Chairman LaRose

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Chairman’s Report

Qtrly Meeting October 08, 2010

Bena, MN- Good morning everyone and welcome to the quarterly meeting. I want to thank the Council for being very politically active at the federal, state, county, and local levels. We also continue to consult and improve working relationships with Red Lake, White Earth, and the other reservations as well as the surrounding counties on Federal, State, regional legislative and economic issues.

Some of the issues include, the St. Regis Superfund Site cleanup, the Nelson Act Settlement. On the Nelson Act issue we are still in discussions. The last TEC proposal was to do a 1/6 split that Leech Lake continues to oppose. There are also still questions with regard to land claims including our 2415 claims that might be effected by accepting any settlement. We have pushed for a new IHS Hospital and moved that need to the top of the list for Indian Health Care Delivery Demonstration Projects.

Greetings Fellow Band Members:

I have many items and issues to report on, but first I would like to begin by apologizing for not communicating to you all sooner. Since the election I am sorry to say I have been playing catch up as the Tribal Council was in limbo from June 8, through July 9th because of the election protest by the losing candidates. After officially taking office for the beginning of my second term we needed to immediately focus on getting the 2010/2011 operating budget in place. As I’m sure you can understand this is a lengthy process that involves every department and program within the Leech Lake Reservation and is no small or easy task.

I have both good and bad news to report to you the good people of Leech Lake. Unfortunately the distractions never seem to end. As I’m sure many of you have heard the losing Secretary Treasurer candidate and the losing District II candidate from the June 6th elections, along with the Chairman’s new assistant, have filed a complaint with the FBI alleging vote buying during the past general election. It has been reported to me that two FBI agents have been going around the reservation questioning...
Leech Lake among recipients of Justice Department Grants

Washington D.C.- U.S. Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) and Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) recently announced $8,125,644 in federal funding will be going to seven tribes in Minnesota to help them strengthen their law enforcement and justice systems.

The funds will be administered by the Department of Justice through the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

The CTAS grants will be awarded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Office on Violence Against Women, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. All federally recognized tribes were eligible to apply.

Franken is a member of the Senate’s Committee on Indian Affairs.

“For too long, law enforcement on Minnesota’s reservations has been underfunded and overburdened,” Franken said in a news release. “These funds are a good step toward making reservations safer for American Indians across Minnesota.”

Other funds included the Prairie Island Indian Community, COPS - Tribal Resource Grant Program $190,119; Upper Sioux Indian Community, COPS - Tribal Resource Grant Program $329,600.

Federal Government News

Washington D.C.- President Obama’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget request proposes $18.482 billion, a 5% increase over the Fiscal Year 2010 budget, in total funding for Native American programs.

As part of the President’s commitment to open Government, and greater engagement with tribal leaders, the White House Office of Public Engagement and Domestic Policy Council hosted a series of outreach calls with tribal leaders during which representatives from federal agencies provided details about the FY 2011 budget request and responded to questions. Each agency organized similar outreach activities and provided material to the public. Throughout these outreach efforts, tribal leaders requested a single document that showed the FY 2011 budget request for Native Americans.

The Administration is committed to strengthening and building on the nation-to-nation relationship between the United States and tribal governments, which is why we are pleased to provide a single document of the President’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget request for Native American programs posted on the Department of Interior’s website.


Website page (crosscut is at the bottom of the page): http://www.doi.gov/budget/budget_general/bgindex.html.

As the Administration continues to take steps to address the many challenges facing tribal communities, we will continue to look to the wisdom of tribal leaders for input to help focus our decisions.
Healthy Children Awareness Month

September 2010 was the first annual Childhood Obesity Awareness Month started by First Lady Michelle Obama. In honor of this first, the Leech Lake Health Division Nutrition Program kicked off our “Healthy Children Awareness Month” in September.

The message we are getting out is this: Let us all help our kids prevent diabetes and other diseases related to being too heavy, such as cancer, heart disease, asthma, and high blood pressure. If a child is in the 85th percentile for his or her age, they are considered overweight. If a child is in the 95th percentile for his or her age they are considered obese.

Start intervening! Stop and become aware now that it is important to help our children become more physically active and eat healthier to avoid getting too heavy. The answers are fun and easy! All that is needed is the will to get moving and learn to eat healthy. DO increase physical activity as a family. DO breastfeed as long as possible. DO work to increase physical activity at school.

