

TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 4, 2021

Hinckley, Minnesota

A special Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Chavers at 1:20 p.m. at Grand Casino-Hinckley, Hinckley, MN.

Invocation: Syngen Kanassatega

Roll Call: Catherine Chavers, Chairwoman, Bois Forte; David Morrison Sr., Secretary/Treasurer, Bois Forte; Faron Jackson, Chairman, Leech Lake; Archie LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer, Leech Lake; Michael J. Fairbanks, Chairman, White Earth; Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer, White Earth; Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Mille Lacs; Sheldon Boyd, Secretary/Treasurer, Mille Lacs; Robert Deschampe, Chairman, Grand Portage; April McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer, Grand Portage; (Zoom: Kevin Dupuis, Chairman, Fond du Lac; Ferdinand Martineau, Secretary/Treasurer, Fond du Lac).

Other: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT; Phil Brodeen, Legal, MCT; Joel Smith, Director of Administration, MCT; MCT staff and other interested parties.

President Chavers stated Chi Miigwech for work with pandemic and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

Others: Gary Frazer, Executive Director, MCT, Joel Smith, Director of Administration, MCT; Phil Brodeen, Legal, MCT; Maria Costello, Deputy Assistant, Mille Lacs; Katie Draper, Government Affairs Director, Mille Lacs; Shena Matrious, Government Affairs Area Relations/Special Projects, Mille Lacs; Syngen Kanassatega, Legal and Policy Counsel, Mille Lacs; LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks, Rep., Leech Lake; Steve White Rep., Leech Lake; Tammy LaRose, Enrollment Coordinator, Leech Lake; Bobbi Norby, Enrollment Assistant, Leech Lake; Cheryl "Annie" Jackson, Rep., White Earth; Ray Auginaush, Rep., White Earth, Shannon Heisler, Enrollment Coordinator, White Earth; Marie Spry, Rep., Grand Portage; Agatha Armstrong, Executive Assistant, Grand Portage; Travis Morrison, Rep., Bois Forte; Alana Sherman, Enrollment Coordinator, Bois Forte; Levi Brown, Carrie Day Aspinwall, Delegate; Cheryle Edwards, Delegate; Jolyn Donelle, Delegate, White Earth; Al Olson, Delegate, Mille Lacs; Millie Holmes, Delegate, Bois Forte; Wally Storbakken, Delegate, Leech Lake; Diane Oseloa, Delegate, Leech Lake; Wayne Dupuis, Delegate, Fond du Lac. Via zoom: (Alan Fogarty, Superintendent, BIA-MN Agency; Robert Lintelmann, Forester, BIA-MN Agency; Laurie Harper, Education Director, Leech Lake; Brianna Boyd, Clayton Boyd, Cynthia Guernsey, Darla Roache, David Quincy, Dawn Fahrlander-Peel, Dawn LaRoque, Donald Eubanks, Dylan Olson, Gerald Warner, James Clark, Jill Doerfler, John Saaristo, Joseph Bruce, Lavern Shotley, Lesley Shabaiash, Maria Silva, Mike Chosa, Nancy Beaulieu, Nicole Anderson, Nicole Sawyers, Pamela Fairbanks, Pat Dudy, Peter Nayquonabe, Rachel Sam, Robert Budreau, Rosie Novitsky, Anna Deschampe, Sybil Gund, Thomas Miranda, Tiffany Beckman, Tony Swader, Tracey Dagen, Valerie Harrington) (Constitutional Delegates: Jason Decker, Lyz Jaakola, Mattie DeCarlo, Michelle Beeksmma, Perry Skinaway, Jason Burnett, Rose Robinson,

Maureen Jones, Tara Kimmel, Connie Saaristo, Janice Bongo, Bernadine Roberts, Michele Palomaki, Muriel Deegan, Steve Thomas), MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Roy to approve the agenda with addition: Constitutional Review Committee, Resolution (Presented by MLBO), Resolution (Presented by LLBO). Seconded by Chief Executive Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PRESENTATION ON ENROLLMENT:

Wally Dupuis, Cheryl Edwards, Carrie Day Aspinwall, Al Olson.

Wally Dupuis opened the Constitution Committee Reform Presentation with a speech prepared by over 1,200 Elders from over 200 tribes who met in Duluth in 2000, for the National Indian Coalition on Aging (NICOA).

Carrie, Cheryl, and Al presented to the Committee a one-page summary on thoughts on Enrollment from the Constitution Reform Committee.

Tribal Executive Committee members thanked the Committee for working on the constitution reform and preparing this one-page summary.

DRAFTED RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Phil Brodeen, Attorney, presented the basic tenants of the Resolutions 31-15 and 32-15, regarding requesting a Secretarial Election on Minnesota Chippewa Tribe enrollment criteria to include First Nations and Federally recognized Anishinaabe, Ojibwe, Chippewa blood.

Discussion among Committee members and audience members present and on ZOOM. Questions from all present were posed and heard.

Secretary/Treasurer Roy presented discussion points on the proposed Resolution titled *1941 Base Roll correction ¼ or more 4/4*.

Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin asked Syngen Kanassatega to read the proposed resolution titled *Resolution XX-21 For Discussion Only* by MLBO for the audience on ZOOM and those present. Chief Executive Benjamin followed with comments regarding the Resolution proposal.

Grace Elliot read the proposed resolution titled *Leech Lake Resolution No. __ Resolution in Support of the Proposition That Each Tribe within the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Should Be Authorized To Set Their Own Enrollment Criteria* was read aloud for the audience. Chairman Jackson followed with comments regarding the proposed resolution.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 43-21 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligible. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Roy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer McCormick. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.