



The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the WHITE EARTH Reservation Business Committee a/k/a Tribal Council will be held on March 31, 2026, to fill the following positions:

ELECTION DATE: March 31, 2026

POLLING PLACES:

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

P.O. Box 99
Mahnomen, MN 56557
Absentee Request cards may be sent to:
electionboard@whiteearth.com

GENERAL ELECTION BOARD

Shooting Star RV Office
777 SE Casino Drive
Mahnomen, MN 56557
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DISTRICT I:

Bejou – Community Center, Main Street, Bejou, MN
Pine Bend – Church Parking Lot, 320th Avenue, Pine Bend, Mn
Rice Lake – Community Center, Co Rd 35, Rice Lake Village

DISTRICT II:

Mahnomen – Tribal College, 2250 College Rd, Mahnomen, MN
Naytahwaush – Fire Hall, Co. Rd. 4, Naytahwaush, MN
Waubun – Community Center, 1004 Central Ave., Waubun, MN

DISTRICT III:

Callaway – Community Center, Hwy 59, Callaway, MN
Ogema – VFW Hall, Main St. E., Ogema, MN
White Earth – Community Center, Martin Drive, White Earth, MN
Elbow Lake – Elderly Nutrition Center, Little Elbow Lake Village, Mn
Pine Point – The Old School, Community Center, Pine Point Village, Mn

CASS LAKE, MN

White Earth Family Office
220 2nd St. NW
Cass Lake, MN

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

American Indian Center
1530 E. Franklin
Minneapolis, MN 55404

MARBLE, MN

Marble City Hall
(Community Ctr)
302 Alice Avenue
Marble, MN 55764

POLLS OPEN: 8:00 a.m.

POLLS CLOSE: 8:00 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER – 4 Year Term

Jacob McArthur
Justin Keezer
Michael “Mike” LaRoque (Incumbent)
Rock E. Keezer, Sr.
Mykee Brown
Jim LaFriniere

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT I COMMITTEEPERSON – 4 Year Term

Andy “Jack” Auginaush
Henry G. Fox (Incumbent)
Fawn Roy

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT II COMMITTEEPERSON – 4 Year Term

Bonita Brown
Leonard Louis Wadena
Patty (Patleen) Straub
Sheri Kay Snetsinger
Joe Bush
Alrick “Son” Accobee
Tyler Coleman
Tyler Anderson

Attached is an excerpt from Election Ordinance revised 12/16/2025 which states the voting requirements.

Date: February 19, 2026


Joel Smith, Acting Executive Director

Section 1.6.

Voter Eligibility.

1.6(A). Judging Qualifications.

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

1.6(B). Eligibility to Vote: Generally.

Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters shall vote by secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

1.6(C). Eligibility to Vote: Absentee.

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in the manner and under the procedures as provided by Section 2.2(B). To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of

his/her enrollment, he/she may declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. If an eligible voter does not and has not previously designated a district, that eligible voter may cast an absentee ballot that includes only the at-large positions up for election. Once a voter has resided in or declared a district, the voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district on his/her reservation of enrollment for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.