5 Simple Steps to Success for Parents
1. Physical Activity
2. Healthy Snacks
3. Plan Healthy Menus
4. Cut Down on Screen Time
5. Organize a School Health Team

We will continue with this campaign through October. The SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Assistants are providing parent SNAP-Ed participants with a child’s portion plate and nutrition education on portion sizes of food for children.

Also, the Tribal Nutrition Program and the Indian Health Service Diabetes Program are working together to bring “The Way of the Circle”. This is a series of workshops for healthier eating and physical activity honoring the traditions of the Native Circle, and cultural pride and the desire for healthier Elders, adults, and children. Some cooking and tasting of healthy foods will be included in each class. A complete set of pots and pans will be given to participants who attend all classes. These classes start on October 14th from 4:45 to 6:00 pm at the IHS Diabetes Program conference room. To sign up or if you are interested in more information, please call the Leech Lake Nutrition Program at 335-7235.

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In my campaign I promised to move Leech Lake forward including efforts to: build a new hospital, a new Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig high school, and a new government center. I am pleased to report that I along with our District II Representative have been aggressively pursuing those initiatives for our people. Since mid-July I’ve been to Washington D.C. twice in pursuit of our lobbying efforts on these issues. Most recently Ms. Lindsey White, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Senior and I testified before the Senate Committee Field Hearing panel on Indian Affairs in White Earth. To my knowledge this is the first time such a Field Hearing has ever been held in Minnesota. I am pleased to report that with the tireless help of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation we continue to make progress toward these goals. However, I would like to remind the people that this is a lengthy process, and as the old saying goes “the squeaky wheel gets the most grease.”

In various individuals and recently have subpoenaed the election records and ballots. While our election process is completely transparent and I myself have nothing to hide, I find it disturbing that not once have I been approached and asked for any information regarding this matter. There’s an old saying “if it walks and talks like a duck, swims and flies like a duck, then it must be a duck,” my point is that this investigation seems fairly one sided and directed at the three winning candidates. Again these are needless distractions that get in the way of moving the Leech Lake Reservation forward and keep us from making positive progress.

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I would also like to commend Ms. Lindsey White on the fine job that she did in delivering her testimony, as she did an excellent job representing the students of the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School and the students of the Leech Lake Reservation.

On an added positive note over the course of the past year the Leech Lake Reservation has quietly built an 18.5 million dollar capital reserve fund. With prudent financial management I anticipate this reserve fund growing to approximately 25-28 million dollars over the next nine months to a year. Currently, the 18.5 million is sitting in Western Bank in Cass Lake earning less than one percent interest (see spread sheet that follows this report). Recently, the Council passed a resolution hiring an investment firm to begin the process of investing a portion of this capital to ensure that the Leech Lake Reservation receives maximum return on our assets. As I indicated; this money was earning less than one percent in Western Bank. Sadly Western Bank was making money off our money by loaning it out or investing it at anywhere from 6-8% making 5-7% off of our money. From my perspective this was and is gross mismanagement of our capital reserve fund. If anyone is going to make money off of our assets it should be the Leech Lake Reservation.

To maximize the return on investing this money our investment analyst approved a 2.4 million dollar secured agreement that was well secured and collateralized to the Moondance Jam Corporation for a period of five to seven years. This agreement will earn the Leech Lake Reservation interest at a rate of 8% which is 7.2% more than what we were making at Western Bank. The end result is that we stand to earn approximately $850,000.00 from this agreement as opposed to the less than once percent or the $19,000.00 we would have earned over the same time period at Western Bank. Recently, I know that there have been a lot of rumors and speculation and myths regarding this agreement. Contrary to the rumors, there has been no personal gain by myself or anyone else regarding this agreement. Contrary to the rumors, there has been no personal gain by myself or anyone else regarding this agreement. Contrary to the rumors, there has been no personal gain by myself or anyone else regarding this agreement. Contrary to the rumors, there has been no personal gain by myself or anyone else regarding this agreement. Contrary to the rumors, there has been no personal gain by myself or anyone else regarding this agreement.
ness relationship with Moondance Jam Inc. as the Leech Lake Reservation and in particular Northern Lights Casino has benefited from both of the Moondance Jam events over the course of the past two decades. From my perspective this was a sound business deal that was a win- win for everyone. It will benefit the Leech Lake Reservation financially, and it was a sound business decision that will improve community relations, and is a well secured and collateralized investment.

However, what is disturbing about this is that some of my colleagues on the council have taken it upon themselves to hire an outside law firm at the cost of $475.00 an hour to conduct an outside investigation regarding this agreement with no cap on expenses that could be billed to the Band. This cost could have been avoided by simply sitting down and hearing all of the facts from our investment analysis. As an end result this will needlessly cost the Leech Lake Reservation hundreds of thousands of dollars primarily because certain individuals wanted to use this for their own political purpose and gain.

I would also like to report that recently the Tribal Council entered into an agreement regarding the power line initiative. While I understand that this is extremely controversial with our activists, the reality is we cannot live without electricity in this modern day and age. However, before I get into the details I would like to say how personally disappointed I was in the behavior of a very small group of our Band members during a recent public meeting regarding the power line. The disrespectful behavior displayed at this meeting was very concerning to me. This type of behavior should never, ever be tolerated in such a public meeting. Such use of profanity in the presence of small children and in a public meeting was appalling. The first time this occurred the individuals should have been warned. The second time this happened the meeting should have been immediately adjourned. This behavior by a small number of individuals was a total and complete embarrassment to all people of the Leech Lake Reservation.

This agreement while controversial with some individuals was in my opinion in the best interests of all of the Leech Lake Reservation. The fact of the matter is that the current power grid in this region is antiquated and out dated. Without the updated power line we would face potential power outages and blackouts in the future which could prove to be catastrophic from a number of perspectives. Unfortunately, the reality is that we opened a can of worms with respect to electricity many decades ago and it is a known fact that in this day and age it is unrealistic to think that we can live without electricity. Let us stop and think for a moment about all of the things that we take for granted that require electricity. For example: emergency life support at the hospital, lights, heat, water, and the very basics. I would encourage us all to stop and look around both on and off the reservation where ever you go what do you see, power lines.

The current power line agreement will use the same corridor as the pipeline. So what we are talking about is the expansion of what already exists. This agreement will pay the Reservation approximately 5.7 million dollars to include: money to buy additional land, money for emergency energy assistance for our elders, an additional tax rebate paid directly to our Band members, and the purchase of various goods products and services from the Reservation. If we must have this new power line then let us get the most out of it which is what we have attempted to do. Whether we wanted it or not the fact of the matter was that this power line was coming through the Reservation no matter how much we wanted it or didn’t want it.

I would also like to take this opportunity to explain to you that I often times think that our Band members take for granted the emergency assistance that they receive from time to time from Council members. To better inform our people, each council member receives an annual line item of approximately $29,000.00 which they may use at their discretion to assist Band members with various financial emergencies and hardships. This includes things such as: gas vouchers, hotel rooms, assistance with utility bills, rental assistance, and other sundry things that help in times of emergency need. In years past these line items have gotten out of hand. To remedy this situation approximately a year ago the Council, by resolution, divided their line items into monthly allocations limiting spending to $2,416.00 per month, per Council member. Once the Council members reach this amount for the month their respective line items are shut off until the first of the next month. Often times Band members who receive such services think that this assistance is a free service, and it is not! When we assist Band members this is charged directly back to each Council member’s line item, which limits our ability to help people for the remainder of that month. I try to point out to Band members not to abuse this service because someday when they really, truly need help it may not be there.
not be there because others have abused it.

I would also like to report on my disappointment with the Leech Lake Housing Authority Board and administration regarding the Inger Community Center project. The low bidder on this project was a licensed, reputable Leech Lake contractor. The Housing Board and administration chose to accept a higher bid from a non-Indian Minneapolis based general contractor. What’s disheartening is that to date there has been no explanation regarding why the licensed Leech Lake Contractor was not selected. This is in direct contrast to the Reservation’s buy local resolution that I alluded to earlier in this report. My question is: what kind of message does this send? Perhaps I could understand if I was provided with an honest legitimate reason for not going with the low bidder but I have not. From my perspective any Leech Lake contractor who can deliver a quality product in a timely manner that is competitively priced should be given a chance to do the work, especially given the fact that a vast majority of the jobs in this case would have went to Leech Lake Band Members.

I find it deeply disturbing that certain Council members have alleged wrong doing on my part with respect to the Moondance agreement without first of all hearing both sides of the story. This is extremely hypocritical in that there have been a number of irregularities with respect to the Shingobee property that we are just now beginning to uncover. From the preliminary information that I have reviewed over $250,000 was spent on what I can only characterize as a financial dead horse. Furthermore these expenditures were authorized and approved by just one council member. We have an addition that was being built that we now have learned must be demolished due to poor planning and execution because of a lack of knowledge, experience, and what I would characterize as a poorly managed and executed operation. This has lead to the waste and mismanagement of approximately $250,000 on an addition that now I am told needs to be demolished because it is structurally flawed. Unfortunately we do not seem to be able to learn from our past mistakes and as a result we are doomed to continuing to make the same mistakes over and over again. As I have continued to state when you keep doing the same things, don’t be surprised when you keep getting the same results. This should be a lesson to us in terms of what happens when you appoint people politically and put them in charge of projects that they are not qualified to execute. In short, this is a reoccurring recipe for disaster.

In closing I first want to apologize for not having reported sooner. However, it is becoming more difficult to find the time to ensure that I continue to keep our Band members updated and well informed. I recognize the importance of doing so and in the future I intend to make reporting a top priority.

I also recognize that there are a number of rumors and insinuations and press releases flying around the reservation and publicly with respect to the Moondance Jam Inc. investment. I would ask that our Band members not participate in such behavior even though I understand that people naturally gravitate to such gossip and rumors in the absence of actual facts. This is harmful and destructive behavior that significantly hurts the Leech Lake Reservation and our people in the eyes of the public. This does nothing to help our efforts regarding progressing in a positive and constructive manner. I realize that exercising patience is difficult, but I would like to reassure the people of the Leech Lake Reservation that I would never, ever do anything to violate the trust and responsibility that you the good people of the Leech Lake Reservation have placed upon me. Everything that I do I can assure you is in the best interests of our people and in our Reservation and I am attempting to use all of my skills, talent and abilities to move the Leech Lake Reservation forward in a positive and progressive manner. However, I find it extremely difficult to be a visionary when a handful of others are only concerned with their own personal and political agenda.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Michael J. Bongo
Secretary-Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation
Margaret "Baby Girl" Elaine Robinson, 68, of Cass Lake died on Friday, September 24, 2010 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo.

Margaret was born March 22, 1942 at Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Fred and Mary (Snowball-Morgan) Robinson. She was raised and educated in Cass Lake and was a homemaker for the past several years. She then worked at the WIC Program. She worked at the Cass Lake PHS Hospital for many years and is attended school at Rosebud, SD. She earned her Licensed Practical Nurse degree in School at Rosebud, SD. She worked at the Cass Lake PHS Hospital for many years and then worked at the WIC Program. She was a homemaker for the past several years. She enjoyed reading, visiting family and friends, attending pow-wows and going to the Casino on Wednesdays with her “old lady” coupons. Her greatest passion was her children, grandchildren and great grandson.

She is survived by her children: John Robinson of Cass Lake Jean (Charles) Bobolink of Cass Lake and 6 grandchildren, a great grandson 3 brothers- Albert Robinson, Jr. of Cloquet and numerous nieces and nephews special friends- Shirley Tibbetts and Judy Harper

She was preceded in death by her parents, 6 Brothers- Raymond Robinson, Earl Robinson, Richard Robinson, Sr., Donald Robinson, Ralph Robinson and Ernest Robinson (KIA-MIA in North Korea) and a sister- Alvina Robinson.

Messages of condolence may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

Linda Turney

Linda Lee Turney “BILL’DASHIKWE”, 62, of Walker, MN, passed away Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at the Golden Living Center in Walker with her family by her side. She was born on July 16, 1948 in Chicago, IL to Marvin and Pearl (Graves) Turney.

Linda enjoyed attending Pow-Wows, spending time at Whipholt Beach when she could find the time. She also enjoyed the company of her grandchildren and spending time with her family, especially with the three sister reunion.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, brother Kenneth Turney and son Charles Greyhair.

She is survived by her son; Chimakwanibowe Stone of Leech Lake, daughters; Muriel (Rick) Ellis of Cass Lake, Cynthia (Bryan) Madigan of Cass Lake and Melissa (Michael) Greyhair-Stewart of Black River Falls, WI, brothers; Ronald (Joan) Turney of Bemidji, Lee (Patti) Turney of Onigum, Russell (Linda) Turney of Minneapolis and Edwin Monroe of Onigum, MN, sisters; Phyllis (Earl) Yingling of Chandler, AZ, Ruth (Matt) Wright of Old Agency and Elaine Monroe of Bemidji, MN. Many grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Service was held on Friday, September 24, at the Onigum Community Center with Alan Hardy as Spiritual Leader. Pallbearers were Tauno Mike, Joshua Stone, Jonathan Ellis, Joseph Bruce, Walter Smith, Jr., Dan Yingling, Kenneth Turney and Joey Wright. Interment will be held in St. John’s Episcopal Cemetery at Old Agency following the service.

Arrangements entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences Linda can be given at www.northernpeace.com

Richard W Tanner

Richard W. Tanner, Jr. of Walker, MN, passed away at his home on October 10, 2010. He was born on December 11, 1963 in Minneapolis, to Richard and Janice (Kotula) Tanner. Richard attended school in Walker and lived here most of his life. He attended Alexandria Vocational School to study small engines. Most of his career he worked for the Leech Lake DNR. Richard really enjoyed being with his family and friends. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Richard was a great friend to those who knew him and was always willing to help others. He often opened his home to homeless people and those who were down on their luck. Richard is deeply loved and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Richard is survived by his mother Janice of Walker, his siblings; Evelyn (Jim), Valerie (Greg), Dallas and Gina, and his eight nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father “Dick” Tanner and his grandparents Ed and Remelda Kotula, Evelyn and Lyman Tanner, Sr.

A wake service will begin at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 12, 2010 and continue until the 11:00 a.m. service on Thursday, October 14, all at the Onigum Community Center in Onigum with D. Richard Wright and Eli Hunt officiating. Pallbearers will be Kerry Harper, Jim Campbell, Greg Wostrel, Mike Rice, Zachary Tanner and Gary White. Honorary Pallbearers will be John Whitebird, Bill Pell, Jeremy Krasko, Cherllyn Carlson, Clayton Daniels, Arlene Northbird, Kimberly Libby, Kelly Harper, Michelle Manos, Cheryl Staples and Jim Koutsy. A feast will be held at the Onigum Community Center following the burial at Old Agency Catholic Cemetery.

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We have also focused on a new high school for Bugonaygeshig and I want to thank Bugonaygeshig Student Lindsey White for testifying on September 11, 2010 before the US Senate Indian Affairs Committee Field Hearing on BIA Indian School Construction. Thank you Lindsey for delivering a powerful statement regarding the need for a new high school on behalf of the students and the reservation.

We continue to develop our Reservation Wide Emergency Response Plan. This involves Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA training and certification that makes us eligible for federal funding and puts our emergency response teams and law enforcement on equal footing with the state and counties regarding emergency response. This process has entailed a lot of effort on the part of our Tribal Emergency Response Commission so on behalf of the people and the council thank you.

A number of our divisions and staff have been very successful in the area of grants and American Reinvestment & Recovery Act funding. Our Tribal Roads program has captured several million dollars in additional ARRA funding for roads projects all across the reservation. We are working on a number of roads projects with the surrounding counties one of which is the mission road which is one of our most dangerous roads due to the sharp curves and lack of shoulders. This will be a major safety improvement for all who use that road. We also have over 4 million in grant awards to the Tribal Courts, Department of Public Safety, Youth Division, Human Services and Health. I want to take this time to thank them collectively on behalf of the people and the RBC for their hard work.

We have the High Voltage Power line issue. This project is seeking a power line route across the reservation that follows the Enbridge pipeline along highway 2. Most of the council did not feel we had all the information to make an informed decision. The Environmental Impact Statements on the project were not in until recently. These documents are thousands of pages. I have directed our Department of Resource Management (DRM) to do a summary of those documents so we can get the facts out to the people. Once we know all the facts and potential impacts we can make an informed decision on how to proceed. There was a forced RBC vote of 2-1-1 not to hold a referendum and to accept the offer of 5 million 750 thousand dollars from the power companies. I will not approve that vote by two council members because it was a discussion only item at the meeting and again we did not have enough information to make an informed decision.

At the federal level the Obama administration is making Education and Job Training the key to economic recovery. We are creating an education and workforce development plan for the reservation. We need to be ready now as more federal funding becomes available for these two areas. We have increasing numbers of students in college and vocational technical programs, as well as a record tribal college enrollment. We need a clear focus on education and job training. I am asking the council to make these two areas a priority including allocation of more funds and more focused effort on seeking federal funding to improve our college and vocational technical graduation rates.

We all want Leech Lake to be a progressive tribal government. That requires open and honest government. In regard to this I need to report to the people when we have serious violations of policy or band law. We recently had an unauthorized release of Band funds and the matter is being investigated as a potential misappropriation. Because this matter is under investigation the Council is limited in what we can discuss regarding the matter.

These are just a few things to report. In closing I want to thank all the employees on behalf of the band membership and the RBC for their hard work. Remember to make Leech Lake a leader again we have much more yet to do. I also thank the Leech Lake people for your patience and willingness to discuss issues and concerns that are important to all of us.

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Arthur LaRose

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NOTICE: DEER DISEASE TESTING

The Leech Lake Reservation DRM in conjunction with USDA APHIS will test tribally harvested deer through December for Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

$25 Che We Gas Voucher will be provided per adult deer. Testing will be limited to 60 deer.

CWD has not been found in free ranging deer in Minnesota, but has been found in a few domesticated elk and deer from captive herds in Minnesota.

TB has been found in deer just northwest of the Red Lake Reservation.

It has not been found in wild deer in Minnesota.

This disease is not known to be spread to humans, but it can be detrimental to wild deer and elk herds.

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To receive a $25 Che We Gas Voucher

- Starting October 4th you can bring your adult deer to the Leech Lake Division of Resources Management Office in Cass Lake from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday-Friday.
- We will not collect samples from fawns. (Fawns are too young to have contracted these diseases and exhibit symptoms), or headshot deer. Six lymph nodes will be collected from the head of each animal. The chest cavity will also be examined for lesions. Sampling only takes a few minutes on unfrozen animals, so please do not allow the deer to freeze or sampling is more difficult.
- Bring your deer hunting license and tag information. You may not bring in more deer than your legal harvest limit.
- Be able to locate the harvest location from a map that we provide.
- In the event an animal test positive for these diseases the hunter will be notified of test results.

We would like to thank all the hunters who participated in this program in previous years and will appreciate your assistance again this year.

For additional information on this program, Bovine TB, or CWD call the DRM office at 335-7423.
### NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED BY DEFAULT

YOU (THE DEFENDANTS LISTED BELOW) ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe intends to proceed by default in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located at the Facility Center, upper level, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, MN, with regard to the alleged violation of the Leech Lake Traffic/Conservation Code and Dog Ordinance, occurring within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation.

Violation of this summons is subject to proceedings for contempt of court pursuant to Tribal Code, Title 1, Part VI. The Court may find you in contempt for failure to appear at a court hearing or for failure to follow court orders.

Dated this 28th day of September 2010.

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### NOTICE OF LEGAL PUBLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 24, 2010, a Petition for Appointment of a Minor Guardian was filed with the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. An Initial Hearing will commence on Friday, December 17, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in the Leech Lake Facility Center, 16126 John Moose Drive NW, Cass Lake, Minnesota, upper level, to address the issue of guardianship of the person and property of the minor child.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding or you are a person whose presence is important to a determination concerning your child. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an Order for permanent guardianship of your child.


Patricia L. Pizzala
Court Administrator
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

A public information meeting will be held concerning the reconstruction and alignment of County Highway 33 (Mission Road). The proposed road construction of the Mission Road encompasses approximately 200 feet on either side of the existing road for about 5.9 miles (the CR33 Zone). This is about 285 acres of land (78 acres of National Forest System land (NFS), 13 acres of Beltrami County land, 5 acres of State land, 55 acres of Leech Lake Reservation (LLR) lands, 113 acres of private land, and 2 acres of water).

This work is in the vicinity of the Mission Tribal Community; 4 to 8 miles northwest of town of Cass Lake. The road extends from Highway 8 near the Palace Casino to Highway 12 near Big Lake. Most of the road is on the Blackduck Ranger District. It is entirely inside the Leech Lake Reservation boundary. The legal description is Township 146 North, Range 31 West, Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 29, and 30.

