

Financial Statements September 30, 2017

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, 2017, 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

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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.

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.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Tribe as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position 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 placing 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also 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 October 28, 2019, 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 solely 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 an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tribe's 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

Esde Saelly LLP

October 28, 2019

Assets	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 240,020	\$ 1,542,411	\$ 1,782,431
Investments	1,283,152	14,036,737	3 1,762,431 15,319,889
Internal balances	30,020	(30,020)	13,313,003
Account receivable, net	66,858	144,374	211,232
Loans receivable, net	00,030	29,440,331	29,440,331
Grants receivable	436,084	23,440,331	436,084
Other receivables and accrued interest	41,813	94,946	136,759
Prepaid items	4,975	54,540	4,975
Other assets, net	4,373	2,760,016	2,760,016
Capital assets	_	2,700,010	2,700,010
Not being depreciated	1,193,542	52,495	1,246,037
Being depreciated, net of depreciation	686,001	952,906	1,638,907
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Total assets	3,982,465	48,994,196	52,976,661
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	220,197	200,518	420,715
Accrued liabilities	16,669	14,897	31,566
Unearned revenue	230,345	-	230,345
Escrowed liabilities	-	351,460	351,460
Noncurrent liabilities			
Due within one year	106,013	-	106,013
Due in more than one year		34,981,245	34,981,245
Total liabilities	573,224	35,548,120	36,121,344
Net Position			
Investment in capital assets	1,879,543	1,005,401	2,884,944
Restricted	212,348	-	212,348
Unrestricted	1,317,350	12,440,675	13,758,025
Total net position	\$ 3,409,241	\$ 13,446,076	\$ 16,855,317

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Statement of Activities Year Ended September 30, 2017

		Program Revenues Net (Expense) Revenue an Changes in Net Position				
					Primary Governmen	t
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 natural resources Economic development Other	\$ 1,700,615 344,162 1,895,139 225,084 131,081 170,354	\$ 185,418 - - - - -	\$ 2,220,700 169,774 1,901,269 184,035 131,081 200,573	\$ 705,503 (174,388) 6,130 (41,049) - 30,219	\$ - - - - -	\$ 705,503 (174,388) 6,130 (41,049) - 30,219
Total governmental activities	4,466,435	185,418	4,807,432	526,415		526,415
Business-type activities: Finance Corporation	1,608,792	1,233,791	- _	- _	(375,001)	(375,001)
Total primary government	\$ 6,075,227	\$ 1,419,209	\$ 4,807,432	526,415	(375,001)	151,414
Change in net position				526,415	(375,001)	151,414
Net position - beginning	ng			2,882,826	13,821,077	16,703,903
Net position - ending				\$ 3,409,241	\$ 13,446,076	\$ 16,855,317

	Genei Fund			partment of nterior	o an	partment of Health of Human Services	Gov	Other ernmental Funds	Go	Total vernmental Funds
Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents Investments Accounts receivable, net Grants receivable Due from other funds Other receivables Prepaid items Total assets	38	- 3,152 - - 9,191 - - 2,343	\$	137,184 - - - - - 255 137,439	\$	35,074 - 2,208 436,084 - - 1,110 474,476	\$	67,762 - 55,918 - 144,621 41,813 175 310,289	\$	240,020 1,283,152 58,126 436,084 533,812 41,813 1,540 2,594,547
Total assets	7 1,07	2,343	,	137,433	-	474,470	,	310,283	7	2,334,347
Liabilities and Fund Balance Liabilities Due to other funds	\$	-	\$	-	\$	340,274	\$	77,928	\$	418,202
Accounts payable		2,857		-		112,718		8,537		154,112
Accrued liabilities		539		-		-		3,666		4,205
Unearned revenue				137,439		23,956		47,803		209,198
Total liabilities	3	3,396		137,439		476,948		137,934		785,717
Fund Balance (Deficit) Nonspendable For prepaid items		-		255		1,110		175		1,540
Restricted										
For employee loans For wisdom steps		-		-		-		78,451 62,446		78,451 62,446
For timber appraisal		-		-		-		60,000		60,000
For Cobell probate		-		-		-		1,641		1,641
For enterprises		-		-		-		117		117
For adult day services	65	-		-		-		9,693		9,693
Assigned Unassigned		0,000 8,947		- (255)		- (3,582)		- (40,168)		650,000 944,942
Total fund balance (deficit)		8,947		- (233)		(2,472)		172,355		1,808,830
Total liabilities and										
fund balance	\$ 1,67	2,343	\$	137,439	\$	474,476	\$	310,289	\$	2,594,547

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position September 30, 2017

Total Funds Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	1,808,830
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.		1,837,618
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.		(237,207)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u> </u>	3,409,241

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds Year Ended September 30, 2017

	General Fund	Department of Interior	Department of Health and Human Services	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues Intergovernmental - federal Intergovernmental - state Program income Settlement income Investment income Liquor permits Contract Other	\$ - - 705,607 4,784 29,558	\$ 669,433 - - - - - - 350	\$ 1,420,588 75,210 - - - -	\$ 470,655 343,272 5,775 - - -	\$ 2,560,676 418,482 5,775 705,607 4,784 29,558 350
Total revenues	120,146 860,095	669,783	1,510 1,497,308	<u>147,145</u> 966,847	268,801 3,994,033
	800,033	005,783	1,437,308	300,847	3,334,033
Expenditures Personnel Fringe benefits Travel/training Office expense Pass-through funds Office and equipment rental Other expenditures Total direct expenditures Indirect costs Total expenditures	35,904 13,471 64,168 45,691 - 4,219 55,126 218,579 28,190 246,769	377,708 101,032 15,813 23,771 34,155 35,323 587,802 81,981	395,770 100,451 61,176 34,177 438,660 71,852 254,651 1,356,737 140,571	324,813 97,117 56,988 19,726 59,088 24,448 284,924 867,104 66,703	1,134,195 312,071 198,145 123,365 497,748 134,674 630,024 3,030,222 317,445
Net Change in Fund Balance	613,326	-	-	33,040	646,366
Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year	1,025,621		(2,472)	139,315	1,162,464
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 1,638,947	\$ -	\$ (2,472)	\$ 172,355	\$ 1,808,830

Reconciliation of the Changes in Funds Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended September 30, 2017

Net Change in Funds Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 646,366
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 expense has exceeded additions	(52,627)
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.	(67,324)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 526,415

Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds September 30, 2017

	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 Mortgage loans receivable, current portion Business loans receivable, current portion	\$ 1,542,411 5,661,528 144,374 - 94,946 2,509,647 109,640	\$ - 8,732 233,936 3,435 - -
Installment loans receivable, current portion	22,886	-
Total current assets	10,085,432	246,103
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 Building and equipment Real estate acquired by foreclosures	8,375,209 25,761,264 218,409 818,485 1,005,401 2,760,016	- - - - 41,925
		41.025
Total non-current assets Total assets	<u>38,938,784</u> 49,024,216	<u>41,925</u> 288,028
Liabilities and Net Position	49,024,210	200,020
Liabilities Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Escrowed liabilities Due to other funds Unearned revenue Noncurrent liabilities	200,518 14,897 351,460 30,020	87,232 12,464 - 319,526
Due within one year	-	106,013
Due in more than one year	34,981,245	
Total liabilities	35,578,140	525,235
Net Position (Deficit) Investment in capital assets Unrestricted Total net position (deficit)	1,005,401 12,440,675 \$ 13,446,076	41,925 (279,132) \$ (237,207)
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position –
Proprietary Funds
Year Ended September 30, 2017

	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	\$ 1,559,828 - - - - -	\$ - 471,008 53,077 23,399 451,517
Total operating revenue	1,559,828	999,001
Less direct costs of revenue	396,331	
Net revenue	1,163,497	999,001
Expenses Current Personnel Fringe benefits Depreciation Travel/training Office expenses Office and equipment rent Maintenance Provision for write-downs on foreclosed properties Other expenditures Total direct expenses Indirect costs Total expenses	655,476 179,607 97,480 35,078 31,543 - - 392,923 63,119 1,455,226 153,566 1,608,792	364,558 123,166 9,710 18,989 25,683 33,454 76,547 - 414,218 1,066,325
Loss before nonoperating activity	(445,295)	(67,324)
Nonoperating Activity Investment income	70,294	
Change in Net Position	(375,001)	(67,324)
Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Year	13,821,077	(169,883)
Net Position (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 13,446,076	\$ (237,207)

Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Business-Type Activity - Enterprise Fund Finance Corporation	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
Operating Activities		
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,868,794	\$ 1,208,087
Cash paid for wages and benefits	(834,117)	(473,505)
Cash paid to suppliers	(1,125,858)	(778,698)
Net Cash used for Operating Activities	(91,181)	(44,116)
Non-Capital Financing Activities		
Proceeds from other funds	-	318,446
Payments to other funds	<u> </u>	(232,856)
Net Cash from Non-Capital Financing Activities		85,590
Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Cash paid for repairs on repossed property	(153,425)	_
Cash received from sale of repossed property	567,116	-
Cash received from sale of capital assets	52,495	-
Cash paid for purchase of capital assets	(77,279)	(41,474)
Net Cash from (used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	388,907	(41,474)
Investing Activities		
Purchase of investments	(4,701,562)	-
Proceeds from investments	4,943,090	-
Investment income	194,322	-
Disbursement for loans	(4,011,105)	-
Proceeds from loan payments	3,118,330	
Net Cash used for Investing Activities	(456,925)	
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(159,199)	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	1,701,610	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 1,542,411	\$ -

Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Ei	iness-Type Activity - nterprise Fund Finance irporation	A	vernmental ctivities - Internal vice Funds
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to				
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities				
Operating Loss	\$	(445,295)	\$	(67,324)
Adjustments to reconcile increase in operating				
loss to cash from (used for) operating activities		07.400		0.740
Depreciation		97,480		9,710
Provision for loan losses		26,635		-
Provision for write-downs on foreclosed properties		392,923 (53,453)		-
Gain on sale of capital assets Changes in assets and liabilities		(55,455)		-
Accounts receivables		(57,139)		209,086
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(37,139)		2,132
Accounts payables		(13,592)		(211,939)
Accrued liabilities		966		14,219
Escrowed liabilities		(39,706)		-
Esci owed habilities		(33,700)		
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities	\$	(91,181)	\$	(44,116)
Supplemental Displactures of Non-cash Investing and Figure in a Astivity				
Supplemental Disclosures of Non-cash Investing and Financing Activity Donation of foreclosed real estate	\$	78,460	\$	
Real estate acquired by foreclosure for loans	Ş	78,460 289,463	Ş	-
Unrealized loss on investments		289,463 176,523		<u>-</u>
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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:

<u>General Fund</u> – 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.

<u>Department of Interior Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to federal awards received from the Department of Interior.

<u>Department of Health and Human Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to federal awards received from the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Tribe reports the following major proprietary fund:

<u>Finance Corporation</u> – 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:

<u>Internal Service Funds</u> – 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 and 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, 2017, the allowance for doubtful accounts was \$7,874 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 20 years Machinery and equipment 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:

<u>Nonspendable Fund Balance</u> – amounts that are not in nonspendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.

<u>Restricted Fund Balance</u> – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

<u>Committed Fund Balance</u> – 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.

<u>Assigned Fund Balance</u> – 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.

<u>Unassigned Fund Balance</u> – 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, 2017, 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.
- 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.
- 3. 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, 2017. 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, 2017, consist of the following:

	Fair	Maturitie	s in Years		
	Value	Less than 1	1 to 5		
Governmental activities US Government Sponsored Issues	\$ 1,283,152	\$ 1,283,152	\$ -		
Business-type activities US Government Sponsored Issues Certificate of deposit Municipal bonds	836,730 10,079,106 3,120,901	3,978,730 1,682,798	836,730 6,100,376 1,438,103		
Total business-type	14,036,737	5,661,528	8,375,209		
Total investments	\$ 15,319,889	\$ 6,944,680	\$ 8,375,209		

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, 2017.

The Tribe categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The Tribe has fair value measurements of \$2,119,882 valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs) and \$13,200,007 valued using other observable inputs (level 2) as of September 30, 2017.

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.

Under certain circumstances the Finance Corporation may make adjustments to fair value for assets and liabilities although they are not measured at fair value on an ongoing basis. The Finance Corporation only had Level 3 financial assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at September 30, 2017, which is summarized below:

Assets Recorded at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis:

Real estate acquired by foreclosure \$ 2,760,016

Real Estate Acquired by Foreclosure – Real estate acquired by foreclosure, upon initial recognition, is measured and reported at fair value through a charge-off to the allowance for possible losses on foreclosed properties based upon the fair value of the real estate acquired by foreclosure. The fair value of real estate acquired by foreclosure is estimated based on assumptions, such as comparable sales of assets, not observable in the marketplace. The significant unobservable inputs used in valuing real estate acquired by foreclosure was to discount the collateral valuation from appraised value by an additional 10% to cover potential liquidation costs.

