Mattie Harper presented a power point presentation and informed the Committee about collaboration with Native Communities in the State. She discussed the Grand Mounds and the Minnesota Historical Societies concern on the mounds being open to the public. The Grand Mounds were dated to 200 BC an important cultural and historical burial site. They are considering making the Grand Mounds accessible again to the public. Update the landscape in partnership with the communities along with self-guided trails and minimal facilities. Not a tourist attraction but keep low key. Interpretations would be provided by the Minnesota Historical Society staff person on site, accessible to native people. The staff person would also engage in Community. Mattie was here to provide information; you may contact her at 651-259-3390 or mattie.harper@mnhs.org.

Kevin Dupuis asked if the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe has ever taken a position on the Grand Mounds. Terrance Tibbetts responded that White Earth has. Kevin asked, does the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe want to take a position on this. Tara Mason stated that Red Lake referred to this to White Earth since they are closest to Rainey River. Mattie responded if the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe wants to take a position it would be appreciated. Send Tara Masons contact information to Mattie.

LAND BUY BACK: Santee Lewis

Santee Lewis provided an update and informed the Community what to expect. The land consolidation component of Cobell Settlement Agreement. There is 1.9 Billion Trust Land Consolidation funds available to purchase fractionated interest in trust or restricted land at fair market value from willing sellers.

There is \$1.1 billion separate that's available to tribes to purchase, estimate fractionated tracts, number in reservation.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, White Earth, Grand Portage, Bois Forte can expect in the fall of 2018 offers in addition to Red Lake. (13 million). Folder, purchase estimate, vision of fractionation. People don't understand fractionation. There are still scholarship funds available to contribute 218 million. Whatever is remaining put into program for a 10 year period, 8.5 years remaining in this major phase.

The outreach is land research, land valuation, land acquisition. Santee stated that she met with Grand Portage, Leech Lake and White Earth and shared information to help them move along. Each band is separate under the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe need to develop cooperative agreements. Partner with tribes to work in collectively on implementing land consolidation activities. The Federal Government can fill the role but tribe can do MOA. Timeline on cooperative agreement due the fall of 2017, pre offer outreach winter 2017/2018, estimate appraisal completion in fall of 2018. TAMMS develops priority tracts. Kevin asked if the bands contact individual or continue at later date. Summary, still coming to reservations, monies will be left.

LEGAL: Phil Brodeen

Phil informed the Committee that there were a number of projects from Natural Resources and Legislative Subcommittee to formulate for the state agenda. The line 3 replacement motion would allowed White Earth to proceed with Environmental review process and utilize Minnesota Chippewa Tribe staff. Norman Deschampe asked about the Land Buy Back, clarification on land escheat to band? Phil stated that he would get information and follow through.

DRUGS: Brad Harrington, Mille Lacs Band member

Brad informed the committee that the focus needs to be on the Ojibwe language, sort out language and culture. He is employed at the treatment center in Brainerd. He is looking for support in language and culture; we adopted American ideas, culture. We were given fish and berries to feed our spirituality. He would like to see more focus on language and culture and not just symptoms. The treatment center serves more than the Mille Lacs band, include extended services. Need to line up resources and come together. Tara responded Mi gwitch, informed the committee that issues are symptoms of bigger cause. White Earth is working on language revitalization, expanding and development of a program. Extend invite to Brad and would like to know where to follow up. Is there a way to have opiate summit. The only progress is when we take initiative and follow up.

Kevin responded that there is a lot of discussion, we have to unite. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe meetings allow people to voice their concerns. There are several things that happen on reservations to discuss. In the future include language and culture.

Arthur LaRose stated enjoy statements and recommendation, history needs to be involved also.

Dennis Olson informed the Committee that Jackie Dionne – bill language from opiate summit. \$4 million – culture, cultural health, ceremonies. Dennis stated that the information would be shared with Health Directors.

