

# MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 10/31/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Raymond B., Julie H-C

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. We discussed the responsibilities of the General Assembly, which have the role of law and rulemaking.
2. When Earth's last convention meeting recording is available so Carol can change the Alliance Document. (Minutes of that discussion will be an attachment to the Drafting Committee minutes.)
3. General Concerns:
  - TEC resolution that they don't have to disclose financial information or where they are spending the money.
  - TEC and RBC are not Governments. They are a Business. Before PL 280, RBC was a Business Committee, but now they state they are RTC a Reservation Tribal Council. They use the title RTC (aka RBC).
  - TEC Resolution states that they are the only ones to interrupt the Constitution.
  - Natural Resources policies are not enforced. (i.e., Farmers leasing land clear-cut the Oak trees.)
  - Non-Indians buy state licenses to hunt, fish, etc., on Indian land. That license is all they need. Non-Indians are coming on Indian land with only a State license. Indians must have two licenses: one to hunt, fish, etc., on the reservation and a state license to hunt fish, etc., off the reservation.
  - Indians have to buy a license from the State to use our lands. We should be able to use our Indian Card.
  - We should sell licenses to hunt, fish, gather on our land, and keep the revenue. The State takes it now.
  - There is no enforcement of the non-Indians. The County Sheriff is over the tribal police, who can deal with the Indians but not with the non-Indians.
  - In the past, Indians were arrested for hunting, fishing, etc., on ceded land. Now, there is more recognition of our rights.
4. Convention 11/20/23 Zoom Only

**Next Meeting:** 11/7/23 at 6 PM.