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

Mortgage Loans Receivable

As of September 30, 2017, the Finance Corporation had 506 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, 2017:

Mortgage loans receivable	\$ 22,561,329
Duluth renovating loan receivable	74,494
Mortgage receivable - FHA	11,343,045
Rental development loans	3,144,453
Revolving loan fund	(8,498,048)
Allowance for doubtful accounts	 (354,362)
Total loans, net of allowance	28,270,911
Less current portion or loan receivable	 (2,509,647)
	\$ 25,761,264

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.

As of September 30, 2017, the Finance Corporation had 18 outstanding business loans. These loans are secured by equipment and real estate.

The business loan receivable consisted of the following as of September 30, 2017:

Business loan receivable Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 428,940 (100,891)
Total loans, net of allowance Less current portion or loan receivable	328,049 (109,640)
Total loans, net of allowance	\$ 218,409

Installment Loans Receivable

As of September 30, 2017, the Finance Corporation had outstanding installment loans with a total receivable balance of \$841,371. 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, 2017, 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	uth 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

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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 18 single family real estate properties to individuals on a month to month basis. Real estate property under operating leases was valued at \$2,517,500 at September 30, 2017, 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 \$168,578 for the year ended September 30, 2017.

Note 6 - Settlement Income

During the year ended September 30, 2017, the Tribe received \$705,607 from the Ramah Navajo Chapter Settlement. The Tribe has determined that it will spend \$105,607 of this funding for building maintenance, and the remaining \$600,000 will be spent over the next 5 years, \$120,000 per year. Currently \$650,000 of the proceeds from the Settlement are included in Assigned Fund Balance.

Note 7 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2017 is as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2017				
Governmental activities								
Capital assets, not being								
depreciated Land	\$ 1,193,542	\$ -	ċ	\$ 1,193,542				
Lanu	\$ 1,193,542	<u> </u>	\$ -	\$ 1,193,542				
Capital assets, being								
depreciated								
Buildings	1,114,021	_	-	1,114,021				
Equipment	379,867	41,474	-	421,341				
Vehicles	28,290	<u> </u>		28,290				
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,522,178	41,474	-	1,563,652				
Less accumulated depreciation for								
Buildings	415,879	52,626	-	468,505				
Equipment	371,145	9,711	-	380,856				
Vehicles	28,290			28,290				
Total accumulated depreciation	815,314	62,337		877,651				
	705.054	(00.000)		505.004				
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	706,864	(20,863)		686,001				
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,900,406	\$ (20,863)	\$ -	\$ 1,879,543				
Pucinoss typo activitios								
Business-type activities Capital assets, not being depreciated								
Land	\$ -	\$ 52,495	\$ -	\$ 52,495				
Capital assets, being depreciated								
Equipment	67,070	24,784	_	91,854				
MCT buildings	1,600,000	2-1,70-1	_	1,600,000				
Other buildings and improvements	400,830	_	(152,229)	248,601				
0								
Total capital assets being depreciated	2,067,900	24,784	(152,229)	1,940,455				
Less accumulated depreciation for								
Equipment	41,358	5,051	_	46,409				
MCT buildings	780,000	80,000	_	860,000				
Other buildings and improvements	220,940	12,429	(152,229)	81,140				
Total accumulated depreciation	1,042,298	97,480	(152,229)	987,549				
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,025,602	(72,696)		952,906				
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,025,602	\$ (20,201)	\$ -	\$ 1,005,401				

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Depreciation expense for the year ended September 30, 2017 was charged to the following functions/programs:

Governmental activities General government Internal Service	\$ 52,626 9,711
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 62,337
Business-type activities Finance Corporation	\$ 97,480

Note 8 - Interfund Balances

A summary of the Tribe's interfund balances as of September 30, 2017 is as follows:

	_	ue from her funds	ot	Due to her funds
Department of Health and Human Services	\$	-	\$	340,274
Nonmajor Governmental Funds		144,621		77,928
General Fund		389,191		-
Business-Type Activities - Finance Corporation		-		30,020
Internal Service Funds		233,936		319,526
	\$	767,748	\$	767,748

The interfund balances are related to reimbursement of borrowed funds.

Note 9 - Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in long-term liabilities during the year ended September 30, 2017 are as follows:

	alance per 1, 2016	Ad	ditions	Retir	ements	Balance nber 30, 2017	Due Within One Year		
Governmental activities Compensated absences	\$ 99,038	\$	6,975	\$	-	\$ 106,013	\$	106,013	

The compensated absences are paid out of the general fund.

Note 10 - 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, 2017). There was no outstanding balance on this line as of September 30, 2017. The line of credit is due on demand and expires on October 31, 2017.

Note 11 - Retirement Plan

As of an effective date of February 1, 1997, the Tribe adopted a 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust for all employees who have attained the age of 18. The Tribe contributes 5% of each covered employee's gross annual wages to the plan. The employee can make additional contributions, not to exceed \$18,000 per year, with certain stipulations. Plan participants are immediately vested 100% in all employer contributions. Contributions made by the Tribe were \$99,893 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

Note 12 - Deficit Fund Balance

The following funds were in a deficit position as of September 30, 2017:

Governmental Funds	
Major Fund	
Department of Health and Human Services	\$ (2,472)
Nonmajor Fund	
Wild Rice Fund	(13,482)
Eldercare Development Project	(26,511)
Internal Service Funds	
Office Space	(98,361)
Administrative Pool	(356,038)
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, 2017:

Claims incurred	\$ 7,051
Claims paid	7,051

Note 15 - Off-Balance Sheet Activities

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation is a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments consist primarily of commitments to extend credit. These financial instruments involve varying degrees, elements of credit, interest rate, liquidity, and market risk in excess of amounts recognized in the statement of net position.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation's exposure to credit loss is represented by the contractual amount of these commitments. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation follows the same credit policies in making commitments as it does for on-balance sheet instruments.

At September 30, 2017, the following financial instrument was outstanding whose contract amount represent credit risk:

Financial instrument whose contract amount represent credit risk
Unused construction lines of credit (A/P building account)
Committed and unfunded construction loan

\$ 205,354 3,000,000

Total \$ 3,205,354

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since a portion of the commitment may expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation evaluates each customer's credit worthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained, if deemed necessary by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation, upon extension of the credit is based on the loan type and management's credit evaluation of the borrower. Collateral consists primarily of real estate.

During fiscal year 2017, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation approved a \$3,000,000 construction line of credit dated July 24, 2017. Any outstanding balance is subject to a 2.00% annual interest rate and the note is payable in full on December 1, 2018. There were no funds advanced as of September 30, 2017.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation's exposure to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instrument for commitments to extend credit is represented by the contract amount of those instruments.

Management does not anticipate any material losses as a result of these financing commitments.



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Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds September 30, 2017

Assets	E	mployee Loan Fund 103	Loan Wisdom Fund Steps		MIAAA orkshops 115		Wild Rice Sales 116	_	Timber Sale 119	usiness relopment 127	 Visdom Steps Board 132	Col Pro 1	bate	onor the Earth 135		conomic velopment 602
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Due from other funds Other receivables Prepaid items	\$	19,911 - 16,727 41,813	\$	- - 591 - -	\$ - - 5,282 - -	\$	- - - -	\$	60,000 - -	\$ 21,521 - - - - 69	\$ 62,021 - - -	\$	- - - -	\$ 24,994 - - - -	\$	1,219 - - - -
Total assets	\$	78,451	\$	591	\$ 5,282	\$	-	\$	60,000	\$ 21,590	\$ 62,021	\$		\$ 24,994	\$	1,219
Liabilities and Fund Balance																
Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Unearned revenue	\$	- - -	\$	- 16 - -	\$ 961 2,680	\$	13,482	\$	- - -	\$ - - - 21,590	\$ - 150 - -	\$	- - - -	\$ - - - 24,994	\$	- - - 1,219
Total liabilities				16	 3,641		13,482			21,590	150		-	 24,994		1,219
Fund Balance (Deficit) Nonspendable For prepaid items Restricted For employee loans For wisdom steps		- 78,451 -		- - 575	- - -		- -		-	69 - -	- - 61,871		- - -	- -		- - -
For timber appraisal For Cobell probate For enterprises		- - -		- - -	1,641 -		- - -		60,000 - -	- - -	- - -		- - -	- - -		- - -
For adult day services Unassigned Total fund balance	_	-		<u>-</u>	 -	_	(13,482)		<u>-</u>	 (69)	 <u>-</u>		-	 	_	<u>-</u>
(deficit)		78,451		575	1,641		(13,482)		60,000	 <u> </u>	 61,871		-	 -		
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	78,451	\$	591	\$ 5,282	\$		\$	60,000	\$ 21,590	\$ 62,021	\$		\$ 24,994	\$	1,219

Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds September 30, 2017

Assets	Bu Ent	Rural Business Federal Flow Enterprise Through 661 701		Through		Through		nergy ervation 740	General ssistance 755	Gre Habita	EPA eat Lakes t Protection 757	Srv	ior Comm c Employ (SCEP) 810	Saint Louis County Racial Disparity 817		LWAH 839	Ad	CSSD - dult Day Services 842	De	Eldercare velopment Project 843	Total lonmajor ernmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Due from other funds Other receivables Prepaid items	\$	117 - - - -	\$	- 7,335 - - -	\$	- - - -	\$ 11,076 - - 106	\$	1,690 - - -	\$	8,718 - - -	\$ - - - - -	\$	17,406 - -	\$	9,693 - - -	\$	- - - - -	\$ 67,762 55,918 144,621 41,813 175		
Total assets	\$	117	\$	7,335	\$		\$ 11,182	\$	1,690	\$	8,718	\$ -	\$	17,406	\$	9,693	\$	-	\$ 310,289		
Liabilities and Fund Balance																					
Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Deferred revenue	\$	- - -	\$	7,335 - -	\$	- - - -	\$ 10,196 - 986 -	\$	1,690 - - -	\$	8,718 - - -	\$ - - - -	\$	17,406 - - -	\$	- - -	\$	26,436 75 - -	\$ 77,928 8,537 3,666 47,803		
Total liabilities				7,335			 11,182		1,690		8,718			17,406		<u>-</u>		26,511	 137,934		
Fund Balance (Deficit) Nonspendable For prepaid items Restricted		-		-		-	106		-		-	-		-		-		-	175		
For employee loans For wisdom steps For timber appraisal For Cobell probate		- - -		- - -		- - -	- - -		- - -		- - -	- - -		- - -		- - -		- - -	78,451 62,446 60,000 1,641		
For enterprises For adult day services Unassigned Total fund balance		117 - -	_	- - -		- - -	 (106)		- - -		- - -		_	- - -		9,693		(26,511)	 117 9,693 (40,168)		
(deficit)		117		<u> </u>			 				-			<u> </u>		9,693		(26,511)	 172,355		
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	117	\$	7,335	\$		\$ 11,182	\$	1,690	\$	8,718	\$ -	\$	17,406	\$	9,693	\$		\$ 310,289		

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Employ Loan Fund 103	ı İ	St	Wisdom Steps 113		MIAAA Workshops 115		Wild Rice Fund 116		Timber Sale 119		Business Development 127		Wisdom Steps Board 132		Cobell Probate 134		Honor the Earth 135		Economic Development 602		Food Stamp Nutrition Education 660	
Revenue Intergovernmental - federal Intergovernmental - state Program income Other	\$ 5,	- - ,775 6	\$	- - - 4,833	\$	- - - 1,650	\$	- - - 45,356	\$	- - - -	\$	57,688 - - - 17,060	\$	- - - 74,055	\$	- - -	\$	- - - 6	\$	131,081	\$	2,771 - - -	
Total revenue	5,	,781		4,833		1,650		45,356				74,748		74,055		_		6		131,081		2,771	
Expenditures Personnel Fringe benefits Travel/training Office expenses Pass-through funds Office and equipment rental Other expenditures		- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		- - - 66 - - - 4,900		- - - 9 - -		- - - - - - -		- - - - - - -		46,436 10,231 - 1,021 - -		18,984 1,073 18,040 - 25,051		33,689 17,055 - 37 - -		- - 6 - -		14,736 3,705 12,551 1,073 - 4,518 68,295		2,051 720 - - - - -	
Total direct expenditures	1,	,923		4,966		9		-		-		57,688		63,148		50,781		6		104,878		2,771	
Indirect costs																				26,203			
Total expenditures	1,	,923		4,966		9						57,688		63,148		50,781		6		131,081		2,771	
Net Change in Fund Balance	3,	,858		(133)		1,641		45,356		-		17,060		10,907		(50,781)		-		-		-	
Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year	74,	,593_		708				(58,838)		60,000		(17,060)		50,964		50,781						<u>-</u>	
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	\$ 78,	,451	\$	575	\$	1,641	\$	(13,482)	\$	60,000	\$	-	\$	61,871	\$		\$		\$	_	\$		

