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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 March 31, 2026, to fill the following positions:

ELECTION DATE: March 31, 2026

POLLING PLACES:

DISTRICT I:

Ball Club – Lone Eagle Community Center
30975 Artic Road, Deer River, MN
Inger – Community Center
53736 County Rd. #146, Deer River, MN
S Lake – Community Center
59979 County Rd. #4, S. Lake MN

DISTRICT II:

Bena – Dave Morgan Community Center
15032 Old Housing Drive, Bena, MN
Kego Lake – Sugar Point Comm. Ctr.
10051 Battle Pt. Dr., Federal Dam, MN
Sugar Point – Community Center
10051 Battle Pt. Dr., Federal Dam, MN

DISTRICT III

Cass Lake – LL Early Childhood Center
16120 60th Avenue NW, Cass Lake
Mission-Mission Community Center
2126 Finch Lane SE, Cass Lake, MN
Oak Point – Oak Point Center
05468 107th Street NW, Cass Lake, MN

Onigum- Onigum Community Center
8825 County Road 13, Walker, MN
Noopiming/Pennington –
Cass River Community Center
1731 Scenic Highway SE
Pennington, MN

GENERAL RESERVATION ELECTION BOARD

Che we Building SE Corner.
P.O. Box 578
115 6th St. E.
Cass Lake, MN 56633
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*****ABSENTEE VOTING*****

BEMIDJI

Bemidji City Hall
314 4th St. NW
Bemidji, MN

DULUTH

Duluth Office
205 W. 2nd St. Ste 320
Duluth, MN

LEECH LAKE TWIN CITIES

Twin Cities Office
2438 27th Avenue S.
Minneapolis, MN

POLLS OPEN: 8:00 a.m. **POLLS CLOSE:** 8:00 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER– 4 Year Term

Tony (Skin) Hare
Sally Fineday
Nicholas Staples
Jarell Jacobs
Michael Reyes
Cecelia “Ogiizhigookwe” Meat
Rochelle “Shelly” Pemberton
Cindy Jackson Kingbird

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT I COMMITTEEPERSON – 4 Year Term

Jonathan White
Kyle Fairbanks (Incumbent)
Tami Jackson
Alex Rivera

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT II COMMITTEEMAN – 4 Year Term

Steve White (Incumbent)
David Chase
Dante Hanson

Attached is an excerpt from Election Ordinance revised 12/16/25, which states the voting requirements.

Date: February 20, 2026



Joel Smith, Acting 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

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.