

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting  
February 24, 2015

A regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 12:56 P.m. at Crown Plaza, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Roll Call: Norman Deschampe, Dennis Morrison, Kevin Leecy, Dave Morrison, Carri Jones, Arthur LaRose, Karen Diver, Ferdinand Martineau, Melanie Benjamin, Carolyn Beaulieu, Erma Vizenor, Tara Mason.

Quorum Present:

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel, MCT; Kenneth Bevins, Sheena Matrious, Dennis Olson, MDE Director of Indian Education; Ed Fairbanks, Tribal Liaison, MN DOT; Suzanne Wise, Commissioner of Education, Mille Lacs; Shelly Diaz, Urban Rep., Mille Lacs; Sam Moose, Commissioner of Health/Human Services, Mille Lacs; Joe LaGarde, White Earth; Steven Clark, Rep., White Earth; Steve White, Rep., Leech Lake; Pete White, Executive Director, Leech Lake; Peggy Roy, Indian Elders Desk Specialist, DHS, Tadd Johnson, UMD; Emily Johnson, Mille Lacs; Phil Brodeen, Legal, Grand Portage; Mary Owens, MCT Staff and other interested parties.

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

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the minutes of November, 6, 2014 and December 17, 2014. Seconded by Tara Mason. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 30-15 regarding autopsies based on religious beliefs. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Jackie Dionne informed the Committee that the State does not regulate the Medical Examiner, the tribes recommendation needs to be carried forward to the Commissioner. A bill to regulate the Medical Examiner is needed. The Health Department can do policy bill and recommend to Commissioner, unsure of where the Health Department stands on this issue.

Kevin Leecy explained the Resolution. Karen Diver asked about the other anishinabe blood – asked the Committee if resolution should include all at once. Kevin stated there are so many ideas; the only way to go there is to take it one step at a time. He would rather see some action than none. Norman Deschampe responded doesn't this require a Secretarial Election. Mark responded yes. Dennis Morrison has other ideas in Canada Melanie requested to take First Nation out of the resolution. Kevin responded a clean resolution – act on this – then another including all.

Mark stated not enough votes or the Secretary of the Interior may not want to use First Nation. Kevin stated correct those already enrolled. Karen responded there are no federally recognized tribes in Canada, recommend use second resolution. Norman asked about the timeline of a Secretarial Election. Mark stated 90 days/120days after received by the Secretary of the Interior. Kevin stated this would be historic.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 31-15 regarding Election to amend Article II, Section 1(First Nation). Seconded by Dave Morrison. Roll Call Vote: 9 For, 0 Against, 3 Silent (Erma Vizenor, Carolyn Beaulieu, Dennis Morrison). Carried.

Motion by Arthur LaRose to approve Resolution 32-15 regarding Election to amend Article II, Section 1 (Anishinabe/Ojibwe/Chippewa). Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. Roll Call Vote: 11 For, 0 Against, 1 Silent (Erma Vizenor). Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 33-15 regarding Cooperative Agreement with the BIA. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 34-15 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 35-15 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 36-15 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Blood Degree Change. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 37-15 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 38-15 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 39-15 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 40-15 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Relinquish to Potawatomi. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 41-15 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Blood Degree Change. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 42-15 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 43-15 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 44-15 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Blood Degree Change. Seconded by Karen Diver. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 45-15 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles. Seconded by Karen Diver. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 46-15 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles. Seconded by Karen Diver. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 47-15 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 48-15 regarding enrollment : Leech Lake Ineligibles. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 49-15 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish from Fort Peck. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 50-15 regarding enrollment : Leech Lake Relinquish from Lac Courte Oreilles. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 51-15 regarding enrollment : Leech Lake Relinquish to Oneida Tribe of WI. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 52-15 regarding enrollment : Leech Lake No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 53-15 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligibles. Seconded by Tara Mason. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 54-15 regarding enrollment: White Earth Ineligibles. Seconded by Tara Mason. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 55-15 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Flathead Nation. Seconded by Tara Mason. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 56-15 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Seconded by Tara Mason. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 57-15 regarding enrollment: White Earth No Parent Enrolled. Seconded by Tara Mason. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

### **QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

Motion by Tara Mason to approve quarterly reports. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Brian Brunelle presented an item in the Administrative Report that requires action from the subcommittee:

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the following Health Insurance Plan Renewal Recommendation.

Effective March 1, 2015, Administration recommends approval to renew our current health insurance plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN effective March 1, 2015 with a 3.9% increase and the following minor changes to our small group plan.

	Health Insurance Plan (3/1/14)	Health Insurance Plan (3/1/15)
Annual Deductible:	\$1000/single; \$2000/family, 80/20	No Change
Annual out of Pocket:	\$3,400/single, \$6,800 family	\$3,000/Single; \$6,000 family
Office visit	\$40 copay; \$60 scp-copay	\$30 copay; \$50 scp-copay
Prescription Copay:	\$10 generic \$50 formulary \$90 non-formulary	No change in prescription coverage

Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES:** Jane Lawrenz, Community Living Supports Unit

Jane Lawrenz presented information on the Memorandum of Agreement included in the packet along with the Bylaws. The Minnesota Tribal Collaborative to Prevent and End Homelessness, a collaborative between the tribal nations has been formed to apply for and administer funding to prevent and end homelessness. The agreement honors the sovereignty of each Tribal nation. The intent of the agreement is to delineate roles, responsibilities and coordination for all the parties. She informed the Committee that the office location would be in Burnsville and is also requesting to use the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe as fiscal agent. This would be the first tribal Nations in the Country to take on this issue.

**LIQUOR LICENSE:**

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the Liquor License for Eddy's Resort. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**MNDOT:** Ed Fairbanks

Ed Fairbanks informed the Committee that MnDOT completed area mapping for 2015 road map. Tribal Nations Training by Fond du Lac.

**LEGAL:** Mark Anderson

Mark Anderson discussed the Resolution presented regarding the State of Minnesota. Mille Lacs County vs. Mille Lacs Band. 1855 Mille Lacs boundary existence. Solicitor General states in accordance to the Nelson Act no other reservations exist. U.S. Department of the Interior/Department of Justice. -

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 58-15 regarding Mille Lacs reservation boundaries. Seconded by Carolyn Beaulieu. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Gary discussed a letter provide to the Tribal Executive Committee from Mary Owens, along with a resolution requesting support for UMD in acquiring data from IHS.

Mary Owens stated that the data has not been released since 2004. A letter to the Acting Director, resolution supports efforts.

Motion by Dennis Morrison to approve Resolution 59-15 supporting University of Minnesota Medical School. Seconded by Arthur LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**NCAI:** Karen Diver

Karen Diver suggested the Tribal Executive Committee get together to acquire a platinum sponsorship in NCAI. Erma asked split it six ways among the bands – platinum membership. Gary stated MCT could assist and the split would be seven ways.

Motion by Karen Diver to purchase platinum sponsorship in NCAI split equal share among the bands and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion Karen Diver to approve Resolution 60-15 regarding water quality standard effects on Wild Rice. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Kevin Leecy informed the Committee that the National Indian Gaming Conference is March 30 – April 2, 2015. Melanie Benjamin is Acting Chair

Norman Deschampe made presentation to Gary Frazer for 35 years of service to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

Kevin Leecy asked about a controlled press release regarding the Secretarial Election for amending the constitution.

Norman Deschampe stated that an officers meeting would take place to discuss press release. Mark Anderson would prepare and draft timeline.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 p.m. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.