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Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance –
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Bus Ente	ural iness rprise 61	Flow	ederal Through 701	Conse	ergy rvation 40	EPA General ssistance 755	EPA eat Lakes at Protection 757	Srvo (or Comm Employ SCEP) 810	int Louis County al Disparity 817	WAH 839	Adı Se	SD - Ilt Day vices 342	Deve	dercare elopment roject 843	Gov	Total onmajor ernmental Funds
Intergovernmental - federal Intergovernmental - state Program income Other Total revenue	\$	- - - -	\$	41,048	\$	- - 108	\$ 103,040	\$ 80,995 - - - - 80,995	\$	54,032 - - - - 54,032	\$ 137,053 - - 137,053	\$ 71,830 - 3,886 75,716	\$	- - - 185	\$	134,389 - - 134,389	\$	470,655 343,272 5,775 147,145
Personnel Fringe benefits Travel/training Office expenses Pass-through funds Office and equipment rental Other expenditures		- - - - - - -		- - - - 41,048 - -		- - - - - -	42,137 11,053 8,591 1,679 - 4,861 21,620	2,267 612 629 - - - 76,925		44,621 3,546 - - - - 800	23,716 10,017 566 626 - 3,069 81,262	39,682 10,237 7,916 1,733 - 12,000 4,148		- - - - - -		75,478 29,941 7,751 12,403 - -		324,813 97,117 56,988 19,726 59,088 24,448 284,924
Total direct expenditures Indirect costs Total expenditures		- 		41,048		108	 89,941 13,099 103,040	 80,433 562 80,995		48,967 5,065 54,032	 119,256 17,797 137,053	 75,716 - 75,716		185		125,573 3,977 129,550 4,839		867,104 66,703 933,807 33,040
Beginning of Year End of Year	\$	117	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	(108)	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$	9,508	\$	(31,350)	\$	139,315 172,355

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Combining Schedule of Net Position – Internal Service Funds September 30, 2017

Assets	Office Space	Revolving Fund	Computer/ Copy Services	Admin Pool	MCT Insurance	Total
Current Assets Accounts receivable Due from other funds Prepaid expenses and other assets Equipment Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 5,67	- 1,08 - 26,79 - (26,79	90 113,697 90) (71,772)		\$ - 176,280 - - -	\$ 8,732 233,936 3,435 140,487 (98,562)
Total assets	5,67	9 1,08	68,481	36,508	176,280	288,028
Liabilities and Net Position						
Current Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Unearned revenue Noncurrent liabilities	103,40 63			205,832 68,450 12,251	11,340 213	319,526 87,232 12,464
Due within one year		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	106,013		106,013
Total liabilities	104,04	0 17,09	96	392,546	11,553	525,235
Net Position (Deficit) Investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted	86,05 (184,41		- 41,925 .6) 26,556	- - (356,038)	- - 164,727	41,925 86,051 (365,183)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (98,36	1) \$ (16,01	.6) \$ 68,481	\$ (356,038)	\$ 164,727	\$ (237,207)

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position –
Internal Service Funds
Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Office Space		volving Fund	Computer/ Copy Services		Admin Pool		ICT rance		Total
Revenue	\$	¢		23,39	99 \$		ċ		Ś	22.200
Sales of business support revenues Indirect revenue	Ş	- \$	-	23,33	19 \$	471,008	\$	-	Ş	23,399 471,008
Rental revenue	53,07	- 7	-		_	4/1,006		_		53,077
Insurance revenue	33,07	, -	_		_	_	•	345,910		345,910
Other Income	105,60	7			<u>-</u> _			-		105,607
Total operating revenue	158,68	4		23,39	99	471,008		345,910		999,001
Expenses										
Current										
Personnel	9,40	7	-		-	355,151		-		364,558
Fringe benefits	923	3	-		-	122,243		-		123,166
Travel/training		-	-		-	18,989		-		18,989
Office expenses	52	2	-	1,43		24,081		135		25,683
Office and equipment rent		-	-	3,17	70	30,284		-		33,454
Maintenance	76,54	7	-		-	-		-		76,547
Depreciation		-	-	9,72		-		-		9,710
Other expenditures		<u> </u>		7,72	<u> </u>	106,218		300,284		414,218
Total expenses	86,929)		22,01	<u> </u>	656,966	;	300,419		1,066,325
Change in Net Position	71,75	5	-	1,38	38	(185,958)		45,491		(67,324)
Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Year	(170,11)	<u> </u>	(16,016)	67,09	93	(170,080)		119,236		(169,883)
Net Position (Deficit), End of Year	\$ (98,36	1) \$	(16,016)	\$ 68,48	31 \$	(356,038)	\$	164,727	\$	(237,207)

Combining Schedule of Cash Flows – Internal Service Funds Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Office Space	Ro	evolving Fund	mputer/ Copy ervices	Admin Pool	Ir	MCT nsurance	Total
Operating Activities Cash received from customers Cash paid for wages and benefits Cash paid to suppliers	\$ 167,514 (10,330) (260,585)	\$	- - (9,213)	\$ 80,331 - (12,301)	\$ 481,775 (463,388) (194,199)	\$	478,467 213 (302,400)	\$ 1,208,087 (473,505) (778,698)
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities	(103,401)		(9,213)	68,030	(175,812)		176,280	(44,116)
Non-Capital Financing Activities Proceeds from other funds Payments to other funds	103,401		9,213	- (26,556)	205,832 (30,020)		- (176,280)	318,446 (232,856)
Net Cash from (used for) Non-Capital Financing Activities	103,401		9,213	(26,556)	175,812		(176,280)	 85,590
Capital and Related Financing Activities Purchase of equipment	-		-	(41,474)	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	(41,474)
let Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	-		-	-	-		-	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year			_	 _			-	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ _	\$	_	\$ _	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities Change in net position Adjustments for reconcile operating income (loss)	\$ 71,755	\$	-	\$ 1,388	\$ (185,958)	\$	45,491	\$ (67,324)
to cash from (used for) operating activities Depreciation Changes in assets and liabilities	-		-	9,710	-		-	9,710
Accounts receivables Prepaid expenses and other assets Accounts payables Accrued liabilities	8,830 - (183,986) -		- (9,213) -	56,932 - - -	10,767 2,132 (16,759) 14,006		132,557 - (1,981) 213	209,086 2,132 (211,939) 14,219
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities	\$ (103,401)	\$	(9,213)	\$ 68,030	\$ (175,812)	\$	176,280	\$ (44,116)

