

# The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

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## PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the LEECH LAKE Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on April 2, 2024, to fill the following positions:

**ELECTION DATE:** 

April 2, 2024

#### **POLLING PLACES:**

#### DISTRICT I:

Ball Club – Community Center 31627 County Rd. #39, Deer River, MN Inger – Community Center 53736 County Rd. #146, Deer River, MN Squaw Lake – Community Center 59979 County Rd. #4, S. Lake MN

### DISTRICT II:

Bena – Community Center 15032 Old Housing Drive, Bena, MN Smokey Point - Kego Lake Comm. Ctr. 6159 Kego Lake Trail NE, Longville, MN Sugar Point – Community Center 10051 Battle Pt. Dr., Federal Dam, MN

## DISTRICT III:

Cass Lake – Dikinaagan Center, 16120 60th Ave NW, Cass Lake MN Mission – Community Center, 2126 Finch Lane, SE, Cass Lake MN Onigum– Community Center, 08825 County Rd #13, Walker MN Oak Point – Community Center, 5468 170th St NW, Cass Lake MN Cass River – Community Center, 1731 Scenic Hwy, SE, Pennington, MN

#### GENERAL RESERVATION ELECTION BOARD

Che we Building SE Corner
P.O. Box 578
115 6<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. E
Cass Lake, MN 56633
\*\*\*ABSENTEE VOTING\*\*\*

#### **BEMIDJI**

Bemidji City Hall Chamber of Commerce 317 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW Bemidji, MN

#### \*DULUTH

Dr. Robert Powless Cultural Center 212 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Duluth, MN

#### LEECH LAKE TWIN CITIES

Leech Lake Twin Cities Office 2438 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. S Minneapolis, MN

**POLLS OPEN:** 

8:00 a.m.

POLLS CLOSE:

8:00 p.m.

## CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON - 4 Year Term

Branden Bowstring
Calvin Howard
Faron Jackson Sr. - Incumbent
Michael Reyes
Tami Jackson
Gerald White
Dawn Litzau-Staples
Terri Finn-Goggleye
Walter "Frank" Reese
Raymond "Skip" Lyons

# CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III COMMITTEEPERSON - 4 Year Term

Kari Fisherman
Leon Staples Jr.
Delmar Jones III
Jennie Reyes
John Johnson
Donald "Mick" Finn
Herschel Ogema
Diane Osceola
Peter "Big Pete" Jackson
Glen "Tuffy" Fisher
Kyle Fairbanks Sr.
Julian Molash
Thomas Brown

Attached is an excerpt from Election Ordinance revised December 11, 2023, which states the voting requirements.

Date: February 23, 2024

Elizabeth Drost, Executive Director

## Section 1.6.

Voter Eligibility.

1.6(A).

Judging Qualifications.

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

1.6(B).

Eligibility to Vote: Generally.

Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters shall vote by secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

1.6(C).

Eligibility to Vote: Absentee.

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Section 2.2(B). To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of

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his/her enrollment, he/she may declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. If an eligible voter does not and has not previously designated a district, that eligible voter may cast an absentee ballot that includes only the at-large positions up for election. Once a voter has resided in or declared a district, the voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.