

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Special Meeting  
December 11, 2012

A special meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 8:35 a.m. at Grand Casino-Mille Lacs, Onamia, Minnesota.

Invocation: Joe Nayquonabe

Roll Call: Norman Deschampe, April McCormick, Kevin Leecy, Dave Morrison, Carri Jones, Donald Finn, Karen Diver, Ferdinand Martineau, Curt Kalk, Erma Vizenor, Robert Durant.

Absent: Melanie Benjamin

Quorum Present:

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Exe. Dir., MCT; Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel, MCT; Ray Toutloff, Rep., Bois Forte; Corey Strong, Actg Exe. Dir., Bois Forte; Kenneth Bevins, Rep., White Earth; Terrance Tibbetts, Rep., White Earth; Ron Valiant, Exe. Dir., White Earth; Steve White, Rep., Leech Lake; Elaine Smith, Legal, Mille Lacs; Sam Moose, Com. Health/HS, Mille Lacs; Joe Nayquonabe, Mille Lacs; Teresa Este, Deputy Superintendent, BIA-MN Agency; Christine Herman, BIA-MN Agency; Anne Garrigan, BIA-MN Agency; Robert Lintelmann, Forestry, BIA-MN Agency; Roger Heger, OST, BIA-MN Agency; MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dave Morrison.

Motion by Curt Kalk to approve the minutes of October 9, 2012; October 19, 2012; and October 26, 2012. Seconded by April McCormick. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 10-13 regarding application for EDA Planning Grant. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Ferdinand Martineau to approve Resolution 11-13 regarding application for MIAAA Funding. Seconded by Carri Jones. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

The Natural Resources Resolution would assist in the wolf issue.

Motion by Curt Kalk to approve Resolution 12-13 creating Natural Resources and Environment Subcommittee. Seconded by April McCormick. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Gary Frazer stated that he would remind reservations to get appointment of members for the Natural Resources and Environment Subcommittee.

**BIA-MN Agency:** Teresa Este, Deputy Superintendent

Teresa informed the Committee that the next “Partners in Action” would take place April 16-18, 2013 in Baraboo, WI.

Information included in the packets on how to access the TAMMS for the bands. If any assistance is required, they may contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Gary Frazer asked if the reservations would like to handle their own leasing. Chris Herman stated they would provide assistance. New regulations, rules were published December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Agency will provide regularly scheduled training.

**OST:** Roger Heger

Roger informed the Committee all the investment letters were complete. Legal expense, per capita funds, equal shares.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Nelson Act Account was closed. Each band has per capita accounts. Unclaimed funds (\$300) after 1 year return to Secretary of the Interior.

Norman asked about the Cobell Settlement. Communication with tribal members on issue is not good.

**FORESTRY:** Robert Lintelmann

Robert discussed the Appraisal Project. The deadline is December 30<sup>th</sup> extension, not going to happen. There are three reservations complete – remaining are further along but still have data to complete. Need a letter from the Contractor requesting and extension. GIS Coordinator is retiring, hold up is getting data – time is limited for the Contractor. White Earth, Grand Portage and Leech Lake are not complete.

**WHITE EARTH:** Erma Vizenor, Chairwoman

Erma stated that there are three issues. Legislator – Governor wants to talk with each tribe. Commissioner didn’t consult with the tribe, nor the Governor.

Norman requested Gary set up a meeting with the Governor. Norman stated that Dave represents Grand Portage.

The next issue is on licensing: boats, ATVs and snowmobiles. Norman responded that this would be an assignment for the new Committee.

The next issue is a Veterans plaque in the VA, St. Paul. Request a plaque for the American Indian Veterans. Bill stated that it would be in the Court of Honor, total cost twenty five thousand – support of the capital. Request that tribal lobbyist work together as a group to accomplish this. Gary stated contact John Persell.

Norman – Grand Portage has more issues with the Coast Guard.

Kevin – agree on licensing issue – Resolution draft in support.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution of support on licensing issue. Seconded by Karen. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**LEGAL:** Mark Anderson

Mark informed the Committee that the Urban Office is in the process of tax exempt status. Reid is working to get legislation done this session.

Fond du Lac – member – response to individual

Per capita check – common pool – only \$300.00 is to be returned if unclaimed.

Hearth Act – working on

Karen – leasing – implementation – many out the door within 10 years before Obama is out of office. Parcels that could be acquired by the reservations – prioritizing. Kick land department into gear. Chris – contact BIA for tracts/reports.

Motion by Karen Diver to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m. Seconded by Kevin Leecy. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.