

MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 10/10/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Marcie M., Raymond B., Clair G.,

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Carol received the Fond du Lac tax agreement from the Minnesota Department of Revenue. The agreement can be terminated at the end of the year after giving 90 days prior notice. The other bands should get their tax agreements to determine their conditions and terms of terminating the agreement. Use the e-mail address craig.steiner@state.mn.us to obtain your copy.
2. Draft of the Organization chart of the Grand Council.
3. Regarding the Representative of the Grand Council, keep their roles short.
4. Suggestions for the Grand Council section:
 - Determine how many elected representatives will be and then determine the quorum.
 - Remove the word "Constitution."
 - Regular quarterly meetings.
 - Representatives serve two years. Figure out how to have staggered terms.
 - Determine the percentage of citizen signatures needed to petition for a special meeting. One delegate suggested that it should be 10% of resident tribal members. The question asked what issues qualify for a special meeting. It cannot be a personal issue. It should relate to the role of the Grand Council.
 - We need a person at the band level to do background checks and determine who can see records, etc.
 - Ask The Citizen Council to assess their groups' funding needs.
 - Ask the governing Bodies what they are spending the money on.
 - A certified professional accountant should conduct the audit.
5. Evaluating the efficiency of programs, policies, and procedures is a whole new area of study, but it is also common sense.
6. Transition into this new government system is a hierarchical structure.

Next Meeting: 10/17/23 at 6 PM