

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
July 30, 2013

A regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 12:31 p.m. at Grand Portage Lodge & Casino, Grand Portage, Minnesota.

Invocation: Billy Blackwell

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

Quorum Present.

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; Diane Gibbs, Rep., Mille Lacs; Brad Kalk, Commissioner NR, Mille Lacs; John Genderner, Commissioner of Finance, Mille Lacs; Steve White, Rep., Leech Lake; Leroy Staples-Fairbanks III, Rep., Leech Lake; Eva Wilson, Leech Lake; Levi Brown, Leech Lake; Lenny Fineday, Legal, Leech Lake; Irene Folstrom, Legal, Leech Lake; Chris Haugen, Editor, Leech Lake; Nissa Peltier, Leech Lake; Jim Michaud, Leech Lake; Irene Auginaush, Rep., White Earth; Terrance Tibbetts, Rep., White Earth; Joe Plummer, Legal, White Earth; Terry Janis, Const. Reform Manager, White Earth; John Morrin, Rep., Grand Portage; Arvid Dahl, Rep., Grand Portage; Marie Spry, Rep., Grand Portage; Dana Logan, Grand Portage; Ray Toutloff, Rep., Bois Forte; Corey Strong, Exe. Dir., Bois Forte; Kevin Dupuis, Rep., Fond du Lac; Patty Olby, Superintendent, BIA-MN Agency; Roger Heger, OST, BIA-MN Agency; Barb Brodeen, MN DOT; Linda Aitken, MNDOT; Peggy Roy, MBA; Annamarie Hill, Executive Director, MIAC; Jolynn White MIAC; Phil Brodeen, Legal; Tonya Long, AI Ombudsman; Tadd M. Johnson Esq, Professor, UMD; Jill Doerfler, Associate Professor, UMD; Dennis Olson, Director, Office of Indian Education, MN Dept of Education; Don Cook Sr. , Secretary, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians; MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Motion by Curt Kalk to approve the agenda. Seconded by April McCormick. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the minutes of May 1, 2013 (regular) and July 1, 2013 (special). Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Dave Morrison to approve Resolution 73-13 regarding Operating Budget FY 2014. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 74-13 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 75-13 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 76-13 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 77-13 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 78-13 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte "Not on 41' Roll". Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by April McCormick to approve Resolution 79-13 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles. Seconded by Karen Diver. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by April McCormick to approve Resolution 80-13 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles. Seconded by Karen Diver. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 81-13 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 82-13 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 83-13 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Blood Degree Change. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 84-13 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs "Not on '41 Roll". Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 85-13 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles. Seconded by Donald Finn. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 86-13 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles. Seconded by Donald Finn. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve Resolution 87-13 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change. Seconded by Donald Finn. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 88-13 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligibles. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 89-13 regarding enrollment: White Earth Ineligibles. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 90-13 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 91-13 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake Denied. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 92-13 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Red Lake. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 93-13 regarding enrollment: White Earth "Not on 41' Roll". Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 94-13 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Blood Degree Change. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve Resolution 95-13 regarding application for funding for SNAP ED. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Norman suspended the presentation of Quarterly Reports.

IHS POSITION: Don Cook, Secretary - Red Lake

Don Cook presented information on the Indian Health Service Area Director Position. He presented information in support of Linda Bedeau by Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and Great Lake Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Don requested the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe recommend/support Linda Bedeau by form of Resolution.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve Resolution 96-13 with recommendation/support of Linda Bedeau for the Position of IHS Area Director Position. Seconded Erma Vizenor. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

BIA MN AGENCY: Patty Olby, Superintendent

Patty Olby informed the Committee of several vacancies within the Bureau. A memorandum informed the Bureau that in preparation for sequestration they impose a current freeze on hiring. Erma Vizenor stated that we should support the positions that effect the reservations. Norman questioned where does the tribes contribution go? Patty responded, to support current positions.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to support Resolution 97-13 opposing cuts in federal funding that prevents the BIA-MN Agency from filling trust related positions. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Patty informed the Committee that Lisa Scott is also moving and Emily Hazen would be the current contact person. Also available on line is the 2014 Green Book (budget).

Fee to Trust Status report – many applications returned that were not complete.

Letter regarding files and member training.

Appraisal Project: Valerie Greene
Grand Portage – Done
Fond du Lac – near completion
Mille Lacs – Near completion
Bois Forte – Field work to perform.

TAMMS Access: included in packet – coordinate on-site training with minimum limit of 15 participants.

Buy Back Program – Pilots would be announced. MCT is at advantage finalizing pilot tribes, listed as number 17 on the implementation plan, in the top 40. The bands are listed separately.

Norman asked who pays for appraisals. Patty responded the BIA has monies for that.

Roger stated that 15 dollars in account automatically kicks out a check, if the amount is less than 15 dollars, it will need to be requested in writing.

Roger Heger, OST discussed the Apria Program – automatically going to tribe. In regard to Cobell, they have decided to accept BIA Probates showing heirship.

Roger informed the Committee that the Nelson Act Funds that were unclaimed would need to be returned in December to be divided.

Annual investment letters would be sent out in four to five months for each tribe to sign.

Patty stated a resolution or land ordinance is needed. Gary replied that the Resolution would be brought to the next TEC meeting.

UMD: Tadd M. Johnson Esq., Professor

Tadd Johnson thanked the Tribal Executive Committee for their support of the master's program at UMD which would be starting September 5th. UMD would be holding Consultations Sessions (3) on Tribal Sovereignty.

MNDOT: Linda Aitken

Linda Aitken informed the Committee of the Tribal State Government Relations training to train State employees. The working session to develop a comprehensive agenda had impact on State employees. April McCormick stated strategy involved – understand and honor government to government relations, protocol participants were hungry for more knowledge.

John Morrin stated that people have a lack of education, lack of respect for other cultures. They actually need to know our history to better understand our people.

Linda informed that Committee that a kick-off class will be held October 9-10 at Treasure Island.

Tribal State Government Relations, June 10, 11, & 12 for staff at agency levels.

LEGAL: Mark Anderson

Mark Anderson invited bands to submit suggestion for changes to the Election Ordinance. He asked that they submit changes within the next couple of weeks for a draft.

Ombudsperson for AI Families: Tonya Long, Chair

Tonya Long explained the budget and a meeting that was held to get the monies divided out to move the American Indian Ombudspersons to the Indian Affairs Office. Tonya also handed out the description of the Position Opening for the Committees information.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 98-13 regarding MNsure Outreach and Infrastructure Grant. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Curt Kalk to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m. Seconded by Kevin Leecy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.