

THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE
Tribal Executive Committee
Regular Meeting
October 30, 2019

A regular Tribal Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 8:46 a.m. by President Chavers at Grand Casino-Hinckley, Minnesota.

Invocation: Obizaan Lee Staples

Roll Call: Michael J. Fairbanks, Chairman, White Earth; Alan Roy, Secretary-Treasurer, White Earth; April McCormick, Secretary-Treasurer, Grand Portage; Beth Drost, Chairwoman, Grand Portage; Archie LaRose, Secretary-Treasurer, Leech Lake; Faron Jackson, Chairman, Leech Lake; Catherine Chavers, Chairwoman, Bois Forte; Ferdinand Martineau, Secretary-Treasurer, Fond du Lac; Kevin Dupuis, Chairman, Fond du Lac; Sheldon Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer, Mille Lacs; Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Mille Lacs; David Morrison Sr., Secretary-Treasurer, Bois Forte.

Others: Shannon Heisler, Enrollment, White Earth; Tony Villebrun, Enrollment, White Earth; Robert Lintelmann, Forester, BIA-MN Agency; Annabelle Kingbird, BIA-MN Agency; Peter Boney, Rep., Bois Forte; Nora Benjamin, Mille Lacs; John Morrin, Grand Portage; Emily Johnson, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator/Deputy Asst., Mille Lacs; Steve White, Rep., Leech Lake; Peter Nayquanobe, Mille Lacs; Tammy LaRose, Enrollment, Leech Lake; Rick Smith, MHFA; Shane Drift, Rep., Bois Forte; Bruce Savage, Rep., Fond du Lac; Shelly Diaz, Mille Lacs; Kurt Kalk, Mille Lacs; Kaleb Dog Eagle, Syngen Kanassatega, Mille Lacs; Faith Algren, Niigi Radio, White Earth; Lee Staples, Spiritual Advisor, Mille Lacs; Mary Otto, MCT Staff and other interested parties.

Request by Secretary-Treasurer Roy to read a letter to the audience. Re: land transfer meeting and discussion on last night's decision to move to a referendum.

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

Secretary-Treasurer McCormick informed the Committee that the minutes of July 8, 2019 may need corrections; these are draft for review and approval. Chief Executive Benjamin stated in the minutes that names are referenced, need to be more consistent throughout minutes with names. A lot of members have made statements and it usually list only their first names.

President Chavers asked members to please give their full name so we can list first and last in the minutes. The Sandy Lake issue was to be on agenda for this meeting. Information was sent regarding the issue and discussed with Sandy Lake people, the Aubid family felt this issue needed to be discussed in a meeting. We need more information and history on Sandy Lake and Rice Lake.

The agreement is a special meeting in December for Election Ordinance, adjourn meeting and have an educational session for everyone on Sandy Lake and Rice Lake. We need to have the education out there for us to make a decision, open to all to attend. Too important of an issue to address without having background reference at a Tribal Executive Committee meeting. The date would be set today.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose to approve the Special meeting with an Education Session for Sandy Lake. Seconded by Chief Executive Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve the minutes of July 8, 2019, Regular meeting. Seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer McCormick to approve the minutes of September 12, 2019, Special meeting. Secretary McCormick provided a handout with corrections. Seconded by Chairwoman Drost. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve Resolution 01-20, Cost of Living for Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Employees. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Boyd. 10 For, 1 Against (Chairman Dupuis), 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve Resolution 02-20 regarding FY2020 Operating Budget. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Dupuis to approve Resolution 03-20 for the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to formally establish membership in the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) Seconded by Chairman Jackson. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 04-20, update NCAI membership. Seconded by Chairwoman Drost. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 05-20, JAG Grant Application. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve Resolution 06-20, re-contracting JOM 2020. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 07-20 re-contracting CTGP. Seconded by Chairman Jackson 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose to approve Resolution 08-20 supporting the Rights of Manoomin. Seconded by Chairwoman Drost. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Dupuis to approve Resolution 09-20 recovering American's Wildlife Act (RAWA). Seconded by Chief Executive Benjamin. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 10-20 regarding enrollment: White Earth Eligibles (34). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Roy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 11-20 regarding enrollment: White Earth Ineligibles (20). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Roy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 12-20 regarding enrollment: White Earth Transfer to Leech Lake (2). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Roy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 13-20 regarding enrollment: White Earth Relinquish to Ogalala Sioux Tribe (1). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Roy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 14-20 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change I. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Roy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 15-20 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change II. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Roy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 16-20 regarding enrollment: White Earth Blood Degree Change III. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Roy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Fairbanks to approve Resolution 17-20 regarding enrollment: White Earth No Parent Enrolled (2). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Roy. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Dupuis to approve Resolution 18-20 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Eligibles (14). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Dupuis to approve Resolution 19-20 regarding enrollment: Fond du Lac Ineligibles (24). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairwoman Drost to approve Resolution 20-20 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Eligibles (2). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer McCormick. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairwoman Drost to approve Resolution 21-20 regarding enrollment: Grand Portage Ineligibles (3). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer McCormick. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Morrison to approve Resolution 22-20 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Eligibles (15). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Morrison to approve Resolution 23-20 regarding enrollment: Bois Forte Ineligibles (13). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Martineau. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve Resolution 24-20 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Eligibles (38) 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve Resolution 25-20 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs Ineligibles (26). Secretary-Treasurer Boyd. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chief Executive Benjamin to approve Resolution 26-20 regarding enrollment: Mille Lacs No Parent Enrolled (1). Secretary-Treasurer Boyd. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 27-20 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Eligibles (88). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 28-20 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Ineligibles (11). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 29-20 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish from Red Lake Nation (1) 11. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 30-20 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Relinquish to Ft. Yuma Quechan Indians of Arizona (1). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 31-20 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change I. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 32-20 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change II. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 33-20 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Degree Change III. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 34-20 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake Blood Establish Blood Degree. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve Resolution 35-20 regarding enrollment: Leech Lake No Parent Enrolled (2). Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