Combining Balance Sheet – U.S Department of Interior Programs September 30, 2017

	Tribal erations 503	anning roject 515	Reco	Title nciliation roject 516	O	Johnson O'Malley (Various)		Total
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents Prepaid items	\$ 35,911 80	\$ 5,486 -	\$	2,306	\$	93,481 175	\$	137,184 255
Total assets	\$ 35,991	\$ 5,486	\$	2,306	\$	93,656	\$	137,439
Liabilities and Fund Balance Liabilities Unearned revenue Total liabilities	\$ 35,991 35,991	\$ 5,486 5,486	\$	2,306 2,306	\$	93,656 93,656	\$	137,439 137,439
Fund Balance Nonspendable Prepaid items Unassigned Total fund balance	 80 (80)	- - -		- - -		175 (175) -		255 (255) -
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 35,991	\$ 5,486	\$	2,306	\$	93,656	\$	137,439

Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance – U.S Department of Interior Programs Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Tribal erations 503	canning Project 515	 Title onciliation Project 516	Ċ	Johnson D'Malley Various)	Total
Revenue Intergovernmental - federal Contract	\$ 325,621 -	\$ 87,354 -	\$ 87,109 -	\$	169,349 350	\$ 669,433 350
Total revenue	325,621	87,354	87,109		169,699	669,783
Expenditures Current						
Personnel	176,500	68,982	59,458		72,768	377,708
Fringe benefits	50,003	9,342	22,209		19,478	101,032
Travel/training	3,271	´ -	679		11,863	15,813
Office expenses	17,028	55	-		6,688	23,771
Office and equipment rental	23,907	-	-		10,248	34,155
Other expenditures	 10,049	 	 		25,274	 35,323
Total direct expenditures	280,758	78,379	82,346		146,319	587,802
Indirect costs	44,863	8,975	4,763		23,380	81,981
Total expenditures	325,621	 87,354	87,109		169,699	669,783
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-		-	-
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	 				<u>-</u>	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 	\$ -	\$ 	\$	<u>-</u>	\$

Combining Balance Sheet – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Programs September 30, 2017

	NEW/ STRIDE rogram 621	MFIP 808	Title III 830	MIAAA 831	S	utrition Support Services 832	C	aregiver 835	Ti:	tle III-D 840	H Tr	1ental lealth raining 844	Inte Sy	om Steps egrated estems 133	Total
Assets															
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Grants receivable Due from other funds	\$ - - 52,176 -	\$ 1,341 194,308 -	\$ 35,074 - - -	\$ - - 152,529 -	\$	- - 7,956 -	\$	- - 17,328 -	\$	- - 6,108 -	\$	- - 5,679 -	\$	- 867 -	\$ 35,074 2,208 436,084
Prepaid items	 310	 800	 	 		-									 1,110
Total assets	\$ 52,486	\$ 196,449	\$ 35,074	\$ 152,529	\$	7,956	\$	17,328	\$	6,108	\$	5,679	\$	867	\$ 474,476
Liabilities and Fund Balance															
Liabilities Due to other funds Accounts payable Unearned revenue	\$ 49,575 2,911 -	\$ 196,449 - -	\$ - 11,118 23,956	\$ 53,874 98,655 -	\$	9,464 - -	\$	17,294 34 -	\$	6,108 - -	\$	5,679 - -	\$	1,831 - -	\$ 340,274 112,718 23,956
Total liabilities	52,486	 196,449	35,074	152,529		9,464		17,328		6,108		5,679		1,831	476,948
Fund Balance (Deficit) Nonspendable For prepaid items Unassigned	310 (310)	800 (800)	- -	 - -		- (1,508)		- -		<u>-</u>		- -		- (964)	 1,110 (3,582)
Total fund balance (deficit)		 <u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		(1,508)								(964)	(2,472)
Total liabilities and fund balance (deficit)	\$ 52,486	\$ 196,449	\$ 35,074	\$ 152,529	\$	7,956	\$	17,328	\$	6,108	\$	5,679	\$	867	\$ 474,476

Combining Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Programs Year Ended September 30, 2017

	NEW/ STRIDE Program 621	MFIP 808	Title III 830	MIAAA 831	Nutrition Support Services 832	Caregiver 835	Title III-D 840	Mental Health Training 844	Wisdom Steps Integrated Systems 133	Total
Revenue Intergovernmental - federal Intergovernmental - state Other Total revenue	\$ 274,336 - 510 274,846	\$ 581,063 - - - 581,063	\$ 91,492 - 1,000 92,492	416,267 75,210 - 491,477	\$ - - -	\$ 34,554 - - - 34,554	\$ 600 - - - 600	\$ 22,276	\$ - - -	\$ 1,420,588 75,210 1,510 1,497,308
Expenditures	274,640	381,003	32,432	431,477		34,334				1,437,308
Personnel Fringe benefits Travel/training Office expenses Pass through funds Office and equipment rent Other expenditures	89,608 22,577 16,590 9,729 - 15,403 80,936	213,143 52,091 15,159 17,745 - 43,073 152,563	33,544 11,122 22,378 5,101 10,770 7,053 2,524	44,086 8,542 - 750 427,890 - -	- - - - - -	15,389 6,119 5,080 852 - 6,323 791	- - - - - - 600	1,969 - - - 17,237	- - - - - -	395,770 100,451 61,176 34,177 438,660 71,852 254,651
Total direct expenditures	234,843	493,774	92,492	481,268	-	34,554	600	19,206	-	1,356,737
Indirect costs	40,003	87,289		10,209				3,070		140,571
Total expenditures	274,846	581,063	92,492	491,477		34,554	600	22,276		1,497,308
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year			<u> </u>		(1,508)	<u>-</u> _			(964)	(2,472)
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,508)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (964)	\$ (2,472)

