

Leech Lake Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
Government Center – Cass Lake, Minnesota

A meeting was called to order by Chairman Faron Jackson, Sr. at 9:10 a.m.

Roll call:

Present – Kyle Fairbanks (arrives at 9:56 a.m.), Steve White, LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks (arrives at 9:17 a.m.), Lenny Fineday and Faron Jackson, Sr.

Absent – None

Quorum present.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion by L. Fineday, second by S. White and unanimously carried by a vote of 2-0-0 to approve the agenda of January 24, 2023 as presented.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion by L. Fineday, second by S. White and unanimously carried by a vote of 2-0-0 to approve December 30, 2022 special meeting minutes as presented.

New Business:

Presentation by Cassandra Tapio, Opioid Prevention

A motion by L. Fineday, second by S. White approved by a vote of 2-0-0 to approve the Minnesota Department of Human Services (MDHS) State Opioid Response (SOR) contract and Amendment No. 1 as presented.

District III Representative Leroy Staples-Fairbanks arrives at 9:17 a.m.

Presentation by Patricia Broker, Early Childhood

A motion by L. Fineday, second by S. White and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0-0 to approve the contract with Embrace to provide mental health services to the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs as presented.

A motion by L. Staples-Fairbanks, second by L. Fineday and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0-0 to approve the professional service contract with Itasca Area School Collaborative to serve 17 children in the pre-school age as presented.

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0-0 to approve the mental health services contract with Lake Country Associates as presented.

Presentation by Melissa George-Humphrey, Behavioral Health

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0-0 to approve the Lamar contract for the printing and installation of billboards as presented.

Presentation by Joe Fowler, Land

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0-0 to adopt the following land resolutions as presented:

- LD2023-78** Margaret and Russell Bryan, Jr., New Lease – S. Lake
- LD2023-79** Cleveland Harrison, Rescind Res. No. LD2015-63 – Buck Lake
- LD2023-80** Joseph A. Jones, Jr., New Lease – Buck Lake
- LD2023-81** Muriel Ellis, New Lease – Buck Lake
- LD2023-82** Sloane Dunn, Rescind Res. No. LD2014-145 – North Cass Lake
- LD2023-83** Clyde Morgan, New Lease – North Cass Lake
- LD2023-84** Aryn L. Tanner, Rescind Res. No. LD2012-130 – North Cass Lake
- LD2023-85** Kate Harrison, New Lease – North Cass Lake
- LD2023-86** Charles S. Bobolink, Sr., New Lease – East Cass Lake
- LD2023-87** Jacquelyn L. Wright, New Lease – Old Agency
- LD2023-88** Margaret Jordan, New Lease – Old Agency

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0-0 to approve **Resolution LD2023-89** for the expansion of St. John’s Cemetery in Onigum as presented.

Presentation by Shannon Budde, Accounting

A motion by L. Staples-Fairbanks, second by L. Fineday and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0-0 to approve the FY23 Indirect Cost Proposal at 24.44% as presented.

A motion by L. Fineday, second by S. White and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0-0 to approve FY23 Self-Governance Multi-Year Funding Agreement Amendment #3 as presented.

Presentation by Laurie Harper, Education

A motion by L. Fineday, second by S. White and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0-0 to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between Leech Lake Education and Minnesota Department of Education as presented.

District I Representative Kyle Fairbanks arrives at 9:56 a.m.

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to approve the waiver request on IPP for Impact Aid application for TrekNorth Charter School as presented.

Presentation by Dave Paquette, Human Resources

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to table the Essential Services Employee policy.

Presentation by Robert Washington, Accounting

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to approve **Resolution No. 2023-61** FY23 Budget Authority as presented.

A motion by L. Staples-Fairbanks, second by L. Fineday and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to approve the REDW Auditing Firm for the FY21 Audit as presented.

Presentation by Mike Auger, Gaming

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to approve **Resolution No. 2023-62** FY23 Gaming Budget Authority as presented.

Presentation by Chris Murray, Legal

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to approve the LLBO Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Joint Powers Agreement as presented.

A motion by L. Staples-Fairbanks, second by L. Fineday and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-63** in support of amendments to the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act as presented.

Presentation by Ben Benoit, Administration

A motion by L. Fineday, second by L. Staples-Fairbanks and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to approve the September, 2022 Tribal Council credit card reports as presented.

A motion by L. Fineday, second by S. White and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to approve the sponsorship request for the upcoming 2023 MAST Impact Week as presented.

A motion by S. White, second by L. Fineday and unanimously carried by a vote of 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate record of the Leech Lake Tribal Council, Special Meeting held on January 24, 2023 at the Government Center, Cass Lake, Minnesota.



Leonard M. Fineday, Secretary/Treasurer  
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe