

MINUTES OF A SCHEDULED TRIBAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**I. PRAYER**

Council member Jordan St Germaine opened the meeting with a prayer in Ojibwe.

**II. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chairman Gary Clause called the meeting to order at 11:05 am

**Council Present:**

Gary Clause, Chairman  
Bill Trepanier, Vice-Chairman  
Michelle Beaudin, Secretary/Treasurer  
Lorraine Gouge, Council member  
Janet Quaderer, Council member  
Don Carley, Council member  
Jordan St Germaine, Council member

Approved by  
Tribal Governing  
Board  
on this date

2.3.26

**Others Present:**

Jennifer Cadotte, Public Relations  
Mona Ingerson, Elder Advisory  
Tammy DeNasha, Recording Secretary

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Additions to agenda:**

1. Don-Executive Session personnel.
2. Janet-Interim IT Director Appointment

Motion made by Don Carley to approve the agenda with the additions, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 6-0-0.

**IV. TGB REPORTS**

**Michelle:**

- Chippewa Federation, we hosted had a great turnout.
- Governors Meeting.
- Preparations for cold temps coming.
- Re-Scheduling Amin. Director's interviews for tomorrow for next Wednesday due to funeral.

- Will provide a Finance report from the Secretary/Treasurers perspective later.

**Jordan:**

- GLITC meeting.
- NCAI Travel, need to know who all is attending from the TGB.
- Youth Wellness Center.

**Lorraine:**

- Chippewa Federation.
- Get-out-the-Vote Initiatives
- Board of Regents meeting, things happening at the University. Would like to set up a meeting with the Tribal governing Board.

**Janet:**

- WOLI trip to the Menominee Nation visit last week.
- Meeting w/Conservation-Spring Spearing creel team must free up our wardens to patrol off-reservation spearing.
- LVD Language and Cultural initiatives.

**Bill:**

- Recent visits at Grand Racheria dispensaries to see Cannubis Operation.
- Cannabis Committee

**Gary:**

- Traveled to Minneapolis Indian Center to assist Tribal Members with Tribal ID's and other information, was a great visit. Received good energy from tribal members.

Motion made by Janet Quaderer to accept the Council Reports, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 6-0-0.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**1) Waive Meeting Notice**

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to waive the meeting notice, second by Don Carley. Motion carried 6-0-0.

## **2) Randy Cadotte/Boys & Girls Club Updates**

Randy provided an update on the Financials, Programming and Grants.

## **3) Tom Butler/Bqnks Inc Business Proposal**

Tom was directed to contact Nita Kemp/Realty Officer to research available sites he may lease and to contact the SSBC for a small business loan.

## **VII. LEGAL**

### **Executive Session**

Motion made by Janet Quaderer to enter Executive Session at 12:48 pm, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Motion made by Jordan St Germaine to leave Executive Session at 2:55 pm, second by Bill Trepanier. Motion carried 6-0-0.

In Executive Session council discussed issues related to:

- Financials
- Personnel

### **Authorizing Chairman Clause sign the Engagement Letter with Pipestone Law, LLC for Legal Representation**

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to authorize Chairman Clause sign the Engagement Letter for Legal Representation with Pipestone Law, LLC, second by Bill Trepanier. Motion carried 6-0-0.

### **Authorize Appointment for Interim Internet Technology Director**

Motion made by Janet Quaderer to appoint Tim Larson as the Interim Internet Technology/IT Director, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 6-0-0.

### **Approval of Job Post for an Internet Technology-IT Director Position**

Motion made by Janet Quaderer to approve the Job Posting for an Internet Technology/IT Director position, second by Bill Trepanier. Motion carried 6-0-0.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Michalle provided an update on the Budget. Through end of December 2025.

### **Approval of Financial Report**

Motion made by Don Carley to approve the Financial Report as provided by Secretary/Treasurer Michelle Beaudin, second by Janet Quaderer. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**For the record, Chairman Clause stepped out of the meeting at 2:58 pm. Vice-Chairman Bill Trepanier assumed Chair responsibilities.**

#### **VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **January 6, 2026**

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to approve the minutes of January 6, 2026, second by Lorraine Gouge. Motion carried 5-0-0.

##### **January 13, 2026**

Motion made by Jordan St Germaine to approve the minutes of January 13, 2026, second by Don Carley. Motion carried 4-0-1. (Janet abstained was not present for meeting).

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Don Carley to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm., second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 5-0-0.



Michelle Beaudin, Secretary/Treasurer  
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