

# MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 8/1/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Review White Earth's proposed governance plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Clarified the statement Kevin Dupius made about Resolution 1-80. When 1-80 was implemented, we didn't need the Secretary of the Interior. Raymond and drafting members disagree. Article XV requires the Secretarial to approve all resolutions and ordinances. TEC did not follow the procedure in the constitution; therefore, none of the resolutions or ordinances are invalid. The Secretary of the Interior failed to stand up against this practice. That gave TEC an open field to write the Resolution for TEC to make themselves as the only body of government to Interpret the Constitution.
2. Carol has been reading past TEC meeting minutes. They are revealing. Last week talked about how much DNA testing would cost, thought it would be around \$600. The notes stated that TEC uses Labcorp, and it costs \$50. The minutes also show that MCT loses IDC money when audits are not up-to-date. They have been three years behind.
3. Huge dump trucks are taking Uranium from a 15-mile stretch on White Earth, causing the potential to poison the water. TEC/RBC is doing nothing.
4. MCT organization chart received. Interesting that Ms. Chavers serves as the Chairperson for Bois Forte, the President of TEC, and the President of MCT. We question the Conflict of Interest and legality of this structure. It also seems like there is so much overlay of positions (Director, Assistant, Specialist, Coordinator, etc) all under the same Department.
5. Topic for next Convention on 8/18/23 hosted by Fond du Lac.
  - Alliance Document to get consensus on Articles.
  - UNDRIP-where in Alliance do we address UNDRIP rights?
6. Changed language in Article XI Citizenship to lineal descent.
7. Change the language in General Assembly Section 11. (r) &(s) or combine them. A process is needed.
8. Put No Mine Land Use Plan of 1994 (see Grand Portage).

9. WELSA Mineral Study, and there is a confidential report of land title and what is underneath.

10. Review White Earth Nation's Model and incorporate any relevant items into the Bylaws.

9. Judiciary- still need to determine how P.L. 280 impacts this court.

10. Start the Taxation discussion for next week.

11. Discussion if Judges should be elected or appointed.

**Action:**

1. Rita will examine the Charter and see what safeguards in the Charter can be used in the Alliance document.

2. Raymond will try to find the Original Allottee list of White Earth with the Two Columns (Indian and no-White).

3. Raymond will send a copy of his past paperwork on taxation.

**Next meeting:** 8/8/2023 at 6 PM