MINNESOTA SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: Representative Melissa Hortman

Thank you for collaboration in the Sovereignty Day. It really was about education, there are many legislators that needed to know that there are eleven sovereign nations and we need to be engaged in government to government relations and in consultation as we analyze public policy problems and solutions. I'm here in the interest to better develop relationships. Consultation has just begun and will continue into the next year. The next step is to individualize training. Relationship building and education of legislators.

President Chavers thanked Speaker of the House Hortman for bringing forth our issues on behalf of the tribes. It was history making event. We honor and respect her work with the tribes. Now we need to educate people in order to move forward. We have made great strides in the State of Minnesota, we are making those strides but need to continue. Every year we need to provide education as new leadership and staff coming in continuously.

Chief Executive Benjamin stated Sovereignty day was historical in working with the leadership of the tribes. It engaged tribal leadership. There are people in audience that are interested in county and state elections and hopefully federal elections as well. If we can get some support for people who are interested in it, sometimes people don't understand how to raise money for these campaigns, that you and others have the connections support. I will ask for your support for those individuals who are looking to set foot in the political arena.

Speaker of the House Hortman complemented Michael Northbird in running for office. There is a strength in numbers, would like to see more in county government and . She would like to see political power of this community is utilized to its fullest.

Discussion with the Speaker of the House about including tribal members in community engagement and within positions in all forms of government within the State.

Comments from audience (out of order).

President Chavers thanks commenters.

Secretary-Treasurer Morrison thanked and commented on Sovereignty Day at capital. He stated we lost a lot of tribal leaders that were involved in going to the capital that knocked on those doors over the years. We have come so far in progress with the State of Minnesota, current senators, congressmen and congresswomen. It is good to see them coming to the reservation and they are welcoming us to the table to hear our voices. He would like to recognize: Norman Deschampe, Jim Hendrickson, Marge Anderson, Arthur Garbow, Pete Defoe, Sonny Peacock, Alfred "Tig" Pemberton, Gary Donald, Gene Boshey and there is others. We can't forget our strong foundation that assisted us in moving forward. Its because of their strong leadership and commitment for where we are today. He stated that he would like to be part of program if it happens again this year.

Comments from audience (out of order).

President Chavers thanked Speaker of the House Hortman for what she's done in Indian Country.

President Chavers stated we would wave quarterly reports due to a lot of business to take care of. We will break at 10:45, move on with new business: Department of Veteran's Affairs, James Miller.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: James Miller

Invited by Secretary-Treasurer Roy to inform you what we can do to assist the tribes. A new veteran services set up in first year that showed what was needed in Indian Country. Have information to hand out, question: is there anything that can be of assistance with.

President Chavers responded the officers at reservations would like to have an officer on each reservation to for easier access, if the department could look at this for the near future.

Mr. Miller stated that the offices are three hours away from everyone, but transportation could be looked at for each reservation.

President Chavers responded also the ability for use of tele pharmacy. Being able to use technology to contact veteran services to assist veterans in our rural areas.

Mr. Miller responded, yes, it is in the works and will be more involved with.

