

Financial Statements September 30, 2015

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Tribal Executive Committee Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Cass Lake, Minnesota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Cass Lake, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tribe's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Because of the matters described in the "Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion' paragraphs, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the governmental activities and each major fund.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Except for the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinions paragraphs, we believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Governmental Activities

The Tribe did not maintain adequate accounting records for its cash accounts in the governmental funds and the general fund as of September 30, 2015.

Disclaimer of Opinion on the Governmental Activities and the General Fund

Because of the significance of the matters described in the "Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Governmental Activities" paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the financial position of the governmental activities and the general fund of the Tribe as of September 30, 2015 and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Department of Interior fund, the Department of Health and Human Services fund, the food stamp nutrition education fund, the Finance Corporation fund, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Tribe as of September 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted a management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedules that U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for place the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Tribe's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 30, 2017, on our considerations of the Tribe's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide and opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Tribe's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fargo, North Dakota November 30, 2017

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A	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 611,226	\$ 1,699,701	\$ 2,310,927
Investments	846,501	13,332,641	14,179,142
Internal balances	19,988	(19,988)	14,179,142
Account receivable, net	117,058	159,786	276,844
Loans receivable, net	117,036	29,640,290	29,640,290
Grant receivable	772,813	27,040,270	772,813
Other receivables and accrued interest	40,455	94,946	135,401
Prepaid items	24,308	500	24,808
Other assets, net	21,500	3,382,184	3,382,184
Capital assets		2,202,10.	0,00=,10.
Not being depreciated	1,193,542	5,710	1,199,252
Being depreciated, net of depreciation	765,760	1,115,578	1,881,338
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Total assets	4,391,651	49,411,348	53,802,999
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	392,931	339,964	732,895
Accrued liabilities	29,841	35,004	64,845
Advances from grants	770,630	· -	770,630
Escrowed liabilities	-	368,914	368,914
Noncurrent liabilities			
Due within one year	90,569	-	90,569
Due in more than one year		34,981,245	34,981,245
Total liabilities	1,283,971	35,725,127	37,009,098
Net Position			
Investment in capital assets	1,959,302	1,121,288	3,080,590
Unrestricted	1,148,378	12,564,933	13,713,311
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Total net position	\$ 3,107,680	\$ 13,686,221	\$ 16,793,901

		Program Revenues			(Expense) Revenue a hanges in Net Position	
					Primary Government	
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Primary government Governmental activities: General government Education Human services Conservation of	\$ 1,650,449 333,583 2,812,349	\$ 215,991 - -	\$ 1,395,228 334,554 2,805,771	\$ (39,230) 971 (6,578)	\$ - - -	\$ (39,230) 971 (6,578)
natural resources Economic development Other	111,377 132,463 346,328	- - -	112,052 132,461 308,708	675 (2) (37,620)		675 (2) (37,620)
Total governmental activities	5,386,549	215,991	5,088,774	(81,784)		(81,784)
Business-type activities: Finance Corporation	1,249,504	1,368,957			119,453	119,453
Total primary government	\$ 6,636,053	\$ 1,584,948	\$ 5,088,774	(81,784)	119,453	37,669
Change in net position				(81,784)	119,453	37,669
Net position - beginning	ıg			3,189,464	13,566,768	16,756,232
Net position - ending				\$ 3,107,680	\$ 13,686,221	\$ 16,793,901

	General Fund	artment of terior	o: an	partment f Health d Human services	N	od Stamp Jutrition ducation	Gov	Other vernmental Funds	Go	Total vernmental Funds
Assets										
Cash Investments Accounts receivable Grant receivable Due from other funds Other receivables Prepaid items	\$ -846,501 15,289 660,966	\$ 395,006	\$	17,351 1,381 400,487 750 3,783	\$	259,334	\$	197,418 89,211 112,992 11,648 40,455 2,966	\$	609,775 846,501 105,881 772,813 673,364 40,455 14,226
Total assets	\$ 1,522,756	\$ 402,483	\$	423,752	\$	259,334	\$	454,690	\$	3,063,015
Liabilities and Fund Balance Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Accrued liabilities	\$ - 50,768	\$ 3,953	\$	242,111 173,557	\$	104,295 150,554 4,485	\$	326,958 1,251 4,332	\$	673,364 380,083 8,817
Advances from grants	353,719	 398,530		9,592		-		8,789		770,630
Total liabilities	404,487	402,483		425,260		259,334		341,330		1,832,894
Fund Balance (Deficit) Nonspendable For prepaid items	_	7,477		3,783		_		2,966		14,226
Committed For employee loans For wisdom steps For timber appraisal For workshops Unassigned Total fund balance (deficit)	1,118,269	 - - - - (7,477)		(5,291)		- - - - -		69,248 60,226 60,000 212 (79,292)		69,248 60,226 60,000 212 1,026,209
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 1,522,756	\$ 402,483	\$	423,752	\$	259,334	\$	454,690	\$	3,063,015

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position September 30, 2015

Total Funds Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 1,230,121
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	1,942,953
Internal service funds are used by the Tribe to charge costs of certain activities. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the	
statement of net position.	 (65,394)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 3,107,680

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds Year Ended September 30, 2015

	General Fund	Department of Interior	Department of Health and Human Services	Food Stamp Nutrition Education	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues Intergovernmental - federal Program income Settlement income Investment income Liquor permits Contract Other Total revenues	\$ - 150,000 37,898 26,750 - 2,843 217,491	\$ 621,353 - - - 82,750 - 704,103	\$ 1,575,176 	\$ 703,413 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$ 793,585 5,835 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$ 3,693,527 5,835 150,000 37,898 26,750 82,750 311,957 4,308,717
Expenditures Personnel Fringe benefits Travel/training Office expense Pass-through funds Office and equipment rental Other expenditures Capital outlay	46,599 8,229 63,376 7,841 - 4,219 38,979	282,972 95,595 31,756 48,514 30,297 106,087	469,610 148,789 69,531 50,854 448,411 64,763 282,727	79,531 28,084 57,665 75,957 391,502 10,094 8,460 4,500	380,670 114,655 112,483 21,105 38,409 24,155 215,667	1,259,382 395,352 334,811 204,271 878,322 133,528 651,920 4,500
Total direct expenditures	169,243	595,221	1,534,685	655,793	907,144	3,862,086
Indirect costs	32,628	108,882	163,431	47,620	112,327	464,888
Total expenditures	201,871	704,103	1,698,116	703,413	1,019,471	4,326,974
Net Change in Fund Balance	15,620	-	-	-	(33,877)	(18,257)
Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year	1,102,649	<u> </u>	(1,508)		147,237	1,248,378
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 1,118,269	\$ -	\$ (1,508)	\$ -	\$ 113,360	\$ 1,230,121

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Reconciliation of the Changes in Funds Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended September 30, 2015

Net Change in Funds Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ (18,257)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation	(56.050)
expense has exceeded additions	(56,278)
Internal service funds are used by the Tribe to charge the costs of certain activities. The net expenditures of the internal service funds is	
reported in governmental activities.	 (7,249)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ (81,784)

	Business-Type Activity - Enterprise Fund Finance Corporation	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
Assets		
Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents Investments, current portion Accounts receivable Due from other funds Prepaid expenses and other assets Accrued interest receivable	\$ 1,699,701 2,243,971 159,786 500 94,946	\$ 1,451 - 11,177 189,984 10,082
Mortgage loans receivable, current portion Business loans receivable, current portion Installment loans receivable, current portion Total current assets	1,864,694 107,896 23,592 6,195,086	212,694
Non-Current Assets Investments, net of current portion Mortgage loans receivable, net of current portion and allowance Business loans receivable, net of current portion and allowance Installment loans receivable, net of current portion Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	11,088,670 26,336,670 376,498 930,940	- - -
Land Building and equipment Real estate acquired by foreclosures Total non-current assets Total assets	5,710 1,115,578 3,382,184 43,236,250 49,431,336	16,349 16,349 229,043
Liabilities and Net Position		<u> </u>
Current Liabilities Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Escrowed liabilities Due to other funds Noncurrent liabilities	339,964 35,004 368,914 19,988	12,848 21,024 - 169,996
Due within one year Due in more than one year Total liabilities	34,981,245 35,745,115	90,569
Net Position (Deficit) Investment in capital assets Unrestricted	1,121,288 12,564,933	16,349 (81,743)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ 13,686,221	\$ (65,394)
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 49,431,336	\$ 229,043

