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ANNOUNCEMENT

**TO: WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
AKA WHITE EARTH RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe hereby announces that a Regular Election will be held on June 11, 2024, on the WHITE EARTH RESERVATION.

This REGULAR ELECTION provides for an April 2, 2024, PRIMARY ELECTION in the event there are more than two (2) eligible candidates for each open position.

Elected positions to be filled are as follows:

- A. CHAIRPERSON – WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE – FOUR (4) YEAR TERM
- B. COMMITTEEPERSON DISTRICT III – WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE – FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

Candidates shall file with the Secretary/Treasurer or his designee during regular business hours beginning on January 12, 2024. Filing will close on January 22, 2024, at 4:30 P.M.

Attached are the Dates & Guidelines for the 2024 Tribal Elections.

Date: January 11, 2024


Elizabeth Drost, Executive Director

THE MCT ELECTION CALENDAR
2024 Regular Election
(revised 12/28/2023)

December 27, 2023:	Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for other RTC office.
January 8, 2024:	Last day for sitting RTC member to give notice of resignation to file for vacated RTC seat.
January 11:	Election Announcement
January 12:	8:00 a.m. - Opening of period for filing for office.
January 22:	Close of filing period
January 31:	Selection of Election Court of Appeals Judge
February 12:	Deadline for Notice of Certifications of candidates to TEC.
February 14:	Challenge certification or non-certification of candidates to MCT by 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following receipt of certification.
February 15:	Deadline for appointment of Election Boards.
February 15:	Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge and alternate Election Contest Judge.
February 16:	Complete record of all documents related to challenge submit to Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by 4:30 p.m.
February 20:	Answer to challenge from the person whose certification is being challenged to the MCT by 4:30 p.m.
February 22:	Deadline for Decision of certification or non-certification by Tribal Court of Appeals.
February 23:	Notice of Primary Election and Posting.
February 28:	TEC provides ballots for Primary Election.
March 29:	Notify MCT on choice of appellate forum.
April 2:	Primary (Polling places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)

- April 3: General Reservation Election Board certifies Primary Results.
(Prior to 8:00 p.m.)
- April 4: General Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Results.
- April 5: Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General
Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
- April 5: Deadline to Post Regular Election Notice without Primary
- April 9: 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Contest of Primary Election.
(Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director
of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe).
- April 10: *(Results, if
Allowed or April 8 or 9
If earlier request)* Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of
Recount, if allowed.
- April 19: Deadline for Decision on Contest
- April 22 *(or within
3 days of decision
on Contest)* 4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals.
(Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa
Tribe and with Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision).
- April 24 *(at least
two (2) days prior to
the hearing date):* Record of Contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.
- April 29 *(hearing within
7 days of notice of appeal).* Last Day for Hearing on Appeal
- May 9 *(10 days from
hearing on appeal).* Last Day for Decision on Appeal
- May 10: Notice of General Election (or earlier if no appeal).
- May 10: TEC provides ballots for General Election (or earlier if no appeal).
- June 11: General Election
(Polling Places open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.)
- June 12: General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election.
Prior to 8:00 p.m.
- June 13: General Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.
- June 14: Deadline for Request for Recount. (Filed with General Election
Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)

June 18:	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for Notice of Contest. (Filed with Reservation Election Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.)
June 19 (<i>or 18, if request for Recount is filed before deadline</i>):	Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.
June 28:	Deadline for Decision on Contest for General Election.
July 1 (<i>or within 3 days of decision on Contest</i>):	4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to Court of Election Appeals. (Filed with Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Reservation Tribunal rendering Decision).
July 5 (<i>at least two (2) days prior to the hearing date</i>):	Record of contest forwarded to Court of Election Appeals.
July 8 (<i>hearing within 7 days of notice of appeal</i>).	Last Day for Hearing on Appeal.
July 8:	Winning candidates assume office by operation of law, unless sooner seated, or the election is subject of appeal to the Court of Election Appeals.
July 18 (<i>or Ten days from Hearing on Appeal</i>):	Deadline for decision of the Court of Elections Appeal.
Day following Decision of Appeal:	Winning candidate prevailing on appeal takes office.

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.