Secretary-Treasurer Roy thanked Mr. Miller for taking time out of his day. He asked if there were any veterans in audience. Secretary-Treasurer Roy stated that he had asked White Earth honor guard to speak as well. He knows the tribes have done a lot to assist veterans and us grateful for what you're doing. He stated that Native Americans need to apply for benefits. There are a lot of issues the veterans come home with. There are resources for veterans. If permitted, he would like honor guard to say a few words.

Honor guard: read about Veterans Day, it's a federal holiday honoring military veterans. Have a tendency to not recognize the veterans. Most are honored to serve in this force. A lot of them came home but never came home. We have a lot that never came home even though they are sitting with you. That why we have the Veterans Affairs. I never used the services, denied there were issues. There are programs on reservations that will provide transportation for counseling, educations. I am honored to be the new commander of White Earth Honor Guard. I am a Hereditary chief and serve the burial of many of our veterans. Honor Guard are honored to serve the people here.

Secretary-Treasurer Morrison stated that he was not a veteran but knew a lot and have a lot of family members that served. He had an uncle that was killed at twenty years old. Think of veterans that went overseas and were killed, blood line was severed. We lost a member that served two terms in Vietnam. I hold a lot of admiration for veterans, always shake their hand and thank them. Pay for meal of veterans and that's a small way of saying thanks for our Freedom that we have to do things. We need to show our respect to veterans, not only like to hear thank you but welcome home. When we celebrate 4th of July some of the veterans cringe.

Remember to thank veterans they have sacrificed a lot for us. Make a day that veterans service officers can come to the reservation and look up and assist them to find out what services are available.

President Chavers stated that Secretary-Treasurer Morrison heart has always been with the veterans and it shows.

Comments from audience (out of order).

President Chavers Cathy thanked member for speaking.

Break: 10:36 a.m.

Reconvene: 11:09 a.m.

U.S ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS:

Wanted to meet and extend a great partnership and thanked TEC for the experience. It is important to culture and history. To ensure honor and respect from our nation he presented a gift of tobacco to President Chavers.

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (U.S.A.C.E.) is located in St. Paul. Major Patrick Sullivan informed the Committee that there are 41 sites that support the people Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. He described the regulatory district and civil engineering districts that serve tribes in the region. The highlight things that U.S.A.C.E. has: Support navigation on Mississippi river. Flood risk reduction and management. Support for any natural disaster. Environmental management, water is staying clean. Wetlands are protected and Recreation sites regulatory for MN and WI. The points of contact included in the book. Emergency management, tribal partnership, tribal liaison for regulatory, gauge wet land mitigation Map treaties and federal laws, not just legal but moral. Regulatory program: disagreement at times, want to improve communication. Emphasize Outreach- every permit, in database for tribal liaison to look at to ensure not doing something on lands that shouldn't be done.

Comments from audience (out of order).

President Chavers Cathy asked audience member to state your question.

President Chavers thanked audience member for speaking.

President Chavers requested to continue with presentation.

Major Sullivan referred to the emergency management folder, U.S.A.C.E. can help with preparing for future emergencies such as major flooding from storms. U.S.A.C.E. can partner to provide technical service, ensure damage is minimalized. Described Wetland Mitigation and credits. Small business opportunities and jobs in U.S.A.C.E.

President Chavers asked are there any service that include youth. Major Sullivan stated that they are trying to get a workforce development and need to look at engaging youth.

Major Sullivan stated we can work on something and are open to possibly creating. Usually target college graduates but it would be a great opportunity. Anyone interested send email directly.

President Chavers thanked Major Sullivan for presentation.

Comments from audience and questions (speaking out of order).

Secretary-Treasurer April McCormick stated that Grand Portage asked the U.S.A.C.E. to come and consult with us. Historically we have not had a good relationship with U.S.A.C.E.. Grand Portage and U.S.A.C.E. are trying to build a relationship to be consulted early, often that we are different than special interest groups. Part of them coming here today is that they are willing to promote that government to government relationship. We all understand the history of what has happened in the past. We all want to protect our waters and environment. We would like to build in accountability through a type of document, possibly a memorandum of understanding that tribes can have with the U.S.A.C.E..

Secretary-Treasurer McCormick asked for the everyone in the room to consider participating in a silent demonstration. I've been sitting in these meetings as staff member and tribal leader, we've gotten away from a point of order in these meetings. I've watched it being navigated as best we can. There are a lot brilliant minds in the audience that have opinions, they also respect the process and they don't have an opportunity to speak. If you would be willing, I'd like to do a demonstration. I would say that I will take a stand, and just physically stand up to say that we will conduct our meetings with respect, that we will conduct our meetings with a point of order, and the process that our President sets forward here, that we would allow an opportunity for voices to be heard through that process. I'm going to stand up and if you would like to stand up you are welcome to do so.