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Business-Type Activity - Enterprise Fund Finance Corporation	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
Revenue Housing revenue Indirect revenue Rental revenue Sales of business support services Other revenue	\$ 1,738,168 - - - -	\$ - 641,339 39,274 23,147 373,767
Total operating revenue	1,738,168	1,077,527
Less direct costs of revenue	524,165	
Net revenue	1,214,003	1,077,527
Expenses Current Personnel Fringe benefits Depreciation Travel/training Office expenses Office and equipment rent Maintenance Other expenditures Total direct expenses	647,382 191,063 97,193 44,396 36,415 - 56,606	358,083 120,580 6,814 24,693 25,340 30,802 54,428 464,036
Indirect costs	176,449	
Total expenses	1,249,504	1,084,776
Loss before nonoperating activity	(35,501)	(7,249)
Nonoperating Activities Investment income	154,954	
Change in Net Position	119,453	(7,249)
Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Year	13,566,768	(58,145)
Net Position (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 13,686,221	\$ (65,394)

	Business-Type Activity - Enterprise Fund Finance Corporation	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
Operating Activities Cash received from customers Cash paid for wages and benefits Cash paid to suppliers Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities	\$ 1,724,844 (837,068) (724,241) 163,535	\$ 1,117,138 (483,505) (716,217) (82,584)
Non-Capital Financing Activities Proceeds from other funds Payments to other funds	-	160,856 (68,509)
Net Cash from Non-Capital Financing Activities		92,347
Capital and Related Financing Activities Cash paid for repairs on repossed property Cash received from sale of repossed property Cash paid for purchase of equipment	(142,166) 69,899	(9,525)
Net Cash used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(72,267)	(9,525)
Investing Activities Purchase of investments Proceeds from investments Investment income Disbursement for loans Proceeds from loan payments	(5,217,496) 3,500,000 234,175 (2,596,675) 3,147,474	- - - - -
Net Cash used for Investing Activities	(932,522)	
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(841,254)	238
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	2,540,955	1,213
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 1,699,701	\$ 1,451

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Bus A En	Ad	vernmental etivities - internal vice Funds	
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to				
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities				
Operating Loss	\$	(35,501)	\$	(7,249)
Adjustments to reconcile increase in operating				
income to cash from operating activities				
Depreciation		97,193		6,814
Unrealized loss on investments		(79,221)		-
Gain on sale of land/houses		52,343		-
Changes in assets and liabilities				
Accounts receivables		104,665		39,611
Installment loans receivable		(113,281)		-
Accrued interest receivable		22,170		-
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(500)		28,441
Accounts payables		95,986		(145,359)
Accrued liabilities		1,377		(4,842)
Escrowed liabilities		18,304		
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities	\$	163,535	\$	(82,584)

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The various bands of Chippewa Indians residing within the Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Bois Forte (Nett Lake), Leech Lake, Mille Lacs and White Earth Reservations comprise the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (the "Tribe"). The Tribe is federally recognized Indian Tribe whose constitution was formally adopted by its members on January 24, 1936.

The Tribe provides general government, public health and welfare, public safety, education, public works, culture and recreation, economic development and social and health services for the benefit of the members.

Reporting Entity

In evaluating how to define the government for financial reporting purposes, management evaluated the involved entities based on a number of criteria. It was determined that the Tribe is a primary government based upon the fact that it is legally separate, its governing body is separately elected, and it is fiscally independent of other governments.

Potential component units of Tribe are evaluated on various criteria, the main one being the degree of accountability the primary government has over the potential component units. The most significant factor in the accountability assessment is the potential component unit's financial accountability to the primary government, measured through the degree to which the primary government can appoint a voting majority of the governing body, impose its will, ascertain a potential financial benefit, or face a potential financial burden with regard to the potential component unit.

Potential component units of the Tribe include the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation. Based upon an evaluation of the potential component units using the criteria detailed above, the following conclusions were reached.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation should be included in the reporting entity of the Tribe. This is based on the fact that it is financially accountable to the primary government, and the Executive Committee appoints all board members of the Finance Corporation. This component unit is blended within the financial statements of the Tribe. Separately issued financial statements may be obtained by contacting the Finance Corporation office.

Basis of Presentation

Tribe-Wide Financial Statements

The goal of Tribe-wide financial statements is to present a broad overview of Tribe's finances. The basic statements that form the Tribe-wide financial statements are the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These two statements report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Tribe. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements, except those between government-type activities and business-type activities. Governmental activities, which are normally financed intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which are normally financed through user fees and charges for goods or services.

The statement of activities reports gross direct expenses by function reduced by program revenues. This results in a measurement of net revenue or expense for each of the Tribe's activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues are directly associated with the function or business-type activity and include 1) charges for services and 2) operating or capital grants and contributions that are restricted to a particular function.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the Tribe's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary– are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

The Tribe reports the following major governmental funds:

- General Fund This fund is the general operating fund of the Tribe. All financial resources of the general government that are not required to be reported in another fund are accounted for in the general fund.
- Department of Interior Fund This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to federal awards received from the Department of Interior.
- Department of Health and Human Fund This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to federal awards received from the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Food Stamp Nutrition Education Fund This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the grant.

The Tribe reports the following major proprietary fund:

• Finance Corporation – This fund accounts for low interest loans to Native Americans for the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of housing.

Additionally, the Tribe reports the following fund type:

• Internal Service Funds – These funds account for the following activities provided to other departments of the Tribe on a cost-reimbursement basis: indirect costs, insurance, computer/copier services, revolving funds, and office supplies.

Basis of Accounting

The Tribe-wide, proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Tribe considers revenues to be available if they are collected within one year of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Intergovernmental revenue, permits, charges for services and investment income associated with the current fiscal period are the major revenues that are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period to the extent they are collected in one year. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the Tribe receives cash.

Amounts reported as program revenues include the following: amounts received from those who purchase, use or directly benefit from a program; amounts received from parties outside the Tribe that are restricted to one or more specific programs; and earnings on investments that are legally restricted for a specific program.

Proprietary funds report operating revenues and expenses separately from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services or producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Tribe's enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the costs of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Tribe considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Tribe considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless Council has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

Other Significant Accounting Policies

Cash Equivalents

The Tribe considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Investments

Investments are recorded at fair market value.

Receivable and Credit Policy

Trade receivables are uncollateralized customer obligations due under normal trade terms requiring payment within 30 days from the invoice date. The receivables are non-interest bearing. Payments on trade receivables are applied to the earliest unpaid invoices. The carrying amount of trade receivables is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected. At September 30, 2015, the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$5,000 in the governmental activities as well as the General fund.

Grants Receivable

Grants receivable consists of amounts due for reimbursement of approved expenditures on grants entered into with various government agencies. Receivables of this nature are considered fully collectible.

Prepaid Items

Certain cash payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the financial statements.

Interfund Transactions

During the course of operations, transactions occurred between individual funds for good provider and services rendered. These receivables and payables are properly classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" in the fund financial statements, and are eliminated in the government-wide statement of net position, except those between government-type activities and business-type activities. Repayment terms for interfund balances have not been established. Quasi-external transactions are account for as revenues and expenditures. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as a reduction of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

Loans

Loans are reported at their outstanding unpaid principal balance net of the allowance for loan losses.

Interest income on loans is accrued at the specific rate on the unpaid principal balance. The accrual of interest on loans is discontinued at the time the loan is 90 to 120 days delinquent unless the credit is well secured and in the process of collection. All current year interest accrued but not collected for loans that are charged off is reversed against interest income. All prior year interest accrued but not collected is charged off against the allowance for loan losses.

The Finance Corporation has determined that the accounting for nonrefundable fees and costs associated with originating loans does not have a material effect on the financial statements. As such, these fees and costs have been recognized during the period they are collected and incurred, respectively.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is established as losses are estimated to have occurred through a provision for loan losses charged to earnings. Loan losses are charged against allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of a loan is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance.

The allowance for loan losses is evaluated by management and is based upon management's review of the collectability of the loans in light of historical experience, nature and volume of loan portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, estimated value of any underlying collateral and prevailing economic conditions. This evaluation is inherently subjective, as it requires estimates that are susceptible to significant revision as more information becomes available.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend lives are not capitalized. Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government, as well as the component units, are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements Machinery and equipment 20 years 3-5 years

Advances from Grants

The government reports advances from grants on its balance sheet. Advances from grants arises when potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Advances from grants also arises when resources are received by the government before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurring of the qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has legal claim to the resources, the liability for advances from grants is removed from the combined balance sheet and the revenue is recognized.

Compensated Absences

Unused vacation and personal leave is accrued at year-end for each employee as established under the personnel policies of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The amount of vacation and personal leave that can be accrued is unlimited and may be carried over from year-to-year. Upon termination, an employee will be paid for both unused vacation and personal leave, up to 240 hours.

Escrowed Liabilities

Escrowed liabilities consist of amounts collected from borrowers for the payment of taxes and insurances.

Revolving Fund

Under terms of the agreement between the Finance Corporation and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, an initial contribution was made and revolving funds are provided from interest earned on loans and investments and rental income.

Indirect Costs

Indirect costs represent recoverable overhead costs charged by the Tribe to federal, state, and tribal programs in connection with administering and accounting for programs funded by federal, state and tribal resources. The latest indirect cost rate approved by the cognizant federal agency (Department of Interior, Office of Inspector General) was 18.33% for all programs. Certain programs were limited to lesser amounts as prescribed in the grant/contract award and a number of programs were not funded for the full amount of indirect costs based on the approved rate. These overhead costs have been reflected in the accompanying combined financial statements as expenditures of the governmental funds and as revenue to reimburse the expenditures of the indirect cost fund.

Federal and State Income Taxes

The Tribe, as a federally recognized Sovereign Government, is exempt from Federal and State income taxes. As such, no income taxes have been provided for in the accompanying financial statements.

Real Estate Acquired by Foreclosure

The inventory of real estate obtained through foreclosure or deed transfer in lieu of foreclosure is recorded at the outstanding mortgage principal remaining less any unused escrow remaining when title to the real estate is obtained. Additional expenses such as property insurance, foreclosure expense and building repairs are expensed during the year as incurred.

The Finance Corporation adjusts the inventory of real estate to market value when the facts indicate that the market value of the foreclosed real estate is less than the originally recorded carrying value.

Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the balance sheet and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. A material estimate that is particularly susceptible to significant change in the near-term relates to the determination of the allowance for loan losses.

Fund Balance

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- Nonspendable fund balance amounts that are not in nonspendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balance amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- Committed fund balance amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Tribe itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., Tribal Council). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Tribe takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
- Assigned fund balance amounts the Tribe intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Tribal Council or by an official or body to which the Tribal Council delegates the authority.
- Unassigned fund balance amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets and adding back any unspent proceeds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for us, it is the Tribe's policy to us restricted resources first then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

When committed, assigned or unassigned resources are available for use, it is the Tribe's policy to used resources in the following order; 1) committed, 2) assigned, 3) unassigned

Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

Deposits

In accordance with the Tribe's investment policy, the Tribe maintains deposits at those depository banks authorized by the Board. All such depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Tribe will not be able to recover the value of its collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. In accordance with Tribal investment policy, the Tribe maintains deposits at those depository banks authorized by the tribal council, all of which are members of the Federal Reserve System. As of September 30, 2015, the Tribe's deposits were adequately insured or properly collateralized by pledged securities.

Investments

The Tribe and Finance Corporation maintain separate investment policies. The Tribe may invest funds as authorized by the board as follows:

- 1. United States Government and Agency Securities (US Treasury bills, notes and bonds);
- 2. Government money market funds;
- 3. Collateralized certificates of deposit; and
- 4. Corporate bonds rated "A" or better

The Finance Corporation may invest funds as authorized by the Board as follows:

- 1. United States Treasury notes and bills issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States.
- 2. Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds are allowable investments for Duluth Housing Program, investment in these securities totaled \$237,625 at September 30, 2015.
- 3. Debentures issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies and instrumentalities.
- 4. Money market funds and certificates of deposits in federal institutions.

Custodial Credit Risk

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that in an event of failure of counterparty, the Tribe will not be able to recover the value of the investment of the collateral securities in the possession of the outside party. The Tribe has no custodial risk for investments for September 30, 2015. The Tribe does not have a formal policy that limits custodial credit.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates of debt investments will adversely affect the fair value of the investment. The Tribe does not have a formal policy that limits investments maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

The Tribe manages exposure to fair value of loss arising from changing interest rates by having fixed income investments with varying maturity dates.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's investments as of September 30, 2015, consist of the following:

	Fair	Maturitie	es in Years
	Value	Less than 1	1 to 5
Governmental activities US Government Sponsored Issues	\$ 846,501	\$ 846,501	\$ -
Business-type activities			
US Government Sponsored Issues	578,875	-	578,875
Certificate of deposit	8,840,859	1,893,281	6,947,578
Municipal bonds	3,912,907	350,690	3,562,217
Total business-type	13,332,641	2,243,971	11,088,670
Total investments	\$ 14,179,142	\$ 3,090,472	\$ 11,088,670

The Tribe carries its investments at market value and adjusts for the change in market values through current earnings. Money market mutual funds are unrated as of September 30, 2015.

Concentration Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of investments in a single issuer. The Tribe places no limits on the amount which may by invested with a single issuer. There are no investments in anyone issuer that is in excess of 5% of total investments.

Note 3 - Mortgage Loans, Business Loans, and Installment Loans Receivable

Mortgage Loans Receivable

As of September 30, 2015, the Finance Corporation had 576 outstanding mortgage loans. Loans are to be repaid in thirty (30) years or less, except for renovation loans, which are to be repaid in fifteen (15) years or less. Housing loans are secured by liens on the property to the extent such liens may validly be granted, and in accordance with standard mortgage procedures appropriate to the nature of the ownership of the land. Housing loans for dwellings on Tribal or Band land are made only if such land is leased (which lease shall be approved by the Tribe or Band) under terms insuring the availability of the land for a period equal to the term of the housing loan and 20 years thereafter. The Bureau of Indian Affairs must approve housing loans for dwellings on allotted lands in writing.

Under terms of the agreement with MHFA, the Finance Corporation must use these funds in a manner approved by MHFA and must revolve repaid principal.

The mortgage loans receivable consisted of the following at September 30, 2015:

Mortgage loans receivable	\$ 23,508,452
Duluth renovating loan receivable	74,494
Mortgage receivable - FHA	10,475,145
Rental development loans	2,407,653
Revolving loan fund	(7,692,711)
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(571,669)
Total loans, net of allowance	28,201,364
Less current portion or loan receivable	(1,864,694)
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	\$ 26,336,670

Business Loans Receivable

On May 11, 2005, the Finance Corporation was awarded a grant from the Community Development Financial Institution for \$949,783 for the purpose of making business loans. Loans amounting to \$1,341,261 have been made as for September 30, 2015.

As of September 30, 2015, the Finance Corporation had 13 outstanding business loans. These loans are secured by equipment and real estate.

The business loan receivable consisted of the following as of September 30, 2015:

Business loan receivable	\$	563,129
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(78,735)
Total loans, net of allowance		484,394
Less current portion or loan receivable		(107,896)
	_	
Total loans, net of allowance	\$	376,498

Installment Loans Receivable

As of September 30, 2015, the Finance Corporation had outstanding installment loans with a total receivable balance of \$954,532. The loans are to be repaid in five years or less with a balloon payment in the final year. The installment loans are for repossessed properties that have been sold to the borrower on a contract for deed.

Note 4 - Advances

The Finance Corporation has advances due to other organizations at September 30, 2015, as follows:

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

\$ 34,981,245

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

The Finance Corporation, through a 1976 agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, is administering housing assistance funds for Native Americans. The funds advanced are not required to be repaid to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency as long as the Housing Corporation follows the guidelines enacted in the agreement. Funds appropriated by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Housing Corporation is as follows:

Fiscal Year	American Indian Housing Funds	India	luth Urban an Housing Funds
1977-1996	\$ 25,490,677	\$	265,500
1997	1,048,509		-
1998	1,048,509		-
1999	1,048,509		-
2000	1,048,509		-
2001	1,048,509		-
2002	1,134,342		-
2003	1,134,342		-
2004	744,770		-
2005	744,770		-
Plus re-allocation funds from off-reservation			
Chippewa	172,252		-
Equity participation loan	14,648		
Total MHFA funds originally appropriated	34,678,346		265,500
Less Duluth Urban Indian Housing Fund terminated			(36,664)
Total MHFA funds appropriated	\$ 34,678,346	\$	228,836

The advances from Minnesota Housing Finance Agency are calculated as follows:

	American Indian Housing Funds	Other Indian Housing Funds	Total
Total MHFA funds appropriated Regular Duluth down payment and assistance program	\$ 34,678,346	\$ - 228,836	\$ 34,678,346 228,836
Plus: Duluth equity participation program Off-reservation demonstration program	- -	92,250 23,513	92,250 23,513
Less: MHFA payments returned		(41,700)	(41,700)
Advances from MHFA as of September 30, 2014	\$ 34,678,346	\$ 302,899	\$ 34,981,245

Note 5 - Operating Lease

The Finance Corporation rents 22 single family real estate properties to individuals on a month to month basis. Real estate property under operating leases was valued at \$2,992,500 at September 30, 2015, and is included in Real Estate Acquired by Foreclosure at the lower rate of cost or market value. Total rental income received on leased real estate property was \$154,260 for the year ended September 30, 2015.

The Finance Corporation leases building space to the Tribe in a building previously acquired from the Tribe in January 2007. The total rent paid to the Finance Corporation from the Tribe for the year ended September 30, 2015 was \$138,735.

Note 6 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2015 is as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2014	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2015				
Governmental activities: Capital assets, not being depreciated: Land	\$ 1,193,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,193,542				
Capital assets, being depreciated: Buildings Equipment Vehicles Total capital assets being	1,113,941 397,132 1,500	9,525	- - -	1,113,941 406,657 1,500				
depreciated Less accumulated depreciation for: Buildings Equipment Vehicles Total accumulated depreciation	1,512,573 307,212 384,534 1,500 693,246	9,525 55,879 7,213 63,092		1,522,098 363,091 391,747 1,500 756,338				
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	819,327	(53,567)		765,760				
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 2,012,869	\$ (53,567)	\$ -	\$ 1,959,302				
Business-type activities: Capital assets, not being depreciated: Land	\$ 5,710	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,710				
Capital assets, being depreciated Equipment MCT buildings Other buildings and improvements	66,234 1,600,000 400,830			66,234 1,600,000 400,830				
Total capital assets being depreciated	2,067,064			2,067,064				
Less accumulated depreciation for: Equipment MCT buildings Other buildings and improvements Total accumulated depreciation	38,211 620,000 196,082 854,293	4,764 86,723 5,706 97,193		42,975 706,723 201,788 951,486				
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,212,771	(97,193)		1,115,578				
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,218,481	\$ (97,193)	\$ -	\$ 1,121,288				

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Depreciation expense for the year ended September 30, 2015 was charged to the following functions/programs:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 56,990
Internal Service	6,102
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 63,092
Business-type activities:	
Finance Corporation	\$ 97,193

Note 7 - Interfund Balances

A summary of the Tribe's interfund balances as of September 30, 2015 is as follows:

	Du	e from		Due to
	othe	er funds	ot	her funds
Department of Health and Human Services	\$	750	\$	242,111
Food Stamp Nutrition Education		-		104,295
Nonmajor Governmental Funds		11,648		326,958
General Fund		660,966		_
Business-Type Activities - Finance Corporation		-		19,988
Internal Service Funds		189,984		169,996
	\$	863,348	\$	863,348

The Department of Health and Human Services Fund, Food Stamp Nutrition Fund, and Nonmajor Governmental Funds have a due to the General Fund, Department of Health and Human Services Fund, and Nonmajor Governmental Funds for reimbursement of borrowed funds.

Note 8 - Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in long-term liabilities during the year ended September 30, 2015 are as follows:

	Е	Balance					Balance	Du	e Within		
	Octol	ber 1, 2014	Α	dditions	Re	tirements	Septen	nber 30, 2015	One Year		
Governmental activities						-					
Compensated absences	\$	91,948	\$	164,141	\$	165,520	\$	90,569	\$	90,569	

The compensated absences are paid out of the general fund.

Note 9 - Short-Term Note Payable

The Tribe has a revolving line of credit where they may borrow up to \$1,000,000, at prime rate plus 2.75 percent (3.25% at September 30, 2015). There was no outstanding balance on this line as of September 30, 2015. The line of credit is due on demand and expires on October 31, 2015.

Note 10 - Retirement Plan

The Tribe contributes to the Simplified Employee Pension Individual Retirement Account, a defined contribution pension plan, for substantially all employees. The plan is administered by the Tribal Executive Committee. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Plan are established and may be amended by the Committee. The Tribe is require to contribute 5 percent of the annual salary to individual employee accounts for each participating employee. District recognized pension expense of \$104,467.

Note 11 - Insurance

The Tribe has established a self-funded insurance company for their employee dental insurance. Employee's dependents can participate for a reasonable rate. All claims are processed by the Meritain Health which then bills the Tribe for the amount of the claim. The following is the activity for the year ended September 30, 2015:

The Tribe is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; environmental damage; and natural disasters. With the exception of environmental damage, these risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

Note 12 - Deficit Fund Balance

The following funds were in a deficit position as of September 30, 2015:

Governmental Funds	
Major Fund	
Department of Health and Human Services	\$ (1,508)
Nonmajor Fund	
Rural Business Enterprise	(48)
Wisdom Steps Integrated Systems	(6,287)
Energy Conservation	(108)
Business Development	(35,827)
Survey Blood Degree	(28,535)
Eldercare Development Project	(11,976)
Wild Rice Fund	(45,108)
Internal Service Funds	
Office Space	(133,591)
Administrative Pool	(89,922)
Revolving Fund	(16,016)

Management intends to restore the deficit fund balances. The funds will be restored through general fund transfers or additional funding for federal and state agencies.

Note 13 - Concentration of Credit

The Finance Corporation receives a majority of its funding from the State of Minnesota. Also, the Finance Corporation lends money only to Native Americans for the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of housing within the State of Minnesota.

Note 14 - Dental Self Insurance

The Tribe is self-insured with respect to dental insurance costs. The terms of the plan do not include a stop-loss provision with would limit the Tribe's liability. The following is the activity for the year ended September 30, 2015:

Claims incurred	\$ 23,247
Claims paid	23,247



Supplementary Information September 30, 2015 Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds September 30, 2015

Assets	 Employee Loan Wisdom Fund Steps 103 113		Steps		Steps		Steps		Steps		Steps		Steps		IIAAA orkshops 115	 Wild Rice Sales 116	 Timber Sale 119	Active orkplace 122	Business velopment 127	Survey od Degree 129	Visdom Steps Board 132	Into Sv		Cobell Probate 134	Dev	onomic relopment 602
Cash Accounts receivable Grants receivable Due from other funds Other receivables Prepaid items	\$ 17,145 - - 11,648 40,455	\$	479 - - - - -	\$	3,520	\$ - - - - -	\$ 60,000	\$ - - - - -	\$ - - - - -	\$ - - - - -	\$ 59,762 - - - - -	\$	- \$ - - - -	49,177 - - - - -	\$	52,116										
Total assets	\$ 69,248	\$	479	\$	3,520	\$ 	\$ 60,000	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 59,762	\$	- \$	49,177	\$	52,376										
Liabilities and Fund Balance Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Deferred revenue Total liabilities Fund Balance (Deficit)	\$ - - - - - -	\$	15	\$	1,216 2,092 - 3,308	\$ 45,108 - - - - 45,108	\$ - - - - -	\$ - - - - -	\$ 35,827	\$ 28,535	\$ - - - - -	\$	3,143 \$ - - 3,144 6,287	- - - - -	\$	52,376 - - - 52,376										
Nonspendable For prepaid items																260										
Committed For employee loans For wisdom steps For timber appraisal For workshops Unassigned Total fund balance (deficit)	 69,248		464		212	 (45,108) (45,108)	 60,000	 - - - - -	 (35,827)	 (28,535)	 59,762		(6,287) (6,287)	49,177		(260)										
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 69,248	\$	479	\$	3,520	\$ 	\$ 60,000	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 	\$ 59,762	\$	- \$	49,177	\$	52,376										

