

BYLAWS

Mahnomen Tribal Community Council (MTCC)

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Mahnomen Tribal Community Council (MTCC).

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mahnomen Tribal Community Council is to represent and advocate for the interests of residents and families within the Mahnomen community area.

The Council works to:

1. Promote the health, safety, and wellbeing of community members.
 2. Encourage community participation and engagement.
 3. Support youth, cultural activities, and community initiatives.
 4. Support Crime & Safety Prevention
 5. Advocate for community needs and priorities.
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ARTICLE III — SERVICE AREA

The Mahnomen Tribal Community Council serves the Mahnomen, Minnesota community and surrounding areas located within the White Earth Reservation in Mahnomen County, Minnesota.

The MTCC service area includes:

Cities

- City of Mahnomen
- City of Bejou
- City of Beaulieu

Townships

- Marsh Creek Township
- Bejou Township
- Chief Township
- La Garde Township
- Rosedale Township
- Beaulieu Township
- Pembina Township

Residents and families living within these communities, as well as individuals connected to the Mahnomen community and the White Earth Nation, are considered part of the MTCC service area.

A map identifying the service area may be maintained as an attachment to these bylaws.

ARTICLE IV — MEMBERSHIP

The Council shall consist of six (6) elected members.

The positions shall be:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Council Member
- Council Member

Members must reside within the MTCC service area and demonstrate commitment to serving the Mahnomen community.

ARTICLE V — TERMS OF OFFICE

Council members shall serve two (2) year terms.

Elections shall occur annually in December, as necessary to fill expiring terms or vacancies.

Members may be re-elected.

Council members shall serve until their successors are elected and seated.

ARTICLE VI — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Chairperson

The Chairperson shall:

- Preside over meetings of the Council
- Set meeting agendas
- Represent the Council in community matters
- Ensure adherence to these bylaws
- Submit quarterly report to White Earth Tribal Council, or attend in person if available.

Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson shall:

- Assist the Chairperson
- Perform the duties of the Chairperson when necessary

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Record meeting minutes
- Maintain Council records
- Provide public meeting notices

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- Maintain financial records

- Monitor funds and expenditures
- Provide financial reports to the Council

Council Members

Council Members shall:

- Participate in meetings and decision-making
 - Assist with community initiatives
 - Represent community concerns
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ARTICLE VII — MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month, unless rescheduled with notice.

Special meetings may be called by:

- the Chairperson, or
- a majority of Council members.

Meetings should be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII — COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The Mahnomen Tribal Community Council encourages participation from residents and community members within the service area.

Community members may:

- Attend public meetings
- Provide input on community concerns
- Participate in community initiatives supported by the Council

The Council may hold community meetings, forums, or events to encourage engagement and communication with residents.

The Council shall strive to represent the voices and needs of the Mahnomen community in its work.

ARTICLE IX — QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of four (4) members.

A quorum is required to conduct official Council business.

ARTICLE X — VOTING

Each Council member shall have **one vote**.

Except where otherwise provided, actions of the Council shall be decided by a majority vote of members present and voting, provided a quorum exists.

The Chairperson shall have the same voting rights as all other members.

A tie vote shall result in the motion failing.

ARTICLE XI — ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND VOTING

The Council may conduct official business electronically between meetings, including through email or group messaging, provided that:

1. All Council members are included in the communication.
 2. The proposed action is clearly stated.
 3. Votes are recorded.
 4. The decision is documented in the minutes of the next meeting.
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ARTICLE XII — VACANCIES

If a position becomes vacant, the Council may appoint an interim member by majority vote of the remaining members until the next regular election.

ARTICLE XIII — REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

A Council member may be removed for:

- misconduct

- failure to attend meetings regularly
- actions that undermine the integrity of the Council

Removal requires notice to the member and a two-thirds vote of the remaining Council members.

ARTICLE XIV — CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Council members shall act in the best interests of the Mahnomen Tribal Community Council and the community it serves.

A conflict of interest occurs when a Council member or an immediate family member may receive financial or personal benefit from a decision of the Council.

When a conflict exists:

1. The member must disclose the conflict to the Council.
2. The member shall not participate in discussion or voting on the matter.
3. The disclosure shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Failure to disclose a conflict of interest may be grounds for removal.

ARTICLE XV — FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The Mahnomen Tribal Community Council shall maintain responsible financial practices for any funds, grants, donations, or resources received.

Financial accountability shall include:

1. Maintaining accurate financial records.
2. Providing financial reports to the Council when funds are received or expended.
3. Ensuring funds are used solely for approved community purposes.
4. Requiring Council approval for expenditures when applicable.

The Treasurer shall maintain financial records and provide financial reports to the Council.

Financial records may be reviewed by the Council upon request.

ARTICLE XVI — AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended when necessary.

Amendments require:

1. Discussion at a regular meeting, and
 2. Approval by a majority vote of the Council.
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ARTICLE XVII — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Council in all cases where they are applicable and not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XVIII — ADOPTION

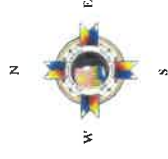
These bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Mahnommen Tribal Community Council.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2026.

Chairperson: *Daniel Linden*

Secretary: *Jessy Armstrong*

White Earth Reservation Base Map



Legend

Reservation Boundary	Rail Lines	City/Village
Tribal Land	Major Roads	Lakes
Abotments	Tribal/BA Roads	County Boundary
	County Highways	Township Boundary
	Roads-Other	Section Lines



White Earth Reservation
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Map Services Unit
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