Deb Topping informed the Committee of the 4th Elder Abuse Awareness Conference is held bi-annually and scheduled for October 2017. Elders in Fond du Lac, turn over in staff. Can the Tribal Executive Committee help with administration, 500 hours help with invites and minutes? Save the dates. Deb requested a Silent Auction table at the Legislative Dinner. Kevin stated that help would be provided with administration duties.

Arthur LaRose informed the Committee of the Indian Affairs meeting scheduled February 22 from 1 pm – 3 pm at Doubletree Hotel, St. Paul.

Tara asked if there was and Elder Protection Code on the reservations. Deb responded Leech Lake, Tara stated White Earth and Catherine responded Bois Forte.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY: Chris Rhodes, CEO

Chris Rhodes asked the tribe for help and to sign on – funding available through the Center of Disease Control. Question asked is funding open to anyone to apply for. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe can apply as combined. Save the date – May 2017. Kevin suggested the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe collectively apply to CNC Grant funding available end of the month.

Presentation made to Norman Deschampe for the years of services as President of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

Norman leaves meeting.

New Business:

Irene Benjamin discussed dialog between Tribal Executive Committee members referring to her a feisty person. She doesn't think this is true, because she speaks on issues that are important, Tribal Executive Committee members need to stop demeaning people. Irene stated she speaks loud to be heard. One of her issues is the separation of powers of the Mille Lacs Band, it don't coincide with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution. There is no documentation on how Mille Lacs became a separation of powers. She was told Gary Frazer has documentation, no one has information. We need to know how we (Mille Lacs) became a separation of powers. When we come to the Tribal Executive Committee meetings, we should be welcome.

Kevin stated attend Tribal Executive Committee meetings and agree he thought the Tribal Executive Committee wasn't listening. He was blackballed on the reservation because of his political view. The Tribal Executive Committee is listening, move forward. Respect, collectively and move to unite. Give this Tribal Executive Committee a change to lead in a direction it hasn't been before.

Leonard Roy referenced the Buy Back Program stating our land isn't for sale.

Kevin discussed the Secretarial Election Waiver request, stating that it was not signed and still on the desk. Kevin stated a decision to move forward or rescind is needed. Arthur LaRose responded hold off, if we rescind its letting them off the hook. Kevin stated they don't have any right to hold off, need to make a decision.

Gary referred to DOI letter. Kevin asked what the process is for the letter. Gary stated that the letter is under information in the packet. Gary stated that Kevin can direct him and Phil to work on letter. Arthur LaRose stated lobbyist from each reservation, maybe someone at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe/Tribal Executive Committee level has a lobbyist to work on it.

Catherine Chavers responded Federal/State, suggested a resolution. Tara stated a letter with official statement prior to next meeting to review and discuss before next meeting. Figure out Secretarial Election, be consistent with message we are sending. Catherine, letter is stronger with all bands signature.

Tara stated joint goals and objectives at the Federal and State level. Bois Forte discussed the working family tax credit, support each other. She suggested the Attorney oversee to get agendas. Make it a formal process – issue a tribal statement. George Goggeley stated Employment Services is not seeing an increase in funding, look for more information on grant. How we are supporting staff at the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

Dale Green discussed the Secretarial Election requirement of 30% eligible voters to approve or disapprove. How interpretations address rights of members. Why in Secretarial Election are our rights being waived? 1-80 and 2-80. Resolution 13-09 Secretarial Election language approved. How do we interpret 13-09? Any discussion should include the rights of members. What is the meaning of wording done by interpretation?

Kevin thanked everyone that stayed. He still doesn't understand the waiver process, 30% of entitled, 30% of register voters. Have to have meetings to educate.

Tara Mason asked when the interpretations and ordinances would be placed on the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe website.

Legislative Dinner at the Doubletree on February 22nd.

Date of Special meeting – March 15th at Hinckley 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to adjourn meeting at 2:38 p.m. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.