

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
January 30, 2012

A regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 1:15 p.m. at Grand Casino-Mille Lacs, Onamia, Minnesota.

Invocation: Dorothy Sam

Roll Call: Norman Deschampe, , Kevin Leecy, Dave Morrison, Arthur LaRose, Donald Finn, Karen Diver, Ferdinand Martineau, Marge Anderson, Curtis Kalk, Erma Vizenor, Robert Durant.

Absent: April McCormick

Quorum Present

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Sandy Blake, Rep., Mille Lacs; Cindy Hoffart, Special Projects Coord., Mille Lacs; Carolyn Shaw, Commissioner of Administration, Brad Kalk, Commissioner NR, Mille Lacs; Dennis Olson, , Mille Lacs; Elaine Smith, Legal, Mille Lacs; Barbara Benjamin-Roberts, Urban Rep., Mille Lacs; Caryn Day, Director Tribal Operations, Mille Lacs; Eugene Whitebird, Rep., Leech Lake; Steve White, Rep., Leech Lake; Eric Locken, Legal, Leech Lake; Frank Bibeau, Legal, Leech Lake; Kenneth Bevins, Rep., White Earth; Irene Auginaush, Rep., White Earth; Patricia Olby, Superintendent, BIA-MN Agency; Roger Heger, OST, BIA-MN Agency; Sherry Erickson, BIA-MN Agency; Diane Baker, Supervisor Realty Specialist, BIA-Midwest Regional Office; Linda Aitken, MN DOT; Joylnn Shoptease, MIAC; MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Motion by Curt Kalk to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the minutes of October 4, 2011. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the minutes of December 19, 2011. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 42-12 supporting Native Youth Alliance of Minnesota in securing funding to continue goals and strategies. Seconded by Robert Durant. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 43-12 supporting appointment of Billie Annette to the Tribal Nations Education Committee. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 44-12 approving support and host of VISTA Volunteer. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 45-12 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 46-12 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 47-12 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Blood Degree Change I. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 48-12 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Blood Degree Change II. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 49-12 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Not on '41 Roll. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 50-12 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 51-12 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 52-12 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligibles. Seconded by Robert Durant. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 53-12 regarding enrollment: White Earth Ineligibles. Seconded by Robert Durant. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 54-12 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake. Seconded by Robert Durant. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 55-12 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Bois Forte. Seconded by Robert Durant. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 56-12 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Red Lake. Seconded by Robert Durant. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 57-12 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Red Lake (minors). Seconded by Robert Durant. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 58-12 regarding enrollment: White Earth Not on '41 Roll. Seconded by Robert Durant. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Marge Anderson to approve Resolution 59-12 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Marge Anderson to approve Resolution 60-12 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 61-12 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 62-12 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 63-12 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish from Red Lake. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 64-12 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change I. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 65-12 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change II. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 66-12 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change III. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 67-12 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change IV. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 68-12 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change V. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 69-12 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 70-12 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 71-12 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Not on '41 Roll. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 72-12 to support amendment to the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Brian Brunelle presented the Administration Report.

Motion by Robert Durant to approve the Administration Report as presented. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Courtney Gifford presented the Finance Corporation Report and the Economic Development Report.

Motion by Curt Kalk to approve the Finance Corporation and Economic Development Reports as presented. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Billy Annette presented the Education Report.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve the Education report as presented. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Linda Johnston presented the Human Services Report.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve the Human Services Report as presented. Seconded by Marge Anderson. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

PROSPOSAL FROM WILDER FOUNDATION

Joel Smith presented the proposal from the Wilder Foundation on conducting a survey of members regarding the MCT Constitution's blood quantum requirements. Joel informed the Committee that the proposal was based on 2,000 members. He had informed the foundation that the number would be approximately 35,000 members 18 & over. They informed him that the cost would be more than quoted. This would be all inclusive – looking at sharing. The developing survey would go to each reservations total membership. It would be more personalized with MCT doing the mailing ourselves. The Tribe has requested additional funding from the Bush Foundation.

BIA-MN AGENCY

Patricia Olby informed the Committee of the following:

- Budget meeting scheduled for February 29th, 6- 8 p.m.
- March 1, Budget meeting. (Budgets due by February 17th-Pat's office.
- TAMMS
- Deputy Superintendent status – not enough candidates to make a selection. POSTED New job announcement.

Kevin Leecy asked if anyone from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe applied. Patricia responded they had 4 applicants, but couldn't reveal that information.

Arthur LaRose asked what is the required number? Patricia answered that it wasn't the number of applicants, the fact was they were not familiar with the Midwest issues.

Gary asked if the meeting was locked in for June. Patricia stated not confirmed yet. Gary informed her that Election Day for the reservations is June 12 – certification.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUSTEE

Roger Heger informed the Committee of the hearing that would take place in Washington DC regarding the Nelson Act. Norman responded that the hearing would be held Thursday.

Roger then informed the Committee of the continuation to publicize "whereabouts unknown"

Gary asked if Roger could check on the Nelson Act funds amount. Roger stated yes.

LEGAL:

Gary stated that we don't need mineral evaluation done.

Mark Anderson – gave evaluation of mineral, not a lot of minerals discovered when done for allotments. Gary stated get market analysis.

Motion by Karen Diver to advise the Minnesota Agency, BIA, that the tribe would not request an evaluation of tribal trust mineral interests on the reservations. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Mark Anderson updated the Committee on the Saro's Case.

Mark that explained that Congress is considering MAP 21 – roads portion to include new formula – this would significantly reduce roads monies. Motion made in Legislative Subcommittee not to approve MAP 21.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve letter requesting Congress not approve MAP 21. Seconded by Kevin Leecy. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Gary informed the Committee that MAST Impact Week is March 26th-28th, 2012.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 pm. Seconded by Donald Finn. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried