

**TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, July 10, 2023

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

Invocation: Mike Smith Sr.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 100-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligibles (34). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 112-23 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change IX (4-Mattison). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRoque. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Motion Carried.

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

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

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

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

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

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

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

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

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

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

Chairwoman Chavers stated the quarterly reports were acknowledged and received.

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BIA- MN AGENCY: Eric S. Bruguier, Superintendents

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

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

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

UPDATE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM MEETINGS: Cheryl Edwards, Sally Fineday

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL: Brodeen & Paulson

Phil informed the committee that there has been success in Indian Country.

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

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

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

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

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