

**THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Special Meeting
Teleconference
October 26, 2012

A Special meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee was called to order by President Norman Deschampe at 10:11 a.m. via teleconference, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Roll Call: Norman Deschampe, April McCormick, Kevin Leecy, Dave Morrison, Melanie Benjamin, Erma Vizenor, Robert Durant, Ferdinand Martineau, Donald Finn

Members absent: Karen Diver, Curt Kalk, Carri Jones,

Quorum Present:

Others Present: Rick Wuori, Finance Corporation Director, MCT; Brian Brunelle, Director of Administration, MCT; Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel, MCT; Jane Rea Bruce, Admin Secretary, MCT, Joe Plummer, Legal, White Earth; Ron Valiant, Executive Director, White Earth; Liz St. Clair, White Earth; Dennis Peterson, Legal, Fond du Lac; Sean Copeland, Nicole Ramalingam, Reid LeBeau; Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson & Hogen PC.

Mark – Lack of consultation with White Earth by the DNR regarding wolf hunting, contact occurred at Leech Lake. The State closed Fond du Lac reservation to hunting but DNR took over jurisdiction on White Earth reservation.

Erma – No consultation with White Earth, Resolution is good, need to reaffirm government to government relations.

Mark – United States should support the tribe.

Norman – Trust responsibility

Motion by Erma Vizenor to approve Resolution 09-13 to confirm the authority of band governing bodies over reservation resources. Seconded by Ferdinand Martineau. 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Ferdinand asked, is it to reaffirm authority? Melanie Benjamin questioned if it should be a stronger word such as confirm.

Norman – Tell State to stay out.

Ron Valiant - Commissioner of Natural Resources – White Earth not allowing any Wolf Hunting – White Earth doesn't have authority to – state non-Indians on reservation land. Have civil jurisdiction – Press Release.

Kevin – 1854 Authority – position on Wolf Status get together with Grand Portage and Bois Forte.

Norman – paper stated 1854, Bois Forte and Grand Portage. 1854 not authorizing.

Mark – New Assistant Secretary – Kevin brief on issue.

Melanie – MAST meeting Tuesday would carry message or make contacts on this issue if Committee request.

Joe – Mark, would you like to participate in conference call.

Ferdinand – letters – Dennis Peterson – Governor Dayton with resolution – Letter to Regional Director of Fish & Wildlife Services was criticized in response. Only set up meeting – letter will be sent to everyone.

Reid –political side - got in touch with Kevin Washburn. Language taken out – department agreed to consult. Resolution would be carried to governor's office today.

Norman – state is saying they would assert jurisdiction. They state in letter that there has been consultation – not.

Ok to deliver – Resolution before noon to Norman for signature.

Joe – Press Release – reaffirm – no wolf hunting by Indians /non-Indian will issue citations. No hunting – would take action.

Very bad precedents, state will take hold of that case. Reservations only have authority on Trust Land or Fee land.

Minnesota legislature decided to open wolf hunting – not following existing law. Fish & Wildlife – let it all happen, need to stay together, start a lawsuit.

Erma – White Earth plans to hold State government responsible “Position of MCT”

Erma – What a suit would look like and where would it be filed. Federal court – suit directly by MCT to Fish & Wildlife re: Wolf Management plan.

Enforcement action – reservation tribal/trust land. Factual evidence.

Mark – Joe talked with Lac du Flambeau, yes – collective.

Mark – get to governor – circulate promise that didn't keep, will circulate.

Send to everyone.

Mick Finn – no transporting (possession) should be included.

Mark – everyone adopt laws – possession or transport.

Dennis – citation in tribal court – Joe asked would it include - only on trust land – civil to include non-Indian.

Dennis – include roads – Montana, no right of way no alienation.

Joe-no hunting/trapping within the interior boundaries of the reservation.

Erma would like to discuss filing a suit, but not today.

Norman responded yes, attorneys get together with officers and decide on direction next week.

Ferdinand – Karen would only be available on Monday.

Norman – will work out, check schedules.

Motion by Erma Vizenor to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 am. Seconded by Melanie Benjamin .
8 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.