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds September 30, 2015

Assets	Rural Business Enterprise 661		Business Enterprise		Business Enterprise		Business Enterprise		Business Enterprise 661			deral Flow Fhrough 701	Cons	nergy servation 740	Ass	eneral sistance 755	Srv	ior Comm c Employ SCEP) 810	Li	CSEP	aint Louis County ial Disparity 817	Α	CSSD - Adult Day Services 842	De	Eldercare velopment Project 843	Gov	Total onmajor ernmental Funds
Cash Accounts receivable Grants receivable Due from other funds Other receivables Prepaid items	\$	- - - -	\$	19,249 - - - - -	\$	- - - - -	\$	7,335 - - - - - 550	\$	1,438	\$	- \$ - - - - 644	112,992 - - 860	\$	16,408 - - - -	\$	- - - - -	\$	197,418 89,211 112,992 11,648 40,455 2,966								
Total assets	\$		\$	19,249	\$		\$	7,885	\$	2,090	\$	644 \$	113,852	\$	16,408	\$		\$	454,690								
Liabilities and Fund Balance Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Deferred revenue Total liabilities Fund Balance (Deficit)	\$	48 - - - 48	\$	17,515 - - - 17,515	\$	108 - - - 108	\$	2,240 5,645 7,885	\$	1,438 - - - 1,438	\$	644 \$ - - - 644	113,852 - - - - 113,852	\$	16,388 20 - - 16,408	\$	11,976 - - - - 11,976	\$	326,958 1,251 4,332 8,789 341,330								
Nonspendable For prepaid items		_		-		-		550		652		644	860				_		2,966								
Committed For employee loans For wisdom steps For timber appraisal For workshops Unassigned Total fund balance (deficit)		- - (48)	_	1,734 1,734		(108)		(550)	_	652	_	- - - - (644)	(860)		-	_	(11,976)		69,248 60,226 60,000 212 (79,292) 113,360								
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$		\$	19,249	\$		\$	7,885	\$	2,090	\$	644 \$	113,852	\$	16,408	\$		\$	454,690								

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Employee Loan Fund 103	Wisdom Steps 113	MIAAA Workshops 115	Wild Rice Sales 116	Timber Sale 119	Active Workplace 122	Business Development 127	Survey Blood Degree 129	Wisdom Steps Board 132	Wisdom Steps Integrated Systems 133	Cobell Probate 134	Economic Development 602
Revenue Intergovernmental - federal Program income Other	\$ - 5,835 12	\$ -4,888		\$ - - -	\$ - - -	\$ - - 98	\$ - - -	5,594	\$ - 67,635	\$ 2,905	286,792	\$ 132,461
Total revenue	5,847	4,888	27,784			98		5,594	67,635	2,905	286,792	132,461
Expenditures Personnel Fringe benefits Travel/training Office expenses Pass-through funds Office and equipment rental Other expenditures	- - - - - - - 113	58 		45,108	- - - - - -	423 110 -	12,142 7,896 1,955 1,494	5,627	27,568 847 19,160 -	2,568 903 - 5,001	150,314 49,721 607 165	40,110 8,236 10,238 9 - 4,757 48,587
Total direct expenditures	113	4,733	37,471	45,108	-	533	23,487	5,627	62,034	8,472	200,807	111,937
Indirect costs			<u> </u>							720	36,808	20,524
Total expenditures	113	4,733	37,471	45,108		533	23,487	5,627	62,034	9,192	237,615	132,461
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	5,734	155	(9,687)	(45,108)	-	(435)	(23,487)	(33)	5,601	(6,287)	49,177	-
Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year	63,514	309	9,899		60,000	435	(12,340)	(28,502)	54,161			
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 69,248	\$ 464	\$ 212	\$ (45,108)	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ (35,827)	\$ (28,535)	\$ 59,762	\$ (6,287)	\$ 49,177	\$ -

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Rusi Busi Enter 66	ness prise	Flow	ederal Through 701	Conse	nergy ervation 740	As	eneral sistance 755	Srvc (S	or Comm Employ GCEP) 810	L	CSEP imited 811	(int Louis County al Disparity 817	Ac	CSSD - dult Day ervices 842	Dev	ldercare elopment Project 843	Gov	Total Ionmajor vernmental Funds
Revenue Intergovernmental - federal Program income Other Total revenue	\$	- - - -	\$	20,983	\$	- - - -	\$	29,354	\$	54,439	\$	12,514	\$	254,137 - - 254,137	\$	80,163 80,163	\$	- - - -	\$	793,585 5,835 186,174 985,594
Expenditures Personnel Fringe benefits Travel/training Office expenses Pass-through funds Office and equipment rental Other expenditures		(83)		- - - 19,249 -		- - - - -		17,535 4,713 815 320 - 405 1,019		34,868 3,924 6,055 3,739		6,534 716 2,680 1,408		68,011 24,696 20,978 6,938 - 6,993 88,914		43,900 10,767 2,190 3,597 - 12,000 1,965		7,339 3,986 432 219		380,670 114,655 112,483 21,105 38,409 24,155 215,667
Total direct expenditures		(83)		19,249		-		24,807		48,586		11,338		216,530		74,419		11,976		907,144
Indirect costs		-						4,547		5,201		1,176		37,607		5,744				112,327
Total expenditures		(83)		19,249				29,354		53,787		12,514		254,137		80,163		11,976		1,019,471
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		83		1,734		-		-		652		-		-		-		(11,976)		(33,877)
Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year		(131)				(108)												<u>-</u>		147,237
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	\$	(48)	\$	1,734	\$	(108)	\$		\$	652	\$	_	\$		\$		\$	(11,976)	\$	113,360

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Combining Schedule of Net Position – Internal Service Funds September 30, 2015

Assets	Office Space	Revolving Fund	Computer/ Copy Services	Admin Pool	MCT Insurance	Total	
Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Due from other funds Prepaid expenses and other assets Equipment Accumulated Depreciation Total assets	\$ - 9,881 - - - -	\$ - 1,250 - 26,790 (26,790)	\$ 1,451 38,270 72,223 (55,874)	\$ -46 19,988 10,082	\$ - 131,726	\$ 1,451 11,177 189,984 10,082 99,013 (82,664)	
	9,881	1,250	56,070	30,116	131,726	229,043	
Liabilities and Net Position Current Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Noncurrent liabilities Due within one year	142,968 504 - 	18,583 (1,317)	- - - -	8,445 21,024 90,569	13,661	169,996 12,848 21,024 90,569	
Total liabilities	143,472	17,266		120,038	13,661	294,437	
Net Position (Deficit) Investment in capital assets Unrestricted	(133,591)		16,349 39,721	(89,922)	118,065	16,349 (81,743)	
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (133,591)	\$ (16,016)	\$ 56,070	\$ (89,922)	\$ 118,065	\$ (65,394)	
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 9,881	\$ 1,250	\$ 56,070	\$ 30,116	\$ 131,726	\$ 229,043	

