

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting  
October 9, 2012

A regular meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 8:36 a.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, Curt Kalk, Erma Vizenor, Robert Durant.

Quorum Present:

Others Present: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Andrew Small, Legal Counsel, Bev DeVault, Enrollment Coordinator, Leech Lake; Sarah Jackson, Education, Leech Lake; Karlene Chosa Rep, Bois Forte; Kenneth Bevins, Rep., White Earth; Terrance Tibbbetts, Rep., White Earth; Dana Logan, Ex. Assistant, Grand Portage; Patricia Olby, Supertendent, BIA-MN Agency; Christine Herman, BIA-MN Agency; Ray Toutloff, Rep., Bois Forte; Tom Reynolds, OST, BIA-MN Agency; Irene Auginaush, Rep., White Earth; Peggy Roy, MBA Indian Elders Desk.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the Agenda. Seconded by April McCormick. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Kevin Leecy to approve the minutes of July 27, 2012 and September 25, 2012. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 01-13 regarding COLA for Tribal Employees. Seconded by Curt Kalk. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 02-13 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 03-13 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 04-13 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Not on '41 Roll. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Karen Diver to approve Resolution 05-13 supporting “Rights of Children”. Seconded by Kevin Leecy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

### **QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

Brian Brunelle presented the Administrative Report.

Action for Committee Approval as there was no Legislative Subcommittee meeting.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the following hire:

Registered Dietician, Human Services, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
Salary Level 5, regular full-time.

Recommendation: Roxanne Robinson

Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Consultant Contract

Motion by Karen Diver to approve the following Consultant Contract:

Milton C. Lee, 15 month contract to produce a minimum of 4 culturally specific seasonal nutrition related documentaries for the Human Services, Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program. \$50,000 all expenses paid under this contract amount. (Videographer Position)

Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Carri Jones to approve the Administration Report as presented. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Joel Smith, Special Projects Coordinator presented information in regard to the “Test Survey” that went out to MCT employees and some reservations employees. There are 25 – 80 finished at the Wilder Foundation pre-test link.

Results by end of this week – should be able to send out to the TEC the “PreTest”.

Validation of tribal ID # - due to extra digits – 0 (Zero) at beginning of number. Erma asked is that the only method on-line? Joel responded, no, they can request survey be mailed.

Kevin Leecy asked, are you getting something out to the media? Joel responded yes, use every available outlet to get the word out. April McCormick asked is anyone trained on site to assist individuals. Joel responded, yes.

Rick Wuori presented the Finance Corporation Report.

Motion by Curt Kalk to approve the Finance Corporation Report as presented. Seconded by Robert Durant. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Courtney Gifford presented the Economic Development Report.

Motion by Robert Durant to approve the Economic Development Report as presented. Seconded by Dave Morrison. 11 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 Melanie Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Linda Johnston presented the Human Services Report.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to approve the Human Services Report as presented. Seconded by April McCormick. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**NELSON ACT DISTRIBUTION:** Gary Frazer

Gary informed the Committee that all Resolutions regarding the Nelson Act were sent along with all enrollment names and enrollment numbers to the Bureau. Work is currently on setting up the six band accounts today. Gary and Tom would be surprised if the ETA on distribution took longer than a month.

**LEGAL:** Andrew Small

Andrew Small reported on the high rates of out of home placement of Indian children.

Motion by Karen Diver to send a letter in support of issue with Department of Human Services, State of Minnesota. Not allowing a 25 member Committee to speak on behalf of all of us. Seconded by Erma Vizenor. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Erma- out of home placement – out of all ethnic races where do our children fall. Andrew responded the numbers are high.

Peggy Roy, Area Agency on Aging, will be working with Linda and Vera at MCT on a resolution for Elders. MBA Indian Elders Desk – handed out business cards.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 06-13 supporting “Rights of Elders”. Seconded by Kevin Leecy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

**BIA-MN Agency:** Patti Olby

Patti handed out report on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, introduced Christine Herman, Acting Realty Officer.

Norman Deschampe discussed Firefighting – consolidate to one agency. Patti will have Greg Peterson put together a report for Norman regarding this issue.

Tom Reynolds – BIA-MN Agency OST

Nelson Act Distribution – 2 bands without authorization letters per Roger Heger as of this morning (White Earth and Leech Lake).

The deposit of Nelson Act Judgment funds into IIM accounts for Minor's and Non-Comp's if desired by the respective bands could be established under 25 CFR §115.702. The average interest rate of return on IIM accounts for the past nine months is 3.43% (hand out included in TEC packets).

Roger and Patti would be setting up the account, if there an interest by the bands, please contact Roger.

Motion by Melanie Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.