

MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 4/4/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Participants: Marcie M., Julie H-C., Rita E., Wally S., Michaa A.,
Raymond B.,

Guest: Birdie R.,

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitution Alliance

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with Birdie R. of Mille Lacs

1. Declaration statement to identify problems

- MCT is a Problem
 - It is an organization and should not have governing powers over tribes.
 - It should not deal with Enrollment, Land, and Elections. They belong in the hands of the tribes.
 - They should not interfere with the sovereignty and self-determination of Tribes.

2. Government System

- There is a disconnect with the current government through the RBC.

3. MCT Research

- Results of Mille Lacs' investigation will be available soon. Mille Lacs will present the research findings at the May Convention.

4. Alliance

- Mille Lacs agrees with and supports an Alliance if the power is not in an organization.

5. Mille Lacs disagreed that Sandy Lake was a seventh reservation, which led to a discussion on how the Sandy Lake Bands and other bands and villages were organized and became a part of Mille Lacs and other reservations.

6. Mille Lacs' government structure lead to a discussion that they are no different than the other bands because they are under the same constitution.

7. Hereditary Chief and how to use them in the new system of government.
8. Birdie will take information back to the people and discuss the purpose of the Alliance and the new Constitution and governing system. They like a partnership and working together. Agree with an Alliance as long as Sovereignty and Self-determination are not compromised.
9. Land issues discussed.
10. definite need for community education.

Actions:

Next meeting: 4/11/23 at 6 PM