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended September 30, 2017

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program	Contract or Pass Through Number	CFDA Number		Expenditures		Th	unts Passed- rough to recipients
U.S. Department of Interior							
Passed-through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal operations	Unknown	15.021		\$ 325,621			
Scanning Project	A16AC00030	15.022	\$ 87,354				
Reconciliation Project Total CFDA #15.022	A16AC00025	15.022	87,109	174,463			
Johnson O'Malley	Unknown	15.130		169,699			
Total U.S. Department of Interior					\$ 669,783		
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services							
Direct programs NEW Program, 10/16 - 12/16		93.594	206,792				
NEW Program, 07/17 - 9/17		93.594	67,514				
Total CFDA #93.594				274,306			
Disease Prevention/Health Promotion, 10/16 - 12/16	16AAMNTPH	93.043		600			
Caregiver Support, 10/16 - 12/16	16AAMNTFC	93.052	7,071				
Caregiver Support, 01/17 - 09/17	17AAMNT3PH	93.052	27,483				
Total CFDA #93.052				34,554			
Special Programs passed through for the MN Board of Aging							
Title III, Part B Grants for Supportive	454444		4= 000				
Services and Senior Centers, 10/16 - 12/16 Title III, Part B Grants for Supportive	16AAMNT3SS	93.044	17,089				
Services and Senior Centers, 01/17 - 09/17	17AAMNT3SS	93.044	75,404			\$	10.770
AAA Administration, 10/16 - 12/16	16AAMNT3	93.044	10,587				10,587
AAA Administration, 01/17 - 09/17	17AAMNT3	93.044	53,000				53,000
Total CFDA #93.044			156,080				
Home Delivered/Congregate Meals, 10/16 - 12/16	16AAMNT3HD/16AAMNT3CM	93.045	44,285				
Home Delivered/Congregate Meals, 1/17 - 9/17	17AAMNT3HD/17AAMNT3CM	93.045	254,567				
Total CFDA #93.045			298,852				298,852
NSIP - Home Delivered/Congregate Meals, 10/16 - 12/16	16AAMNNSIP	93.053	15,982				15,982
NSIP - Home Delivered/Congregate Meals, 1/17 - 9/17	17AAMNNSIP	93.053	34,847				34,847
Total CFDA #93.053			50,829				
Total Special Programs passed through the MN Board of Aging Cluster CFDA #93.044, 93.045, 9	12.052			505,761			
WIN BOARD OF Aging Cluster CFDA #95.044, 95.045, 5	33.033			303,761			
Passed-through State of Minnesota	45004445		400.050				
Minnesota Family Investment Program, 10/16 - 12/16 Minnesota Family Investment Program, 1/17 - 9/17	1602MNTANF 1702MNTANF	93.558 93.558	139,353				
Total CFDA #93.558	1702MINTANF	93.558	441,170	580,523			
				,			
Mental Health Training, 08/01/16 - 06/30/17	Unknown	93.958	15,848				
Mental Health Training, 07/01/17 - 09/30/17 Total CFDA #93.558	Unknown	93.958	6,428	22,276			
				22,270			
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services					1,418,020		

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended September 30, 2017

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program	Contract or Pass Through Number	CFDA Number	Expend	litures	Amounts Passed- Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Commerce					
Direct Programs					
Economic Development Planning, 10/16 - 12/16		11.302	127,275		
Economic Development Planning, 1/17 - 9/17 Total CFDA #11.302		11.302	3,805	1 000	
TOTAL CFDA #11.302			13	1,080	
Total U.S. Department of Commerce				131,080	
Environmental Protection Agency					
Direct Programs					
Great Lakes Program		66.469	8	0,995	
General Assistance Program		66.926	10	3,042	
General Assistance Program		66.926		5,042	
Total Environmental Protection Agency				184,037	
U.S. Department of Agriculture					
Passed-through State of Minnesota					
Department of Human Services					
Food Stamp Nutrition Education	201616Q390342	10.561		2,771	
Rural Business Enterprise Grant	Unknown	10.773	5	7,688	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				60,459	
U.S. Department of Justice					
Direct Programs					
Justice Assistance Grant		16.738		22,006	22,006
U.S. Department of Labor					
Passed-through State of Minnesota Economic Security					
Senior Community Service Employment, 10/16 - 6/17	AD-28755-16-55-A-27	17.235	44,604		
Senior Community Service Employment, 7/17 - 9/17	AD-28755-16-55-A-27	17.235	9,429	4.022	
Total CFDA #17.235			5	4,033	
Total U.S. Department of Labor				54,033	
U.S. Institute of Museum & Library Services					
Direct Program					
Native American Library Services		45.311		19,042	19,042
Total Federal Financial Assistance				ć 2 EE0 400	¢ 46E 000
TOTAL LEGISLA LINGUICIAL ASSISTANCE				\$ 2,558,460	\$ 465,086

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2017. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents on a selected portion of the operations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, it is not intended to and does not present the financial positions, changes in net position or fund balance of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

Note 2 - Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting, except for subrecipient expenditures. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3 - Note 3 - Significant Accounting Policies

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, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tribe's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2019.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Tribe's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tribe's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tribe's internal control.

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 material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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 the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be material weaknesses as items 2017-001, 2017-002, 2017-003, and 2017-004, 2017-006, and 2017-007.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be a significant deficiency as items 2017-005.

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 2017-004 and 2017-008.

Tribe's Response to Findings

The Tribe's responses to the findings identified in our audit is described in the 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 October 28, 2019

Esde Saelly LLP



Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance Required by Uniform Guidance

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 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, 2017. 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 the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance 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 qualified and unmodified opinions 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 costs, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe did not comply with the requirements regarding the following major federal programs.

Finding			
Number	CFDA	Program	Compliance Requirement
2017-008	93.594	NEW Program	Allowable Activities/Allowable Costs

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, 2017.

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, 2017.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as 2017-008. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

The Tribe's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit are described in the 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.

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 Uniform Guidance, 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 item 2017-008, 2017-009, and 2017-010 to be material weaknesses.

