

MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 7/18/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Marcie M., Rita E., Raymond B., Gerald W.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

1. MCT organized under the authority of the 1934 Indian reorganization ACT.
2. County can't tax land on Reservations
3. Rita send a copy of Fact Sheet: Biden Harris Administration-Combat Mental Health
4. Tribal Enrollment- DNA testing
5. Which employees are non-native, and which are native? How many Vets are employed?
6. Lets put business on Reservation-tax incentives.
7. File our own Declaration of Independence.
8. Grand Council makes their own decisions.
9. Check on Indian employment Policy.
10. Ther is a resolution stating that they don't have to tell us how they are spending money. Change this in the Alliance Document. Ask MCT Accounting Dept. about Federal and State contracts. They should be Accountable. A safeguard would be to have the Secretary/Treasurer bring it before TEC and Each Band.
11. The Tribal Office at Cass Lake should meet with Dept. heads about programs they have in each Dept. Sub-committee at TEC quarterly.
12. Concern about leaking pipelines.
13. Who owns mineral rights?
14. WELSA Land Settlement at White Earth-It has to do with Land Titles they retain-the right to subsurface. The government took over control of the land. They handle the Trust, and the People own the land.
15. In the 1800 the U.S. Government own mineral rights heirship land. The land document needs to say what surface goes with it, minerals etc. Lead your patent tells what the original ownership trace down to see if someone sold it. Land was bought, sold, and traded.
16. Why does MCT own land?
17. People must do Probate/Will research. Use FOIA, Freedom of Information Act. Come September, the office will be closed, and everyone will have to do their own. The agency gets a \$3500 fine if they don't complete your request in 2 months or after an extension.
18. Who is responsible if something happens to a grant? If money is not used properly?

Actions:

Rita will look at Charter and see what protection in it can be use in Alliance.

Next meeting: 7/25/2023 at 6 PM