



The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

November 29, 2005

MEMORANDUM

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RE: Secretarial Election Recap

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This memorandum serves to provide you with a brief recap of the Secretarial Election that was held on November 22, 2005, and is in addition to any summary information you may receive from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. We are pleased to report that things went smooth with the election, even though it required more commitment and work by MCT employees than was anticipated. Although the process for a Secretarial Election as established by the CFR and BIA was new to us, we believe that we managed a professional election.

We can state that very few complaints were made at the polls, and that most questions that did arise were related to the differences between the Secretarial Election and our uniform general elections. In order to allow for same day voter registration and increased voter participation, as desired by the TEC, procedures to vote at polling sites were new and unique, but were necessary in order for this method of casting ballots to be approved by the BIA.

The polls opened on Election Day with only a few minor glitches that were resolved immediately. The Board was active all day answering questions of polling site workers and a few calls from Tribal members. Some polling sites were required to phone the Board in order to have eligible voter status verified. However, nothing on Election Day impeded the right of any qualified voter to cast a ballot in the Secretarial Election, no matter how new or unique the procedure was. Ballots were returned to the Board by MCT polling site workers following the close of the polls. A Leech Lake Security Guard was present when ballots were returned and during the count.

The counting of ballots was open to the public and started at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 23rd at the MCT Tribal Office. In attendance were the Secretarial Election Board, Leech Lake Secretary/Treasurer Arthur LaRose, White Earth Representative Tony Wadena, the Election Coordinators from the Fond du Lac, White Earth, and Leech Lake Bands, a reservation newspaper reporter, and four Tribal members. One automated machine was used, and both absentee ballots and those cast at the polling sites were counted together since they utilized the same ballot and security envelopes. We faxed the "Certificate of Results of Election" to all TEC members immediately after

the results of the election were certified and posted by the Board, but have attached another copy for your reference. Additionally, please find attached a copy of a breakdown of votes cast by polling site and absentee ballot, which is included for your review and information.

In accordance with the CFR, there is a three-day period following the election during which time protests may be filed. That three-day period ended on Tuesday, November 29th, and it is our understanding that three protests were filed and that the BIA has 45 days to respond and make a decision on the protests. The responsibility for accepting and forwarding the appeals lies with the Officer in Charge of the election, who is Minnesota Agency Superintendent Gene Virden.

Since the election, only a couple of calls have been received by the Tribal Office to discuss election related issues. We have also sent out a press release to local and reservation newspapers with the results of the election as certified and posted. All election records have been boxed and delivered to the BIA Minnesota Agency, as required, for secure storage for at least one year.

We will have an opportunity to discuss the election in greater detail, as well as begin work on revising the MCT Election Ordinance, at the TEC working session to be held next Tuesday at Fond du Lac.

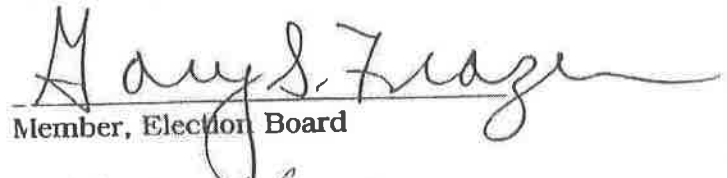
In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to talk about this further, please call me at (218) 335-8581.

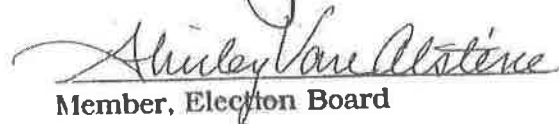
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CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Pursuant to an order issued by Terrance Virden, Midwest Regional Director, on September 26, 2005, this **Proposed Amendment "A"** was submitted to the qualified voters of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe on November 22, 2005, and was duly adopted/rejected by a vote of 4,127 for, and 846 against, and 13 cast ballots found separated or mutilated, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 6,552 entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended.


Chairman, Election Board


Member, Election Board


Member, Election Board


Member, Election Board



Member, Election Board


Member, Election Board

Date: 11/23/05

CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Pursuant to an order issued by Terrance Varden, Midwest Regional Director, on September 26, 2005, this **Proposed Amendment "B"** was submitted to the qualified voters of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe on November 22, 2005, and was duly adopted rejected by a vote of 4,133 for, and 844 against, and 12 cast ballots found separated or mutilated, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 6552 entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended.



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**SECRETARIAL ELECTION
BALLOT ACTIVITY**

Nett Lake	67
Vermillion	37
Fond du Lac	177
Brookston	27
Sawyer	52
Grand Portage	67
Cass Lake	230
Smokey Point/Kego Lake	23
Inger	16
Onigum	35
Bena	20
Sugar Point	24
Mission	33
Oak Point	13
Cass River	15
Squaw Lake	11
Ball Club	45
Mille Lacs	106
East Lake	44
Lake Lena	35
Isle	24
Mahnomen	25
White Earth	98
Pine Bend	9
Elbow Lake	13
Pine Point	51
Callaway	26
Ogema	12
Rice Lake	52
Naytahwaush	73
Waubun	16
Beaulieu	6
Bejou	6
Duluth	38
Minneapolis	151
Subtotal Polling Places	1,677
Mailed in ballots	3,348
Total Votes Cast	5,025
Spoiled ballots	13
Unsigned envelope	23
Total Votes	4,989

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**** PRESS RELEASE ****

A Secretarial Election was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2005, to amend the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, which governs the Leech Lake, White Earth, Bois Forte, Grand Portage, Fond du Lac, and Mille Lacs Bands. Votes were counted in front of the public beginning at 1:00 pm the next day.

The Secretarial Election Board has announced that it certified and posted election results as follows:

Proposed Amendment "A", which shall amend Article IV-Elections to require candidates running for office to reside on the reservation of their enrollment one year before election, was adopted by a vote of 4,127 for, and 846 against, with 13 cast ballots found separated or mutilated.

Proposed Amendment "B", which shall amend Article IV-Tribal Elections by adding a Section 4 to prohibit those convicted of a felony or of a lesser crime involving theft, misappropriation, or embezzlement of money, funds, assets, or property of an Indian tribe or a tribal organization from running for office, was adopted by a vote of 4,133 for, and 844 against, with 12 cast ballots found separated or mutilated.

A total of 6,552 qualified voters registered for this election, meaning that at least thirty percent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended.

/S/ Gary S. Frazer, Executive Director

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