Location: Veteran's Building
Address: 16599 69th Street NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
Date: Monday, Nov 8th, 2010
Time: 6 p.m.
Speaker: Eugene “Ribs” Whitebird
District III Representative
(218) 335-8222

Purpose of Information Meeting: Discuss public concerns of route, provide description of potential effects of the project design on adjacent property, and address concerns of the area residents impacted by the project.

Project Description: This project was proposed by the County and LLR Public Works Department because this is currently one of the most dangerous roads in the county. The project consists of straightening corners, widening driving lanes and shoulders, repaving the road, and associated treatments. Maps and preliminary plans will be available for review at the information meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Norma Ducheneaux at the Land Department at (218) 335-7416.

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Guardianship of:
Rebecca C. Finn, Mother; Andrew Harry Oehler, Father;
Jewel Finn, Petitioner.

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. A hearing will commence on November 19, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218) 335-7416. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Court File No. CP-08-42; CP-08-73

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of:
Bethany Reese, Custodian; Valentine Solis, Father;
Leonard Susunkewa, Father; and any man who may claim parental rights to the child,

You are hereby notified that on 7-30-2010, a Petition to Suspense Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child of the above-named parents. A hearing will commence on November 19, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the Leech Lake Tribal Courtroom located in Cass Lake, Minnesota. The telephone number is (218) 335-3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

Court File No. CP-08-28

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Application for Name Change of W.W.M., Minor Child.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

CASE NO. CV-10-35

-LEGAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION-

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court
In the Matter of the Application for Name Change of D.S.D., Minor Child.

You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear either in person or by telephone for this hearing, the Court may find you in default and enter an order.

CASE NO. CV-10-08
What is Native Vote?

Native Vote 2010 is a nonpartisan campaign initiated by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). It is designed to encourage American Indian and Alaska Native people to exercise their right to vote. With the heightened political participation of Native people, Indian Country has become an increasingly powerful voting bloc. In recent years, the Native vote has been publicly acknowledged as making a visible difference in national, state, and local elections.

The Native Vote campaign is working closely with regional organizations, tribal governments, and urban Indian centers to create a strong and permanent infrastructure for election training that highlights voter registration, election protection policies, and Native mobilization.

Voter Registration and Get-Out-The-Native-Vote (GOTNV). To mobilize and assist tribes with the upcoming elections, Native Vote is providing toolkits and updating the Native Vote webpage to reflect this year’s midterm elections. Native Vote is also distributing bi-weekly e-newsletters and promotional items to increase the awareness about the importance of voting. In addition to these resources, Native Vote will be hosting telephone conferences and webinars with Native Vote coordinators and tribal representatives.

Election Protection. Knowing your rights as a voter is critically important, especially for those who do not actively participate in the political process. In collaboration with Election Protection coordinators, Native Vote ensures that every qualified voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot on Election Day. Local Native lawyers and students staff the Election Protection component of this campaign.

Why is Native Vote important? Although Native Vote 2010 is a midterm election, it is VERY important. Eighty-eight percent of the Congress is up for reelection. Indian Country will have an influence on many of these tight races, so tribal communities need to encourage their people to vote! This year, the Congress will be considering legislation that is vital to Indian Country’s education systems, energy, natural resources, and many other issues. Actively voting for candidates who are committed to representing Indian Country will bring tribal communities one step closer to fully realizing tribal sovereignty.

What Can You Do?
• Register to vote.
• Registers others to vote. Get voter registration cards from the county and register family members, friends, and eligible tribal community members. There are numerous opportunities at high school events, powwows, and IHS clinics. We need a strong grassroots effort from all tribes!
• Volunteer to be a Native Vote Coordinator. Every reservation and Native community needs a Native Vote coordinator to get the community mobilized. Talk to your tribal leadership and volunteer to be a Native Vote coordinator.
• Volunteer to be an Election Judge. Volunteer with the county to be an “election judge” on Election Day. Our communities need familiar faces at the polls when we go in to vote.

For additional information, please contact Krystalyn Kinsel, NCAI Native Vote Coordinator, at kkinsel@ncai

Letter to the Editor:

Elect Wayne Tennis
Cass County Sheriff

Wayne Tennis has served as Police Chief in the City of Walker and has worked with surrounding jurisdictions in the surrounding area well, including the Leech Lake Department of Public Safety. He has the character and demeanor appropriate for law enforcement and public service. He knows how to approach and connect with people as he has done when going door to door campaigning in the Onigum/Midway/ Old Agency area. He greeted me like a long time friend. He is making every attempt to make it to all Leech Lake Reservation communities that are in Cass County. He was named Community Champion in 2002 by the Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. This is true leadership and demonstrates commitment to the community. He understands the needs of all people and has been an excellent law enforcement officer. He is well trained in law enforcement and has been involved with many civic activities. He will make a great Sheriff for the people of Cass County. We need more people like him and I know we will be blessed and honored when he is elected to the office.