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – Internal Service Funds

Year Ended September 30, 2015

	 Office Space	R	evolving Fund	omputer/ Copy Services	Admin Pool	<u> </u>	MCT nsurance	 Total
Revenue Sales of business support revenues	\$ _	\$	_	23,147	\$ -	\$	_	\$ 23,147
Indirect revenue	-		-	-	641,339		-	641,339
Rental revenue	39,274		-	-	-		-	39,274
Insurance revenue	 				 		373,767	 373,767
Total operating revenue	 39,274			23,147	 641,339		373,767	1,077,527
Expenses								
Current								
Personnel	8,123		-	-	349,960		-	358,083
Fringe benefits	1,096		-	-	119,484		-	120,580
Travel/training	-		-	-	24,693		-	24,693
Office expenses	73		-	4,073	21,045		149	25,340
Office and equipment rent	-		-	3,179	27,623		-	30,802
Maintenance	54,428		-		-		-	54,428
Depreciation	-		-	6,814	-		-	6,814
Other expenditures	 			12,198	 67,070		384,768	 464,036
Total expenses	63,720			26,264	609,875		384,917	1,084,776
Change in Net Position	(24,446)		-	(3,117)	31,464		(11,150)	(7,249)
Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Year	 (109,145)		(16,016)	59,187	(121,386)		129,215	(58,145)
Net Position (Deficit), End of Year	\$ (133,591)	\$	(16,016)	\$ 56,070	\$ (89,922)	\$	118,065	\$ (65,394)

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Combining Schedule of Cash Flows – Internal Service Funds Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Office Space	R	evolving Fund	omputer/ Copy Services	Admin Pool	Iı	MCT nsurance	Total
Operating Activities Cash received from customers Cash paid for wages and benefits Cash paid to suppliers	\$ 29,393 (9,219) (163,142)	\$	2,406 (225) (20,764)	\$ 68,696 - (19,450)	\$ 642,876 (474,061) (137,881)	\$	373,767 - (374,980)	\$ 1,117,138 (483,505) (716,217)
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities	(142,968)		(18,583)	49,246	30,934		(1,213)	(82,584)
Non-Capital Financing Activities Proceeds from other funds Payments to other funds	142,968		18,583	(38,270)	(695) (30,239)			160,856 (68,509)
Net Cash from (used for) Non-Capital Financing Activities	142,968		18,583	 (38,270)	(30,934)		<u>-</u> _	 92,347
Capital and Related Financing Activities Purchase of equipment	<u>-</u>		_	(9,525)	_		_	(9,525)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	-		-	1,451	-		(1,213)	238
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	 	<u>-</u>		1,213	 1,213
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 1,451	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 1,451
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities Change in net position Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss)	\$ (24,446)	\$	_	\$ (3,117)	\$ 31,464	\$	(11,150)	\$ (7,249)
to cash from (used for) operating activities Depreciation Changes in assets and liabilities	-		-	6,814	-		-	6,814
Accounts receivables Prepaid expenses and other assets Accounts payables Accrued liabilities	(9,881) - (108,641)		2,406 (20,764) (225)	45,549 - - -	1,537 2,550 - (4,617)		25,891 (15,954)	39,611 28,441 (145,359) (4,842)
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities	\$ (142,968)	\$	(18,583)	\$ 49,246	\$ 30,934	\$	(1,213)	\$ (82,584)

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Combining Balance Sheet – U.S Department of Interior Programs September 30, 2015

	Tribal Operations 503		_	latural sources 510	Johnson O'Malley Various)	Total		
Assets								
Cash Prepaid items	\$	228,885 7,137	\$	3,953	\$ 162,168 340	\$	395,006 7,477	
Total assets	\$	236,022	\$	3,953	\$ 162,508	\$	402,483	
Liabilities and Fund Balance Liabilities Accounts payable Deferred revenue Total liabilities	\$	236,022 236,022	\$	3,953	\$ 162,508 162,508	\$	3,953 398,530 402,483	
Fund Balance Nonspendable Prepaid items Unassigned Total fund balance		7,137 (7,137)		- - -	 340 (340)		7,477 (7,477)	
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	236,022	\$	3,953	\$ 162,508	\$	402,483	

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance –
U.S Department of Interior Programs
Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Tribal perations 503	_	Natural esources 510	C	Johnson O'Malley Various)	Total
Revenue Intergovernmental - federal Contract	\$ 204,101 82,750	\$	82,698 -	\$	334,554	\$ 621,353 82,750
Total revenue	 286,851		82,698		334,554	 704,103
Expenditures Current Personnel Fringe benefits Travel/training Office expenses Office and equipment rental Other expenditures	155,672 47,922 4,598 13,338 19,754 1,133		44,503 25,650 41 82 - 132		82,797 22,023 27,117 35,094 10,543 104,822	282,972 95,595 31,756 48,514 30,297 106,087
Total direct expenditures	242,417		70,408		282,396	595,221
Indirect costs	44,434		12,290		52,158	 108,882
Total expenditures	 286,851		82,698		334,554	 704,103
Revenue over Expenditures	-		-		-	-
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>					
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 	\$		\$		\$ _

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Combining Balance Sheet – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Programs September 30, 2015

		Title VI Nutrition Grant 620	S	NEW/ TRIDE Program 621	Su	egiver pport 22	MFIP 808	 Γitle III 830	 MIAAA 831	S	utrition upport ervices 832
Assets											
Cash Accounts receivable Grants receivable Due from other funds Prepaid items	\$	125	\$	61,878	\$	70 - - -	\$ 108,364 - 593	\$ 10,335 - - - 3,190	\$ 187,368 750	\$	7,956
Total assets	<u> </u>	125	\$	61,878	\$	70	\$ 108,957	\$ 13,525	\$ 188,118	\$	7,956
Liabilities and Fund Balance Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Deferred revenue Total liabilities	\$	- - 125 125	\$	61,878 - - - 61,878	\$	- - - 70 70	\$ 108,957 - - - 108,957	\$ 11,000 - 2,525 13,525	\$ 25,561 162,557 - 188,118	\$	9,464 - - - - 9,464
Fund Balance (Deficit) Nonspendable For prepaid items Unassigned Total fund balance (deficit)		- - -		- - -		- - -	 593 (593)	 3,190 (3,190)	 - - -		(1,508) (1,508)
Total liabilities and fund balance (deficit)	\$	125	\$	61,878	\$	70	\$ 108,957	\$ 13,525	\$ 188,118	\$	7,956

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Combining Balance Sheet – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Programs September 30, 2015

	zheimer Project 834	C	aregiver 835	G	randkin 838	Ti	itle III-D 840	S	tegrated System elopment 841	M1	NSURE 851	Total
Assets												
Cash Accounts receivable Grants receivable Due from other funds Prepaid items	\$ 50 - - - -	\$	22,375	\$	4,162 - - -	\$	12,546	\$	2,609 - - - -	\$	1,381	\$ 17,351 1,381 400,487 750 3,783
Total assets	\$ 50	\$	22,375	\$	4,162	\$	12,546	\$	2,609	\$	1,381	\$ 423,752
Liabilities and Fund Balance Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Accrued liabilities	\$ - -	\$	22,375	\$	-	\$	12,546	\$	-	\$	1,330	\$ 242,111 173,557
Deferred revenue Total liabilities	50		22,375		4,162 4,162		12,546		2,609 2,609		51 1,381	9,592 425,260
Fund Balance (Deficit) Nonspendable For prepaid items Unassigned	- -		- -		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	3,783 (5,291)
	<u>-</u>						<u> </u>					 (1,508)
Total liabilities and fund balance (deficit)	\$ 50	\$	22,375	\$	4,162	\$	12,546	\$	2,609	\$	1,381	\$ 423,752

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Programs
Year Ended September 30, 2015

	NEW/ STRIDE Program 621	MFIP 808	Title III 830	MIAAA 831	Nutrition Support Services 832	Caregiver 835	Title III-D 840	Integrated System Development 841	MNSURE 851	Total
Revenue Intergovernmental - federal Other	\$ 377,737 300	\$ 578,158	\$ 69,809	401,309 116,668	\$ - -	\$ 19,257	\$ 2,660	\$ - -	\$ 126,246 5,972	\$ 1,575,176 122,940
Total revenue	378,037	578,158	69,809	517,977		19,257	2,660		132,218	1,698,116
Expenditures										
Personnel Fringe benefits Travel/training Office expenses Pass through funds Office and equipment rent Other expenditures	149,232 42,601 17,935 9,729 14,950 85,059	179,045 55,256 20,558 28,636 - 30,410 177,186	21,377 8,811 12,011 8,313 11,000 7,781 516	43,789 11,676 750 437,411 - 18,000	- - - - - -	9,253 3,467 774 482 - 5,281	875 269 - - - 1,516	- - - - -	66,039 26,709 18,253 2,944 - 6,341 450	469,610 148,789 69,531 50,854 448,411 64,763 282,727
Total direct expenditures	319,506	491,091	69,809	511,626	-	19,257	2,660	-	120,736	1,534,685
Indirect costs	58,531	87,067		6,351					11,482	163,431
Total expenditures	378,037	578,158	69,809	517,977		19,257	2,660		132,218	1,698,116
Revenue over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year					(1,508)					(1,508)
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,508)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,508)

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program	Contract or Pass Through Number	CFDA Number		Expenditures		Amounts Passed- Through to Subrecipients
				*		
U.S. Department of Interior						
Passed-through the Bureau of Indian Affairs		15.040		A 206051		
Tribal operations		15.048		\$ 286,851		
Johnson O'Malley		15.130		334,554		
Natural resources		15.035		82,698		
Total U.S. Department of Interior					\$ 704,103	
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services						
Direct programs						
NEW Program, 10/14 - 6/15		93.594	\$ 296,730			
NEW Program, 07/15 - 9/15		93.594	81,307			
Total CFDA #93.594				378,037		
Disease Prevention/Health Promotion, 10/14 - 12/14	15AAMNTPH	93.043		2,600		
Integrated System Development, 10/14 - 9/15		93.048		9,193		
Caregiver Support, 1/15 - 9/15	15AAMNTFC	93.052	16,740			
Caregiver Support, 10/14 - 12/14	15AAMNTFC	93.052	2,517			
Total CFDA #93.052				19,257		
Special Programs passed through for the MN Board of Aging						
Title III, Part B Grants for Supportive						
Services and Senior Centers, 1/15 - 9/15	15AAMNTSS	93.044	56,883			
Title III, Part B Grants for Supportive						
Services and Senior Centers, 10/14 - 12/14	15AAMNTSS	93.044	12,926			
AAA Administration, 1/15 - 9/15	15AAMNT	93.044	40,476			
AAA Administration, 10/14 - 12/14	15AAMNT	93.044	12,414			
Total CFDA #93.044			122,699			
Home Delivered/Congregate Meals, 10/14 - 12/14	15AAMNT3HD/15AAMNT3CM	93.045	92,000			
Home Delivered/Congregate Meals, 1/15 - 9/15	15AAMNT3HD/15AAMNT3CM	93.045	194,739			
Total CFDA #93.045			286,739			274,854
NSIP - Home Delivered/Congregate Meals, 10/14 - 12/14	15AAMNNSHIP	93.053	31,230			
NSIP - Home Delivered/Congregate Meals, 1/15 - 9/15	15AAMNNSHIP	93.053	30,450			
Total CFDA #93.053	201212111101111	, 5.055	61,680			
Total Special Programs passed through the						
MN Board of Aging Cluster CFDA #93.044, 93.04	45, 93.053			471,118		

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program		CFDA Number	Ехр	penditures		Amounts Passed- Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, cont Passed-through the Minnesota Department of Human Services MnSure Outreach & Enrollment, 10/14 - 12/14 MnSure Outreach & Enrollment, 1/15 - 9/15 Total CFDA #93.525	HBEIE130163 HBEIE130163	93.525 93.525	\$ 132,141 76 \$	132,217		
Minnesota Family Investment Program, 10/14 - 12/14 Minnesota Family Investment Program, 1/15 - 9/15 Total CFDA #93.558	1402MNTANF 1502MNTANF	93.558 93.558	227,928 350,231	578,159		
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services					\$ 1,590,581	
U.S. Department of Commerce Direct Programs Economic Development Planning, 10/14 - 12/14 Economic Development Planning, 1/15 - 9/15 Total CFDA #11.302		11.302 11.302	78,381 54,080	132,461		
Total U.S. Department of Commerce					132,461	
Environmental Protection Agency Direct Programs General Assistance Program		66.926		29,354		
Total Environmental Protection Agency					29,354	
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed-through State of Minnesota Department of Human Services Food Stamp Nutrition Education	2015IQ390342	10.551		703,413		391,502
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture					703,413	
U.S. Department of Justice Direct Programs Justice Assitance Grant		16.738			19,249	
U.S. Department of Labor Passed-through State of Minnesota Economic Security Senior Community Service Employment, 10/14 - 6/15 Senior Community Service Employment, 7/15 - 9/15 Total CFDA #17.235		17.235 17.235	60,666 3,959	64,625		
Total U.S. Department of Labor					64,625	
Total Federal Financial Assistance					\$ 3,243,786	\$ 666,356

Note A – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of *OMB Circular A-133*, *Audits of States*, *Local Governments*, *and Non-Profit Organizations*. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe received federal awards both directly from federal agencies and indirectly through pass-through entities. Federal financial assistance provided to a subrecipient is treated as an expenditure when it is paid to the subrecipient.

Note B – Significant Accounting Policies

Governmental fund types account for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's federal grant activity. Therefore, expenditures in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are recognized on the modified accrual basis — when they become a demand on current available financial resources. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's summary of significant accounting policies is presented in Note 1 in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's basic financial statements.

The organization has not elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate.



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Tribal Executive Committee Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Cass Lake, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Cass Lake, Minnesota, (the Tribe) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tribe's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Tribe's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tribe's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tribe's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A *deficiency* in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider deficiencies 2015-A, 2015-B, 2015-C, 2015-D, and 2015-E described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be material weaknesses.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Tribe's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2015-E, 2015-001 and 2015-002.

Tribe's Response to Findings

The Tribe's responses to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Tribe's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fargo, North Dakota November 30, 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133

To the Tribal Executive Committee Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Cass Lake, Minnesota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2015. Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the compliance for each of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's compliance.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Certain Major Federal Programs

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questions cost, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe did not comply with the requirements regarding the following major federal programs.

Finding Number	CFDA	Program	Compliance Requirement
2015-001	10.551 93.558	Food Stamp Nutrition Education Minnesota Family Investment Program	Allowable Activities/Allowable Costs Allowable Activities/Allowable Costs
2015-002	93.558	Minnesota Family Investment Program	Eligibility

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to comply with the requirements applicable to this program.

Qualified Opinion on Certain Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on for the year ended September 30, 2015.

Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, the Tribe complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its other major Federal programs identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs for the year ended September 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a compliance requirement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses and significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2015-001, 2015-002, and 2015-003 to be material weaknesses.

Tribe's Response to Finding

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The Tribe's responses to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Tribe's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fargo, North Dakota

Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of Auditor's Report Issued Unmodified: Business Type Activities

Each major fund

Aggregate remaining fund information

Disclaimer: Governmental activities

General Fund

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Material weaknesses identified Yes

Significant deficiencies identified not

considered to be material weaknesses None reported

Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements Noted? Yes

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal Control over Major Programs
Material weaknesses identified
Yes

Significant deficiencies identified not

considered to be material weaknesses None reported

Type of Auditor's Report Issued

on Compliance for Major Programs Qualified, Unmodified (see below)

Any Audit Findings Disclosed That Are

Required to be Reported in Accordance with

Section 510(A) of *OMB Circular A-133*? Yes

Identification of Major Programs

Name of Federal Program or ClusterCFDA NumberOpinionFood Stamp Nutrition Education10.551QualifiedJohnson O'Malley15.130UnmodifiedAging Cluster93.044, 93.045, 93.053UnmodifiedMinnesota Family Investment Program93.558Qualified

Dollar Threshold used to Distinguish Between

Type A and Type B Programs \$ 300,000

Auditee Qualified as Low-Risk Auditee? No

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

2015-A Significant Journal Entries Material Weakness

Condition – During the course of our engagement, we proposed material audit adjustments that would not have been identified as a result of the Tribe's existing internal controls, and therefore could have resulted in a material misstatement of the Tribe's financial statements.

Criteria – A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for recording and processing entries material to the financial statements.

Cause – The Tribe does not have an internal control system designed to identify all necessary adjustments.

Effect – This control deficiency could result in a misstatement to the financial statements that would not be prevented or detected.

Recommendation – A thorough review and reconciliation of accounts in each fund should take place prior to the beginning of the audit. This review should be done at both the accounting staff and accounting supervisor levels.