President Chavers stated a majority of people are standing. Go back to point of order.

Chairman Dupuis stated that Fond du Lac conducts lots of consultation with U.S.A.C.E.. Asked that they come to Fond du Lac for the Tribal Executive Committee meeting and MIAC.

President Chavers requested to continue with the agenda.

USDA: Mr. Troy Daniell

Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservationists I am assigned as liaison across Minnesota for the Ojibwe and Sioux bands. Mr. Daniell thanked Chairman Jackson and Leech Lake reservation who hosted training. Described that NRCS is offering a competitive Farm Bill Grants available, to work with tribal nations, food sovereignty, and clean water energy sovereignty, etc. We have an agreement with Fond du Lac last year, that NRCS would cover the Ojibwe and Sioux bands, in an effort to improve relations with all the Bands in Minnesota. Niki Crow is hired into this position.

President Chavers stated it's good to know there is funding that will be available to assist. Feel that there are some good things that will come out of this.

Comments from audience (out of order).

President Chavers thanked Commenter.

LIQUOR LICENSE:

Motion by Chairman Jackson to approve the Liquor License for Jen's Cabaret/Grandma D's LLC. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer LaRose. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS – MN AGENCY: Robert Lintelmann

Mr. Lintelmann informed the committee of the following announcements: Partners in Action Conference to be held at the Intercontinental, St. Paul. A Listening Session is scheduled with the U.S.A.C.E. The Budget Formulation 2022 meeting, regarding the Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal budgets will also be held. We encourage tribal input and support. A WebEX of the budget meeting will be broadcast. The following staff changes: Retirement, this position hasn't been filled. Gwen John, Acting Superintendent. Patty Olby, Superintendent detailed for 120 days to the Midwest Regional Office.

LEGAL: Phil Brodeen

Phil provided the proposed changes to election ordinance. He asked that it be taken back to Reservation Tribal Councils/Reservation Business Committee for commentary.

Phil informed the Committee that he attended the last Constitutional delegates meeting and engaged with constitution issues. The delegates want to work on their own schedule. He provided information on issues without getting too involved. Discussion on Enrollment, involvement of Tribal Executive Committee, possible option of survey.

The subcommittee issues were resolutions, incorrect blood quantum on base roll, giving the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe latitude to act on.

Joel read the resolution restoring full blood status to 1,089 members who appear as mixed bloods on the 1941 MCT Base Roll but are listed as full bloods on the 1910 Annuity Roll and other prior Annuity Rolls. This resolution was presented at the July 8, 2019 TEC meeting and was tabled. Approved resolution 35-20, Leech Lake not on '41 base roll.

President Chavers asked how many members would be affected. Joel responded that they took a sample and added an 1/8 (eighth) and went back one year for those individuals that would be impacted. There were 111 that were within 1/8 of being enrolled, but that may not be all that could be affected. We have the documentation to support correcting all of the 1,089.

Chairman Jackson – First of all as humans we make mistakes. We need to think about the big picture. I know there are enrollment issues being discussed with constitution reform group. We talk about reforming our enrollment criteria. Also was election ordinance shared with community/membership? We think about these issues, need to be mindful of what their mean. An elder said we need to be respectful. You can detect the anger in their voices. Cultural and traditional ways are not to interrupt.

Secretary-Treasurer Roy stated that he understands sentiment on strategic issues especially on enrollment. I do know a lot of tribal members who want to see action on these issues. He requested Article II and Article IV been added to January agenda. Do we want a short-term solution or long-term solution? Should this be put to the delegates for a referendum vote? Some of the interpretations have not been put to a referendum vote. We are talking about empowering the people. Is the Tribal Executive Committee willing to delegate to the delegates or put this to a petition together? I would submit to the Tribal Executive Committee these need to be on agenda for January's meeting in White Earth.

Comments from audience (out of order).

President Chavers thanked everyone for their comments.

Motion by Secretary-Treasurer Roy to approve Resolution 36-20 restoring to full-blood status. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Morrison. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

Comments from audience (out of order).

President Chavers thanked everyone for their comments. In regard to the enrollment issue, can we address with the constitutional delegation, constitutional reform meetings.

Secretary-Treasurer Roy asked are we delegating to them or need to delegate them?

