

MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TRIBAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

I. PRAYER

Council member Janet Quaderer opened the meeting with an Ojibwe prayer.

II. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Gary Clause called the meeting to order at 9:09 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

Council Absent:

Note for the record, we have a full quorum.

Others Present:

Mona Ingerson, Elder Advisory
Louis Traverso, Director of Administration
Jennifer Cadotte, Public Relations
Tammy DeNasha, Recording Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to approve the agenda with edits, second by Bill Trepanier. Motion carried 6-0-0.

IV. TGB REPORTS

Lorraine -General Membership meeting went very well hearing a lot of positive remarks. St Francis event was very well attended.

Bill-Attended cannabis workshop in Lac Du Flambeau. They've got their dispensary ready to go. We need to fill the vacancy for the Cannabis Committee.

Michelle-Should address concerns brought up at the General Membership meeting with directors, bring them in for a meeting.

Jordan-MOU Meeting w/USFS on Wednesday, March 4 and Voigt Task Force meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Janet-Meeting with Marcy Gouge regarding the New Housing Development in Maandaamin. Will add this discussion to next week's agenda.

Gary-Discussions with LDF and Red Cliff Bands. Leech Lake band would like to have a 'Government to Government' meeting with us.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

1) JOM Bylaws and Indian Education Committee

Motion made by Lorraine Gouge to table JOM Bylaws and Indian Education Committee and align with Section 17 for (1) week or until the next meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 6-0-0.

For the record, Margaret Diamond/Executive Director will oversee this program and determine if the children's needs are being met.

2) Odaawaazaaga'igan Anishinaabeg, Inc. Bylaws Tribal Economic Development Corporation

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to table the Odaawaazaaga'igan Anishinaabeg, Inc. Bylaws Tribal Economic Development Corporation for legal review, second by Don Carley. Motion carried 6-0-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1) Louis Traverso/Doreen Debrot/HR-Executive Session

2) Rebecca Williams/Men's Sober Living Budget Modification Request

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to approve the Budget Modification (mod.#2026-002) from Third Party funding for Tribal Nation Opioid Abatement Efforts Program, second by Jordan St Germaine. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Executive Session

Motion made by Lorraine Gouge to enter Executive Session at 10:15 am, second by Jordan St Germaine. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Motion made by Don Carley to leave Executive Session at 1023 am, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 6-0-0.

For the record, during Executive Session Council discussed an incident at the Men's Sober Living Facility.

Resolution No. 2026-34 Approval of a Commercial Site Land Lease for Democratic Party of Sawyer County and the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to adopt Resolution No. 2026-34 that approves the Commercial Site Land Lease for Democratic Party of Sawyer County and the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation and the monthly rental rate at \$400.00 from March 15, 2026 through November 15, 2026, second by Bill Trepanier. Motion carried 6-0-0.

3) George Taylor/Personal

Executive Session

Motion made by Janet Quaderer to enter Executive Session at 11:00 am, second by Bill Trepanier. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to leave Executive Session at 11:43 am, second by Don Carley. Motion carried 6-0-0.

4) Brian Bisonette and Nita Kemp/Lease for Dorms

Approval of Educational Site Land Lease to Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University-Student Housing

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to approve an Educational Ground Lease consisting of 79.07 acres for the LCO Ojibwe University off Froemel Road for 75 years at zero costs, second by Lorraine Gouge. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Brian provided a brief update on ATV/UTV Road Routes and expressed how importance of having LCO reps. At the next ADHOC meeting on March 16th at 11:00 am. Also reminded everyone Roads Bans are coming out and programs should be preparing.

5) Human Resource Director Position-LCO Health Center

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to rescind the motion made on February 6, 2026, that approved the appointment of Margaret Diamond as Interim Human Resource Director for the Health Center, second by Don Carley. Motion carried 6-0-0.

6) Approval of Gaming Licenses

Motion made by Bill Trepanier to approve Gaming Licenses for the following Employee Badge numbers: NEW-7657, 7659 and RENEWALS-7522, 7555 as recommended and approved by the Gaming Commission, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 6-0-0.

7) Northwoods Shine Proposal

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to ratify the Northwoods Shine Proposal that was approved by consensus on February 27, 2026, second by Janet Quaderer. Motion carried 6-0-0.

8) Mosaic Technologies/Chris Fitzgerald

Chris will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion on the proposal to bring Fiber Internet Services to the reservation.

9) Mona Ingerson/Elder Advisory

- Best General Membership meeting ever!!!!
- MC timekeeper for question, add topic to agenda and post the agenda early.
- Director Reports should list contact information for Directors.
- Children helping out with serving meals, like Boys n Girl's Club or Juniors and Seniors.
- Difficulty receiving packages as Fleming Road is not on the radar.
- Constitution Revision meeting will be held on April 13, Monday afternoon.

Approval of Financial Services Board Recommendations and Restructuring Plans

Motion made by Bill Trepanier to approve the Financial Services Board Recommendations and Restructuring Plan and the creation of a new portfolio, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 4-2-0 (Jordan and Janet opposed this action).

MOU Between Hayward Community School District and LCO-TABLED

This will also be on the table for discussion on March 12, 2026.

NDA Forest County-not interested

Memorandum of Agreement with Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership

Motion made by Bill Trepanier to approve and accept the Memorandum of Agreement with Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, second by Lorraine Gouge. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Pardon and Forgiveness Committee Vacancies

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to approve the Pardon and Forgiveness Committee with five (5) positions, second by Lorraine Gouge. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Approval to Add LCOOU Lease and Resolution to Other Business

Motion made by Lorraine Gouge to add the LCO Ojibwe University lease and Resolution for the college to other business, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Chairman Gary Clause stepped out momentarily, Vice-Chairman Bill Trepanier assumed Chair responsibilities.

Approval to Waive Application to Lease Land Notice Requirements

Motion made by Lorraine Gouge to waive the Application to Lease Land 30 day notice requirement, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Executive Session

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to enter Executive Session at 2:18 pm., second by Don Carley. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Motion made by Bill Trepanier to leave Executive Session at 4:19 pm, second by Michelle Beaudin. Motion carried 6-0-0.

In Executive Session council discussed an issue related to personnel.

Resolution No. 2026-33 Approving Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Grant Funding Application, Agreements, Modifications, and Related Documents with the U.S. DHHS-CDC


Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to officially adopt Resolution No. 2026-33 that approves the Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Grant Funding Application, Agreements, Modifications, and Related Documents with the U.S. DHHS-CDC, second by Lorraine Gouge. Motion carried 6-0-0. (this resolution was previously passed by consensus on February 25, 2026).

Resolution No. 2026-36 Approving the Performance Partnership Grant Agreement, Modifications, and Related Documents with the EPA

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to adopt Resolution No. 2026-36 that approves the Performance Partnership Grant Agreement, Modifications, and Related Documents with the EPA, second by Bill Trepanier. Motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Michelle Beaudin to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m., second by Don Carley. Motion carried 6-0-0.


Michelle Beaudin, Secretary/Treasurer
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board