TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 10, 2023

A Regular Tribal Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.,
Monday, July 10, 2023, by President Catherine Chavers at Northern Light Casino, Hotel
& Event Center in Walker, Minnesota.

Invocation: Mike Smith Sr.

Roll Call: Michael Fairbanks, Chairman, White Earth; Mike LaRoque, Secretary-
Treasurer, White Earth; Catherine Chavers, Chairwoman, Bois Forte; Robert
Deschampe, Chairman, Grand Portage; April McCormick, Secretary-
Treasurer, Grand Portage; Tara Geshick, Secretary-Treasurer, Bois Forte; Robert
Abramowski, Secretary-Treasurer, Fond du Lac; Kevin Dupuis, Chairman, Fond du Lac; Leonard M. Fineday, Secretary-Treasurer, Leech Lake.

Zoom: Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Milles Lacs; Sheldon Boyd, Secretary-
Treasurer, Mille Lacs.

Others: Phil Brodeen, Legal Counsel, MCT; Beth Drost, Executive Director, MCT; Joel
Smith, Director of Administration, MCT; Sally Fineday, Delegate, Leech Lake; Cheryl Edwards, Delegate, Fond du Lac; Shane Drift, Rep., Bois Forte; Laurie
Harper, Education Director, Leech Lake; Terri Goggleye, Executive Director, Leech Lake; Agatha Armstrong, Rep., Grand Portage; Marie Spry, Rep., Grand Portage; Toby Stephens, Rep., Grand Portage; Kelly Applegate, N.R. Director, Mille Lacs; Corey Strong, Tribal Liaison, MHFA; (Zoom: Celeb Dogeagle, Solicitor General, Mille Lacs; Brianna Boyd, Legislative Affairs Director, Mille Lacs; Darla Roach, Admin. Asst., Mille Lacs; Carrie Aspinwall, Julie H.C., Leonard Geshick, HS Program Rep. II, DHS); MCT staff and other interested parties.

[Secretary-Treasurer Fineday asks Representative Steve White to sit in for Chairman
Jackson until he arrives.]

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve the agenda. Seconded by Secretary-
Treasurer Fineday. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday to approve the minutes of April 28, 2023.
Seconded by Chairman Dupuis. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Chairman Dupuis to approve Resolution 89-23 regarding enrollment: Fond du
Lac Eligibles (3). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Abramowski. 11 For, 0 Against, 0
Silent. Motion Carried.
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Motion by Chairman Dupuis to approve Resolution 90-23 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles (9). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Abramowski. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve Resolution 91-23 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles (34). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Boyd. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve Resolution 92-23 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles (17). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Boyd. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve Resolution 93-23 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs No Parent Enrolled (2). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Boyd. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Geshick to approve Resolution 94-23 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles (9). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Geshick to approve Resolution 95-23 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles (9). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday to approve Resolution 96-23 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles (71). Seconded by Representative Steve White. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday to approve Resolution 97-23 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles (22). Seconded by Representative Steve White. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday to approve Resolution 98-23 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish to Red Lake (1). Seconded by Representative Steve White. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday to approve Resolution 99-23 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake No Parent Enrolled (2). Seconded by Representative Steve White. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.
Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 100-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligibles (34). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 101-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Ineligibles (25). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 102-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Leech Lake (2). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 103-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Red Lake. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 104-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change I (Hariluk). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 105-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change II (Jackson). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 106-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change III (Lawrence). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 107-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change IV (Neeland). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 108-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change V (Belland). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 109-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change VI (Bellecourt). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.
Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 110-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change VII (St. Clair). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 111-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change VIII (Demarias). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 112-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change IX (Mattison). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

2:36 p.m. Faron Jackson, Chairman, Leech Lake arrives.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 113-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth No Parent Enrolled (3). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chairman Deschampe to approve Resolution 114-23 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles (1). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer McCormick. 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer McCormick to approve Resolution 115-23 Grant Application P.L. 102-477. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Secretary-Treasurer McCormick requested each director give a brief update on their report.

Joel Smith, director of administration gave a brief presentation of his report.

Beth Drost, Executive Director gave a brief presentation on Finance Corporation.

Michael Northbird, Environmental Program Manager, gave a brief presentation on the EPA GAP Environmental Program.

Billie Annette, JOM Coordinator gave a brief presentation on the JOM Program.

Chairwoman Chavers stated the quarterly reports were acknowledged and received.
BIA- MN AGENCY: Eric S. Bruguier, Superintendents

Superintendent Bruguier gave an update on the Bureau’s operations for the last quarter.

Secretary-Treasurer McCormick stated there is an issue with the State/EPA. EPA needs to intervene on matters with State, supporting the Tribes jurisdiction on land and waters.

Review DOI yearly – land with resources, haven’t seen report – update on report.

UPDATE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM MEETINGS: Cheryl Edwards, Sally Fineday

Motion by Chairman Deschampe, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Fineday to approve Constitution Committees Budget Request. 10 For, 0 Against, 1 Silent (Secretary-Treasurer McCormick.) Motion Carried.

Distribution be determined on structure from Minnesota Chippewa Tribe finance and structure and the Constitution Committee will work with Executive Director Drost.

RESOLUTION 32-15: Faron Jackson, Chairman, Leech Lake

Chairman Jackson stated that everyone has a right to different viewpoints. Secretary-Treasurer Fineday stated Point of Clarification – Tribal Executive Committee adopted 32-15. Do we want to resume implementation of 32-15. Chairman Jackson recommended implementing Resolution 32-15 process.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to resume implementation of Resolution 32-15. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday. 9 For, 0 Against, 2 Silent (Chairman Dupuis, Secretary-Treasurer Boyd.) Motion Carried.

Discussion followed with Attorney Phil Brodeen explaining the process for moving forward with a Secretarial Election. President Chavers responded begin the process for Resolution 32-15.

LEGAL: Brodeen & Paulson

Phil informed the committee that there has been success in Indian Country.
Request motion from Tribal Executive Committee to enter into an agreement with Sara Van Norman, whose specialty is Clean Water Act/Environmental Law. Phil stated he recognizes a conflict of interest for himself, referring to the Finance Corporation and requests that Sara’s scope of work be on the Natural Resources and Finance Corporation.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday to enter into an agreement with Sara Van Norman, Van Norman Law, PLLC. Seconded by Chairman Fairbanks. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

Schedule the next subcommittee and TEC meeting for October 26th & 27th – conflict. Change schedule of meetings to October 24th & 25th in White Earth.

Representative Drift asked if there would be time for Leonard Geshick re: Elder Program. Leonard Geshick informed the Committee July 14th las day for comments – MIAAA – MCT all but 1 opted in. White Earth will host MIAAA.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Fineday to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.