Tribe's Response to Finding

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 Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Fargo, North Dakota October 28, 2019

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Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of Auditor's Report Issued Unmodified

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Material weaknesses identified Yes

Significant deficiencies identified not

considered to be material weaknesses Yes

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

Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.516: Yes

Identification of Major Programs

Name of Federal Program or Cluster	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Opinion</u>
Tribal Operations	15.021	Unmodified
NEW Program	93.594	Qualified
Minnesota Family Investment Program	93.558	Unmodified

Dollar Threshold used to Distinguish Between

Type A and Type B Programs \$ 750,000

Auditee Qualified as Low-Risk Auditee?

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

2017-001 Material 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, 2018 to ensure that future audit adjustments will be minimal.

2017-002 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.

2017-003 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.

2017-004 Reporting

Material Weakness and Material Noncompliance

Condition – The September 30, 2017 audited financial statements were not filed with the Federal Audit Clearinghouse by the required due date.

Criteria – Requirements contained in Uniform Guidance 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 ninemonth deadline had passed.

Effect – Non-compliance with Uniform Guidance 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 Uniform Guidance.

Management's Response – The Tribe is currently trying to get their audit status to current with the Federal Government. Unfortunately, the FY 2017 financial statements were unavailable to be audited in a timely manner.

2017-005 Improper Control Procedures around ATM Processes Significant Deficiency

Condition – The Tribe does not have the proper controls to ensure all ATM cash is accounted for.

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 cash (filling the ATM), record keeping and reconciliation functions.

Cause - Lack of training.

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 able to permit complete segregation of duties in all respects for an effective system of internal control, the functions should be reviewed and improved surrounding the ATM 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 cash, record keeping and reconciliation functions would assist in mitigating the risk of fraud or misstatements to the financial statements.

Management's Response –The Tribe will continue to look for further opportunities to segregate duties surrounding ATM procedures.

2017-006 Improper Use of Tribal Credit Cards and Lack of Supporting Documentation Material Weakness

Condition – During the course of our engagement, we noted Tribal issued credit cards were being used to purchase personal items for Tribal employees and repaying through payroll deductions. There was also lack of documentation supporting credit card expenditures.

Criteria – A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for keeping Tribal purchases separate from personal purchases, as well as supporting documentation should be retained.

Cause – Employees with Tribal credit cards are purchasing personal items with Tribal Funds, then repaying the Tribe through payroll deductions.

Effect – This deficiency could result in tribal funds not being repaid and ultimately used for personal purchases.

Recommendation – We recommend that employees not use Tribal credit cards for personal purchases and supporting documentation for all purchases should be retained.

Management's Response – The Tribe will continue to review their policies in this area.

2017-007 Lack of Proper Review of Tribal Credit Card Expenditures Material Weakness

Condition – During the course of our engagement, we discovered that there was a lack of review of Tribal Credit Card Expenditures.

Criteria – A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system designed to review all types of expenditures.

Cause – The Tribe does not have an internal control system designed to review all expenditures.

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

Recommendation – We recommend that credit card purchases are reviewed and approved.

Management's Response – The Tribe will continue to review their policies in this area.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

2017-008 Allowable Activities/Allowable Costs Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance and Material Noncompliance

Federal program Information:

	CFDA			Contract	Award
Federal Agency	Passed-through	Number	Program Title	Number	Year
U.S. Dept. of Health	Minnesota Dept. of	93.594	NEW Program	N/A	2017
and Human Services	Human Services				

Criteria – Requirements contained in 2 CFR Part 900 require that only allowable costs and activities defined by 2 CFR 200 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 – 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 – \$19,772

Context/Sampling – A nonstatistical sample of 60 transactions out of greater than 250 total transactions were selected for testing, which accounted for \$10,099 of \$274,306 of federal program expenditures.

Repeat Finding from Prior year(s) - No

Recommendation – The Tribe should ensure that only allowable costs are being paid for with federal funds, and adequate supporting documentation is retained.

Views of Responsible Officials – Management of the Tribe is in agreement with the finding.

2017-009 Allowable Activities/Allowable Costs Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance

Federal program Information:

	CFDA			Contract	Award
Federal Agency	Passed-through	Number	Program Title	Number	Year
U.S. Department of Interior	Bureau of Indian Affairs	15.021	Tribal Operations	N/A	2017
U.S. Dept. of Health	Minnesota Dept. of	93.558	Minnesota Family	1502MNTANF	2017
and Human Services	Human Services		Investment Program	1602MNTANF	

Criteria – A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for documentation ensuring that all expenditures are reviewed before being paid.

Condition – The Tribe had payments for expenditures that were not reviewed and approved prior to being paid.

Cause – Procedures are not in place to ensure that expenditures are reviewed and approved before being paid.

Effect – Could result in expenditures being questioned costs.

Questioned Costs - None reported

Context/Sampling – 15.021:A nonstatistical sample of 60 transactions out of more than 250 total transactions were selected for testing, which accounted for \$12,988 of \$325,621 of federal program expenditures.

93.558 – A nonstatistical sample of 60 transactions out of more than 250 total transactions were selected for testing, which accounted for \$23,272 of \$580,523 of federal program expenditures.

Repeat Finding from Prior year(s) – Yes, prior year finding 2016-001

Recommendation – The Tribe should ensure that expenditures are being reviewed before paid.

Views of Responsible Officials – Management of the Tribe is in agreement with the finding.

2017-010 Reporting Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance

Federal program Information:

	CFDA			Contract	Award
Federal Agency	Passed-through	Number	Program Title	Number	Year
U.S. Dept. of Health	Minnesota Dept. of	93.594	NEW Program	N/A	2017
and Human Services	Human Services				
U.S. Dept. of Health	Minnesota Dept. of	93.558	Minnesota Family	1502MNTANF	2017
and Human Services	Human Services		Investment Program	1602MNTANF	

Criteria – A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate system for ensuring that all reports are reviewed.

Condition – During the course of our engagement we noted that the controls surrounding the reporting function of these programs were not being properly segregated. There was no review being performed to ensure that all required reports were submitted accurately.

Cause – The Tribe does not have an internal control system designed to ensure all reports submitted are reviewed.

Effect – The control deficiency could result in the Tribe's reports within these programs not being completed accurately.

Questioned Costs - None reported

Context/Sampling – 93.594:A nonstatistical sample of 4 reports out of 8 reports were selected for testing.

93.558 – A nonstatistical sample of 4 reports out of 6 reports were selected for testing.

Repeat Finding from Prior year(s) - No

Recommendation – Management should put procedures in place to ensure that all reports are reviewed and documented.

Views of Responsible Officials - Management of the Tribe is in agreement with the finding.