President Chavers stated that it would be nice to bring back to individual Bands. But would also like to hear from delegates. Phil mentioned a survey. That why we asked about Constitution.

Secretary-Treasurer Roy stated that tribal members feel strong about this issue.

President Chavers stated for informational only the Mille Lacs letter was included and decided to move to an educational meeting.

Michaa Aubid responded chi miigwech to elders for continuing to work with us on this fight.

CONSTITUTIONAL DELEGATION: Carrie Day-Aspinwall

Carrie introduced delegates from each reservation in attendance. She handed out a brief on meetings held, wanted to share who, what and plans. The goal is getting present Constitution to members. Working on role seeking to engage tribal members. Recent discussion: Delegates to attend Tribal Executive Committee meetings and present delegation priorities who will then report back to constitutional delegates at monthly meeting. Address Tribal Executive Committee, consult on enrollment issue. Our other priority is education. We gather on a monthly basis, work on recommending or rebuilding a recognized document. Identified topics: treaty, enrollment, government and education. Include progress date to date, location and progress. Slow progress it may take years. We were able to host Red Lake at one of the meetings. Delegation has created a process, utilized ancestry and clan systems. Agreed on traditional governance to guide us and set basic ground rules. We are all one tribe we are very unique. Begin drafting and parceling out document. Starts at convention then out to community and back to convention. Enrollment is very deep issue; we want to work together on this. How the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe should be organized or structures? Working on basic topics. Some reservations provide funds for delegates to attend meetings. It's a standing agenda item at Minneapolis.

Discussion and comments from audience .

Secretary-Treasurer Roy thanked the delegates for all the hard work. The Tribal Executive Committee was asked to keep their hands off. It's been very productive. White Earth provides for its delegates.

President Chavers stated that this is one instance where Tribal Executive Committee made the right decision. Being addressed by members to talk about enrollment at the next constitutional delegates meeting.

Carrie replied that it is on the agenda for the next meeting. We have heard from different venues and want to make sure we have some good solutions.

Chairman Jackson commended the work of the delegates. He stated the question for the next meeting conversation is when we can come up with rough draft. An idea of a draft to present to Tribal Executive Committee. We need to meet the current needs of membership. A realistic timeframe.

Carrie stated they would work with on timeline. But want to make recommendation and include voice of many of our Band members. It's going to take a lot to pass a new revised constitution. The priority is education about the constitution. Communication is critical. Nijjii radio had been broadcasting our meetings.

Millie Holmes asked if the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe could be a fiscal agent to apply for grants to continue with the Constitutional Delegate meetings.

Motion by Chairwoman Drost to approve the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe as fiscal agent for the Constitutional Delegates meetings. Seconded by Chairman Jackson. 11 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent. Carried.

President Chavers stated she would take back information regarding discount on hotel rooms.

Discussion on timelines. Comments from audience (out of order).

INFORMATION LETTER: An update included in packet.

Set Calendar:

December 9, 2019

Special Tribal Executive meeting at Black Bear
Casino Hotel, Election Ordinance/Education on
Sandy Lake

January 30, 2020	Subcommittee meetings, White Earth
January 31, 2020	Tribal Executive Committee, White Earth
April 30, 2020	Subcommittee meetings, Black Bear
May 1, 2020	Tribal Executive Committee, Black Bear
July 13, 2020	Subcommittee meetings & Tribal Executive Committee, Bois Forte
October 22, 2020	Subcommittee meetings, Grand Portage
October 23, 2020	Tribal Executive Committee, Grand Portage

President Chavers asked for a motion to adjourn.

Comments from audience (out of order).

President Chavers explained the bill is a draft, the MCT land ordinance gives authority. This isn't a land transfer is actually a title change. Letters from two tribes that want to continue with title change. This issue has been outstanding for 10 plus years. No longer be dealing with the resolution has an opt out clause. They can have a referendum within White Earth if they want to do it.

President Chavers called for a motion to adjourn that we are out of order, calls for order.

Chairman Jackson a very sensitive issue. We are all in this together, we all make mistakes. If Tribal Executive Committee body wants to look at again, I'm ok with that. For 85 years it's been Minnesota Chippewa Tribe land. If Tribal Executive Committee wants to revisit and have a referendum vote. I'm Ok with it. Everyone looks at things differently, want to handle this respectively.

President Chavers stated we can't do a vote today; Chief Executive Benjamin had previous engagement.

Motion by Chairwoman Drost to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. Seconded by Secretary-Treasurer McCormick. 9 For, 2 Against (Chairman Fairbanks, Secretary-Treasurer Roy), 0 Silent. Carried.