Management's Response – The Tribe is developing a fiscal year-end review process and checklist that will be implemented at the end of the fiscal year September 30, 2014 to ensure that future audit adjustments will be minimal.

2015-B Preparation of Financial Statements Material Weakness

Condition – The Tribe does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited. The auditors were requested to, and did, draft the Tribe's financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Criteria – A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for the ability to internally prepare their financial statements.

Cause - Tribal personnel do not have adequate training to apply accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America internally.

Effect – The financial disclosures in the financial statements could be incomplete.

Recommendation – This circumstance is not unusual in a Tribe of your size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

Management's Response – Due to cost constraints, the Tribe will continue to have the auditors draft the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

2015-C Segregation of Duties Material Weakness

Condition – The Tribe has a lack of segregation of duties in certain areas due to a limited staff.

Criteria – A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no one individual has incompatible responsibilities. No one person should have more than one duty relating to the authorization (approval), custody of assets (check depositing), record keeping and reconciliation functions.

Cause – There are a limited amount of finance employees.

Effect – Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the Tribe's ability to detect misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements in a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation – While we recognize that your staff may not be large enough to permit complete segregation of duties in all respects for an effective system of internal control, the functions should be reviewed to determine if additional segregation of duties is feasible and to improve efficiency and effectiveness of financial management and financial statement accuracy for the Tribe. Segregation of authorization, custody of assets, record keeping and reconciliation functions would assist in mitigating the risk of fraud or misstatements to the financial statements.

Management's Response – Due to cost constraints, there will be no further administrative employees added. The Tribe will continue to look for further opportunities to segregate duties.

2015-D Inadequate Supporting Documentation Material Weakness

Condition – During the course of our engagement we noted there as inadequate supporting documentation for the cash balances. This could result in a misstatement of the financial statements or potentially fraudulent activity that would not be prevented or detected in a timely manner. Proper documentation should be maintained to support all account balances and transactions.

Criteria – A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate system for maintaining supporting documentation to support account balances.

Cause – The Tribe does not have an internal control system designed to maintain adequate supporting documentation to support account balances.

Effect – This deficiency could result in a material misstatement to the financial statements that would not be prevented or detected.

Recommendation – it is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to maintain adequate supporting documentation to support account balances.

Management's Response – The Tribe will ensure all bank accounts properly reconcile in a timely manner.

2015-E Reporting Material Weakness and Material Noncompliance

Condition – The September 30, 2015 audited financial statements were not filed with the Federal Audit Clearinghouse by the required due date.

Criteria – Requirements contained in OMB Circular A-133 requires audited financial statements to be filed with the Federal Audit Clearinghouse within nine months of the Tribe's year end, as required for compliance with reporting requirements.

Cause – The Tribe's financial statements were not available to be audited until after the nine month deadline had passed.

Effect – Non-compliance with OMB Circular A-133 reporting requirements.

Recommendation – We recommend that the Tribe implement and communicate a timeline within the finance department to ensure that the Tribe financial information and files are prepared, reconciled, and audited timely. This will allow for timely submission of its audited financial statements to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse within the nine month deadline as required by OMB Circular A-133.

Management's Response – The Tribe is currently trying to get their audit status to current with the Federal Government. Unfortunately, the FY 15 financial statements were unavailable to be audited in a timely manner.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

2015-001 Allowable Activities/Allowable Costs Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance and Compliance

Federal program Information:

Federal Agency	Passed-through	CFDA Number	Program Title	Contract Number	Award Year
U.S. Department of Agriculture	Minnesota Dept. of Human Services	10.551	Food Stamp Nutrition Education	2015IQ390342	2015
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Minnesota Dept. of Human Services	93.558	Minnesota Family Investment Program	1402MNTANF	2014

Criteria: Requirements contained in 45 CFR Part 225 and in the grant agreement require that only allowable costs as defined by OMB Circular A-87 should be made with federal awards

Condition: The Tribe had payments for unallowable expenditures and failed to maintain required supporting documentation verifying allowable cost details.

Cause: Payments the Tribe made for promotional items are unallowable. The Tribe also did not adequately require recipients seeking services paid for by this DHS grant to submit all required supporting documentation to verify that these were allowable costs under the grant's requirements.

Effect: These expenditures were questioned costs.

Questioned Costs: For CFDA #10.551 a sample of 60 items totaling \$175,188 was selected from a population of \$703,413. Two items with questioned costs totaling \$30,502 were found in noncompliance.

For CFDA #93.558 a sample of 40 items totaling \$61,600 was selected from a population of \$578,158. Two items with questioned costs totaling \$34,100 were found in noncompliance.

Recommendation: A responsible tribal official should be reminded of the allowable costs under OMB Circular A-87. Also, the Tribe should require that all recipients seeking services paid for by this DHS grant must submit all required supporting documentation prior to paying for those costs.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan:

- 1. Actions Planned in Response to the Finding The Tribe will update their review procedures to implement proper internal controls to ensure all expenditures are allowable and have adequate backup.
- 2. Explanation of Disagreement There is no disagreement with the finding.
- 3. Official Responsible for Ensuring Corrective Action The Accounting Manager will be responsible for ensuring corrective action.
- 4. Planned Completion Date for the Corrective Action October 31, 2017.
- 5. Plan to Monitor Completion of Corrective Action The Accounting Manager will oversee the process.

2015-002 Eligibility Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance and Compliance

Federal program Information:

Federal Agency	Passed-through	Number Number	Program Title	Contract Number	Award Year
U.S. Department of Health Human Services	Minnesota Dept. of Human Services	93.558	Minnesota Family Investment Program	1402MNTANF	2014

Criteria: Requirements contained in 25 CFR Part 900 and in the grant agreement specify that only eligible individuals are recipients of these benefits. A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for obtaining and maintaining adequate supporting documentation verifying eligibility requirements

Condition: The Tribe failed to maintain required supporting documentation verifying eligibility guidelines. EB concluded that the program has a significant internal control deficiency over compliance and compliance.

Questioned Costs: None

Cause: Due to the deficiency of internal controls to ensure proper documentation of eligibility, the Tribe did not adequately have support for 4 individuals tested under the grant to verify that these individuals were eligible under the grant's eligibility requirements to receive services.

Effect: Failure to maintain required supporting documents to verify eligibility could result in the failure to receive funds.

Recommendation: The Tribe should keep all eligibility files for all individuals who receive services paid for the grant.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan:

- 1. Actions Planned in Response to the Finding The Tribe will update their eligibility procedures to implement proper internal controls to ensure all files are submitted, reviewed and retained.
- 2. Explanation of Disagreement There is no disagreement with the finding.
- 3. Official Responsible for Ensuring Corrective Action The Accounting Manager will be responsible for ensuring corrective action.
- 4. Planned Completion Date for the Corrective Action October 31, 2017.
- 5. Plan to Monitor Completion of Corrective Action The Accounting Manager will oversee the process.

2015-003 Subrecipient Monitoring Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance

Federal program Information:

		CFDA		Contract	Award
Federal Agency	Passed-through	Number	Program Title	Number	Year
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U.S. Department of Agriculture	Minnesota Dept. of Human Services	10.551	Food Stamp Nutrition Education	2015IQ390342	2015

Criteria: Requirements contained in 25 CFR Part 900 require that the Tribe monitor actual expenditures of their subrecipients.

Condition: The Tribe failed to monitor expenditures made by their subrecipients.

Questioned costs: None

Effect: Failure to monitor these expenditures could result in unallowable costs.

Cause: The tribe did not adequately monitor the expenditures made by subrecipients.

Recommendation: The tribe should monitor the expenditures made by subrecipients to ensure subgranted funds are being made for allowable costs.

Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan:

- 1. Actions Planned in Response to the Finding The Tribe will update their subrecipient monitoring procedures to implement proper internal controls to ensure all files are submitted, reviewed and retained.
- 2. Explanation of Disagreement There is no disagreement with the finding.
- 3. Official Responsible for Ensuring Corrective Action The Accounting Manager will be responsible for ensuring corrective action.
- 4. Planned Completion Date for the Corrective Action October 31, 2017.
- 5. Plan to Monitor Completion of Corrective Action The Accounting Manager will oversee the process.