

Minnesota Indian Affairs Council
Quarterly Board Meeting
Via WebEx
Friday, June 26, 2020
9:00 AM—4:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order - Vice Chairwoman Buck
- II. Invocation and Prayer offline - Chairman Larsen
- III. Roll Call- Shannon Geshick, Executive Director

MIAC Executive Board Members:

Robert L. Larsen, <i>President Lower Sioux Indian Community</i>	PRESENT
Shelley Buck, <i>President Prairie Island Indian Community</i>	PRESENT
Kevin R. DuPuis, Sr., <i>Chairman Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
Cathy Chavers, <i>Chairwoman Bois Forte Band of Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
Faron Jackson, Sr., <i>Chairman Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</i>	ABSENT
Beth Drost, <i>Chairwoman Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
Michael Fairbanks, <i>Chairman White Earth Nation</i>	PRESENT
Sam Strong, <i>Council man, Red Lake Nation</i>	PRESENT
Rebecca Crooks-Stratton, <i>Sec/Treasurer Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i>	PRESENT
Melanie Benjamin, <i>Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i>	PRESENT

A quorum was present.

Non-voting members present:

Governor's Office- Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
State Representative Mary Kunesh-Podein
State Representative Dean Urdahl
Commissioner of Administration—Alice Roberts-Davis
Commission of Corrections—Paul Schnell
Commissioner of Education—Mary Cathryn Ricker
Commissioner of DEED—Steve Grove
Commissioner of Health—Jan Malcolm
Commissioner of Human Service—Jodi Harpstead
Commissioner of Human Rights—Rebecca Lucero
Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation—Mark Phillips
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency—Jennifer Leimaile Ho
Natural Resources—Sarah Strommen
Transportation—Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Veteran Affairs—Larry Herke

Visiting Commissioners

Agriculture – Tom Peterson
Bureau of Mediation Services – Janet Johnson
Commerce – Steve Kelley
Labor and Industry – Nancy Leppink
Management and Budget – Myron Frans
Met Council Chair – Charles Zelle
Military Affairs – Major General Jon Jensen
MnIT – Tarek Tomes
Office of Higher Learning – Dennis Olson
Pollution Control Agency – Laura Bishop
Public Safety – John Harrington
Revenue – Cynthia Bauerly

- IV. Review and Approval of February 18,2020 Meeting minutes
MOTION by Bois Forte, Seconded by Prairie Island; Motion carries.
- V. REPORTS—MIAC staff, Cultural Resources, Legislative & Grants Director—bypassed due to Executive Session. Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.
- VI. REPORTS: Urban Indian Advisory Board, Ombudsperson for American Indian Families, and Joint Advisory Council
- VII. BOARD UPDATES: Lt. Governor Flanagan, Rep. Urdahl and Rep. Kunesch-Podein.
- VIII. AGENCY UPDATES: State Agency Commissioners
- IX. CONTINUED UPDATES: Visiting Commissioners
- X. PRESENTATIONS: **Reservation Homeless Study**; Nicole MartinRogers, Wilder Research; Tammy Moreland, Chair of the Minnesota Tribal Housing Collaborative, Wraparound Coordinator, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, **Voting in Minnesota Elections**; Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State, **The Falls Initiative**; Mark Andrew, President and Kjersti ; Monson, Project Director, Friends of the Falls, **Community Action Agencies and Tribal Governments**; Bill Grant, Executive Director, Minnesota Community Action Partnership; Robert Benes, Executive Director, Lakes and Pines Community Action and MInnCAP board chair, **Senior Director American Indian Tribal Nations Relations**, Tadd Johnson, University of Minnesota, **Apple Trees for Tribal Nations Initiative**, Dr. August Hoffman, Metro State University, **Tribal Consultation Policy**, Leonard Geshick and Susan Mezzenga, Minnesota Board on Aging
- XI. OLD BUSINESS
Executive Board Vote on Tribal Delegate for State of Minnesota Broadband Taskforce
Sheldon Boyd – 1 vote Mille Lacs
Walter Frank Reese – 1 vote Leech Lake Band
Jason Holliday – 4 votes Fond du Lac, Prairie Island, Red Lake Band, and Bois Forte
MOTION by Prairie Island, second by Bois Forte; Motion Carries.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Approval of resolutions:

1. Resolution #06262020_01 Rick Smith American Indian Center
Motion to approve Mille Lacs, **Second** Prairie Island: 7 For 0 Against 0 Silent
Resolution is adopted
2. Resolution #06262020_02 University of Minnesota Repatriation
Motion to approve Red Lake, **Second** Prairie Island: 7 For 0 Against 0 Silent
Resolution is adopted
3. Resolution #06262020_03 University of MN to Fulfill Obligations to the Tribal Nations
Motion to approve Fond du Lac, **Second** Prairie Island: 7 For 0 Against 0 Silent
Resolution is adopted

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting: August 28, 2020 Hybrid meeting with Tribal Leaders at Mille Lacs and Public via WebEx

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Geshick, Executive Director