

March 19, 2018

Secretary/Treasurer Tara Mason  
White Earth RBC  
P.O. Box 418  
White Earth, MN 56591

RE: Notice of Hearing Following Censure by Tribal Executive Committee

Secretary/Treasurer Mason:

This letter is written pursuant to Article X, Section 3 of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT Constitution); and pursuant to Section 9.7 of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Ordinance Implementing Constitutional Petition and Censure Processes to inform you that a Notice of Censure has been issued by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee against you. A copy of the letter is attached.

The charges against you involve alleged violations of Article X, Section 2 (e) of the MCT Constitution, which prohibits the refusal to comply with any provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe. The specific provisions of the MCT Constitution and Bylaws that you have allegedly violated include the following:

- Article VI, Section 1 (b), which requires, among other things, that all expenditures of Reservation funds under the control of the RBC shall be in accordance with a budget, duly approved by RBC resolution in legal session.
- Article VI, Section 1 (c), which prohibits, among other things, loans to individual tribal members that were not in accordance with a budget, and were not duly approved by RBC resolution in a legal session, but which nevertheless encumber tribal funds.

Also, the charges against you involve alleged violations of White Earth Ordinance No. 1-65 (Revised) (Ordinance 1-65), the Bylaws of the White Earth RBC which were enacted in conformity with MCT Bylaws, Article VI. The specific provisions of Ordinance 1-65 that you have allegedly violated include the following:

- Article I, Section 1 (b), which provides that the Chairman shall exercise general supervision over all other tribal officers (including the Secretary/Treasurer) and must ensure that their duties are performed.
- Article I, Section 1 (c), which requires that the Chairman affix his signature on official documents with the Secretary/Treasurer on instructions from the RBC.
- Article I, Section 1 (d), which requires the Chairman to countersign (lawful) warrants duly drawn by the Secretary/Treasurer against funds of the Band.
- Article I, Section 3 (c), which requires that the Secretary/Treasurer, on instructions from the White Earth RBC and with the Chairman, affix her signature to official documents.
- Article I, Section 3 (d), which requires the Secretary/Treasurer to accept, receipt and safeguard all funds and property of the Band.
- Article I, Section 3 (e), which prohibits the Secretary/Treasurer from disbursing funds of the Band, except as duly authorized by the White Earth RBC.

-Article I, Section 3 (h) which requires the Secretary/Treasurer to report any and all violations of established fiscal procedures and all unauthorized use of tribal funds.

The specific factual allegations and supporting documentation pertaining to the alleged violations of the MCT Constitution and White Earth Ordinance No. 1-65 (Revised) outlined above are included in the attached letter, which was previously submitted to the Tribal Executive Committee.

Pursuant to Section 8.1 of the MCT Ordinance Implementing Constitutional Petition and Censure Process, which requires that a hearing date be at least thirty (30) days, but not more than sixty (60) days after the date of this notice, please be informed that a hearing before the White Earth RBC will take place on May 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Shooting Star Event Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terrence Tibbetts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Terrence Tibbetts  
Chairman  
White Earth Reservation