Eli Hunt
Walker, MN  56484
218 760-2116  mobile
Voter Registration

In order to maximize the Native vote, it is critical that American Indian and Alaska Native people actively participate in local, state, and national elections. To encourage this effort, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has revitalized an extensive national effort to mobilize the Native vote in collaboration with regional organizations, local tribal governments, urban Indian centers, and non-governmental organizations. Unlike other areas throughout the nation, Indian Country can produce unique challenges and strenuous conditions for voter registration. NCAI has compiled the following suggestions to assist with the challenges of organizing a Get Out the Native Vote effort:

Before you begin registering, make sure you know the procedures, rules, and deadlines for registering voters in your state and country. You can find this information on the Secretary of State website for your respective state. Gather data on voter registration from the county election officer. For example, you can request the number of registered voters by county and precinct to help measure your success. Purchase a complete list of registered voters from the county election office. Pick up stacks of voter registration cards at your county election office.

Register voters and leave voter registration cards at tribal or local health facilities. The traffic of patients at a local IHS facility is a great place to find people to register to vote. It also gives you time to educate the voter and recruit volunteers as they wait to be seen! Tribal headquarters. All tribal headquarters should have voter registration materials available to the public. Local elementary and high schools. Registering voters at local community schools will give parents and teachers convenient access to voter registration. It also gives you direct access to the next generation of unregistered voters - high school students who are 18 and over. Tribal agencies. Places like local housing, childcare, or economic agencies, are frequented by diverse populations everyday. Canvass. Get-Out-The-Native-Vote (GOTNV) by canvassing your local community and housing areas to register people to vote.

Set up a voter registration booth at, powwows and other community events. Setting up booths at places where your community gathers will give you immediate access to large groups of people. Tribal Colleges. Local colleges and universities offer an opportunity to get young people engaged into the political process at an early age. Post Office. Since local post offices receive the most visits at the beginning of the month, this would be the best time for voter outreach.

Spread the word on the internet, and send people to NativeVote.org. There are so many ways for you to reach people, and the internet is absolutely one the best ways. Encourage your friends on Facebook and Twitter to send out information about the Native Vote effort.
Seneca Promotion Representative Wanted

Position Description:
Person will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a positive working relationship with all store owners, managers and staff. Will schedule and perform Seneca promotions at designated stores. This includes setup of promotional table and providing customers with product information all within the established FDA guidelines. Will ensure that each store has proper signage and materials for any giveaways.

Days & Hours:
Hours are flexible and depend on store promotion preferences. The scheduled work week is Tuesday through Saturday.

Requirements:
Travel will be required since most stores are located in the upper Minnesota and North Dakota area. Occasionally, out of state travel is required, i.e. training period includes working a week with our NY stores. Must be outgoing, responsible, extremely motivated and work well independently. Must maintain a professional appearance and be courteous with all store staff and customers. Must have valid driver’s license and your own vehicle.

Salaries:
Paid training is provided. Upon satisfactory completion of training, a competitive salary will be offered.

Start Date: As soon as possible

If interested please fax a letter of intent along with a copy of your driver’s license to 716-532-6137 or you may email it to cthompson@live.com along with a scanned copy of your license. If you have any questions please feel free to call 716-698-4683.

Pet Vaccination and Registration Clinic

CLINIC INCLUDES:
• Follow Up Booster Shots from Middle School Pet Clinic held on August 26-29, 2010
• Re-Issue proper registration tags provided from the Middle School Pet Clinic held on August 26-29, 2010

Please No Pit Bulls, Rottweilers or Dobermans

For Additional Information Please Call:
Mark Sekulich, LL Animal Control • 335.8277
Tim Hugley, Environmental Health • 335.4532

Random Hourly Drawings:
7:00pm-11:00pm

Earn an additional 2 entries by earning 25 points on the Fridays of the promotion!

Fridays
Now - December 10th
Registration: 6:00pm – 10:00pm

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