

Quarterly Board Meeting


Tuesday November 21, 2023

Mystic Lake Event Center, Little Crow, 2400 Mystic Blvd NW Prior Lake, MN 55372

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order – Robert Larsen, Board Chair
- II. Invocation and Prayer – Secretary/Treasurer, Rebecca Crooks-Stratton/ Drum Group:
Little Earth Singers
- III. Roll Call – Robert Larsen, Board Chair

MIAC Executive Board Members	
<i>Board Chair—Robert L. Larsen, President Lower Sioux Indian Community</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Vice-Chair— Robert (Bobby) Deschampe, Chairman Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Kevin R. DuPuis, Sr., Chairman Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Cathy Chavers, Chairwoman Bois Forte Band of Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Johnny Johnson, President Prairie Island Indian Community</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Mike Fairbanks, Chairman White Earth Nation</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Samuel Strong, Secretary Red Lake Nation</i>	ABSENT
<i>Board Member—Cyndy Milda, for Rebecca Crooks Stratton, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Melanie Benjamin Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i>	PRESENT

9 out of 10 present

A quorum was present

Non-voting members present:

Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan – Governor’s Office Tribal State Relations Patina Park

Representative Liish Kozlowski

Commissioner of Administration – Tamar Gronvall

Commissioner of Corrections – Deputy Commissioner Sofia Khan for Paul Schnell

Commissioner of Education –Willie Jett

Commissioner of DEED – Matt Varilek

Commissioner of Health – Brooke Cunningham

Commissioner of Human Service – Jodi Harpstead

Commissioner of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency – Jennifer Leimaile Ho

Commissioner of Human Rights – Rebecca Lucero

Commissioner of Natural Resources – Sarah Strommen

Commissioner of Transportation –Nancy Daubenberger
Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Ida Rukavina
Commissioner of Veteran Affairs – Interim Commissioner Brad Lindsay

Non-voting members absent:

Senator Mary Kunesch (Excused)
Senator Paul Utke
Representative Bobbie Harder

Visiting Commissioners present:

Commissioner of Agriculture – Thom Peterson
Commissioner of Commerce – Grace Arnold
Chair of Met Council – Vice Chair for Met Council Reva Chamblis for Charles Zelle
Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget – Erin Campbell
Commissioner of Military Affairs – MG Shawn Manke
Commissioner of MnIT –Tarek Tomes
Commissioner of Office of Higher Education – Deputy Commissioner Willie Sullivan for Dennis Olson
Commissioner of Labor and Industry – Liaison Helen Waquiu for Nicole Blissenbach
Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency –Katrina Kessler
Commissioner of Public Safety – Bob Jacobson
Commissioner of Revenue – Paul Marquart

Visiting Commissioners absent:

- I. **MIAC MEETING MINUTES** – MOTION by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag, White Earth Nation to approve the August 2023, minutes, seconded by Zagaakwaandagowiniwag, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

- II. **MIAC STAFF REPORTS** – Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Grants Manager – bypassed due to executive session. No motion
**Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.*

BOARD UPDATES: Governor’s Office Patina Park Executive Director Tribal State Relations; Representative Liish Kozlowski; Department of Administration – Commissioner Tamar Gronvall; Department of Corrections – Deputy Commissioner Sofia Khan; Department of Education – Commissioner Willie Jett; DEED – Commissioner Matt Varilek; Department of Health – Commissioner Brooke Cunningham; Department of Human Service – Commissioner Jodi Harpstead; Department of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency – Commissioner Jennifer

Leimaile Ho; Department of Human Rights – Commissioner Rebecca Lucero; Department of Natural Resources – Commissioner Sarah Strommen; Department of Transportation – Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger; Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Commissioner Ida Rukavina; Department of Veteran Affairs – Interim Commissioner Brad Lindsay

AGENCY UPDATES: Department of Agriculture – Commissioner Thom Peterson; Department of Commerce – Commissioner Grace Arnold; Met Council – Vice Chair for Met Council Reva Chamblis; Department of Minnesota Management and Budget – Commissioner Erin Campbell; Department of Military Affairs – Major General Shawn Manke; MNIT– Commissioner Tarek Tomes; Department of Office of Higher Education – Deputy Commissioner Willie Sullivan; Department of Labor and Industry – Tribal Liaison Helen Waqui; Department of Pollution Control Agency – Commissioner Katrina Kessler; Department of Public Safety – Commissioner Bob Jacobson; Department of Revenue – Commissioner Paul Marquart

III. REPORTS:

Ombudsperson for American Indian Families – Jill Esch
Addiction and Recovery Director, Jeremy Drucker
Urban Indian Advisory Board – None
Tribal Nations Education Committee – Dan Morgan
Joint Advisory Committee – Bonnie Fairbanks

I. APPOINTMENTS and RESOLUTIONS

1. **Acute Care Transitions Advisory Council** – Chairwoman Cathy Chavers, Motioned by Cansa'yapi/ Lower Sioux Indian Community, Second by Misi-zaaga'iganiing/ Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
2. **Agriculture Research, Education, Extension, and Technology Transfer (AGREET) Advisory Committee** – Jon Houle, Mille Lacs, Motioned by Misi-zaaga'iganiing/ Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Second by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong/ Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
3. **Community Resource Center Advisory Council** – Wahbon Spears, Motioned by Mille Lacs, Motioned by Misi-zaaga'iganiing/ Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Second by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong/ Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
4. **Community Supervision Advisory Committee** – Police Chief Jon Priem of Prairie Island, and Brandon Alkire, Motioned by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Second by Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

5. **Violent Crimes Coordinating Council** – Deputy Chief Derrick Naumann from Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department, Motioned by Misi-zaaga'iganiing/ Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Second by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong/ Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
6. **Urban Indian Advisory Board** – Dr. John Little Wolf, Motioned by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Second by Misi-zaaga'iganiing/ Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
7. **Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council** – Kristi Schoen (Dakota), Motion by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Second by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong/ Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent** AND Pamala Hughes (Ojibwe), Motion by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Second by Mdewakanton / Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
8. **American Indian Specific Board** – Naida Medicine Crow, Motioned by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, Second by Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
9. **Gov. Board of Commissions Team - Psychedelic Medicine Task Force** – Susan Beaulieu, Motioned by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong/ Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Second by Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag / Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
10. **Governors Freight Railroad appointment** – President Grant Johnson, Motioned by Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community, Second by Cansa'yapi / Lower Sioux Indian Community **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
11. **Task Force on Pregnancy Health and Substance Use Disorder** – Tammy Desjarlait of Lower Sioux, Cherilyn Spears of Red Lake, Shanna Vidor of Bois Forte, Rebecca Dunlap of Fond du Lac, ALL Motioned by Cansa'yapi / Lower Sioux Indian Community, Second by Misi-zaaga'iganiing/ Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
12. **Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority (MNCIFA) Board** – Chief Executive Officer Melanie Benjamin, Motioned by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Second by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent** and/or Treasurer Michael Childs Jr., Motioned by Mdewakanton /Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Second by Cansa'yapi / Lower Sioux Indian Community **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

13. **Resolution for Indian Recovery Act** – Tabled
14. **Resolution for Return of Upper Red Lake to Red Lake Nation** – Tabled,
Passed at December emergency meeting, Vote of 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

III. NEW BUSINESS:

IV. Public Comments:

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting Adjourned: 5:15 PM motioned by Gichi-Onigaming, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Seconded by Zagaakwaandagowiniwag, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Geshick, Executive Director
Opalina Peralta, Executive Admin. Assistant