

MN CHIPPEWA TRIBE CONSTITUTION REFORM CONVENTION
HOSTED BY THE LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE
OCTOBER 27, 2022

ATTENDING:

LL, Sally Fineday

FDL, Cheryl Edwards

LL, Frank Reese

LL, Debra Storbakken

BF, Tracey Dagen

LL, Jerry Morgan

WE, Jolyn Donnell

WE, Patty Straub

WE, Joy Annette

WE, Char Ellis

WE, Gertrude Buckanaga

SL, Veronica Skinaway

SL/RL, Michaa Aubid

SL/RL, David Niib Aubid

FDL, Debra Topping

FDL, Sherry Cochran

LL, Christina Bowstring

LL, Tara Fineday-Voight

WE, Michael LaRoque

WE, Annette Vizenor

WE, Colleen Blattenbauer

WE, Norma Bakka

WE, Lucille Kalk

WE, Karen Wadena

WE, Missy Fairbanks

WE, Joan Thompson

WE, Karen Houle

WE, Emily Annette

WE, Bobbi Jo Thompson

WE, Barb Thompson

WE, Barb Hanks

WE, Sandi Revier

WE, Angel Stevens

LL, Wally Storbakken

LL, Mikele Finn

Faron Jackson, Sr., provided a welcome to the Delegations.

Michael Smith, provided the invocation

Sally Fineday, presented the majority rule versus the consensus

General discussion took place:

- Frank Reese stated the super majority problem was solved by Jason Decker.
- BQ vote, WE questioning the process
- Cheryl Edwards reviewed the strategic planning and how the process provides a path to determine voting at this convention and others.
- General Discussion took place
- Gertrude Buckanaga spoke about how urbans do not get the information and there must be a plan
- September of 2021, the convention where BQ was decided upon to bring to the TEC for a secretarial election.
- Wally Storbakken states stay focused on the plan, the constitution work is moving forward
- WE stated we are not tribes – LL and WE – we are united with the MCT

Project Plan was presented by Birdie Roberts, ML

Lunch break took place.

Assignment for delegates was discussed and concerns were put forth:

- Frank Reese stated there was a twelve-month mandate, but that was not heeded. The Constitution was written and went forth in 18 months. Willard Leaf transferred land when the superintendent was out of the office.

Committee reports took place.

TEC - Discussion took place with regard to the TEC meeting on October 28th
Cheryl Edwards presented the TEC report and a vote to move forward was 6-0.

Drafting Committee – the MCT Allegiance Document was distributed and reviewed as many of the WE elders had not seen it.

Education Committee – No updates. Will work on a one-page education piece to help citizens to understand the secretarial election.

Survey Committee – No updates. Need more committee members.

Finance Committee – explained the Bush grant must be redrafted. The subcommittee will work on redraft by meeting in person.

PR Committee – No update. No meeting yet.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes by Debra Storbakken and Sally Fineday.