



# The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe

## PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

A Primary Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Election of the FOND DU LAC Reservation Business Committee will be held on March 31, 2020 to fill the following positions:

**ELECTION DATE:** March 31, 2020

### POLLING PLACES:

**DISTRICT I:**

Fond du Lac Tribal Center  
ENP Dining Hall  
1720 Big Lake Road  
Cloquet, MN

**DISTRICT III:**

Brookston Community Center  
8200 Belich Road  
Cloquet, MN

**POLLS OPEN:**

8:00 a.m.

**POLLS CLOSE:**

8:00 p.m.

### CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRPERSON – 4 Year Term

Only two (2) Candidates  
No Primary Election

### CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT I (Cloquet) COMMITTEEPERSON – 4 Year Term

Wally Dupuis (Incumbent)  
Eugene (Eny) Reynolds  
Todd J. Tidaback  
Jeroam Defoe  
Jarvis (Chubbs) Paro

### CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT III (Brookston) COMMITTEEPERSON – 4 Year Term

Phillip J. Savage  
Roberta Fox  
Roger M. Smith, Sr. (Incumbent)

Attached is an excerpt from Election Ordinance revised December 9, 2019, which states the voting requirements.

**Date: February 20, 2020**

  
Gary S. Frazer, Executive Director

governing body; the designated polling places; the time for opening and closing of polling places; and the voting requirements. Each Band governing body will post the Notice no later than the day following receipt of the Notice at locations designated by the Band governing body on its respective Reservation. At least thirty (30) days before the Regular Election, but not before the expiration of the contest period in the associated Primary Election, the Tribal Executive Committee will prepare for each Band governing body a Notice of Regular Election. This notice will contain: the date of the Regular Election; a list of the candidates for positions on the Band governing body resulting from the associated Primary Election; the designated polling places, the time for opening and closing of the polling places; and the voting requirements.

1.5(C). Special Elections.

Within five (5) days after the deadline for filing notice of candidacy, the Band governing body calling the Special Election will prepare and post a Notice of Special Election, giving the dates of the Special Election and any associated Primary Election; a list of the duly certified candidates for vacant positions on the Band governing body; the designated polling places; the time for opening and closing of the polling places; and the voting requirements. The Band governing body will post the Notice at locations designated by the Band governing body on its Reservation. Within five (5) days after the deadline for the decision on the contest of the Primary Election associated with a Special Election, the Band governing body will prepare and post another Special Election Notice containing: the date of the Special Election; a list of the candidates for positions on the Band governing body resulting from the associated Primary Election; the designated polling places; the time for opening and closing of the polling places; and the voting requirements.

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.

Section 1.7. Reservation Election Boards and Election Contest Judges.

1.7(A). General Reservation Election Board.

Within three (3) business days following the notice of certification of candidates for either a Regular Election or Special Election, the Band governing body will appoint at least four (4) eligible voters of the reservation as the General Reservation Election Board. One member of the Board will be appointed the Chair. The appointments will be made either directly by the Band governing body or through another process established by the Band governing body. Each appointee to the Board must have a thorough understanding of this Ordinance. The General Reservation Election Board will also be the District Election Board if the Reservation has no Districts. The General Reservation Election Board will be responsible for the overall conduct of the election. In addition, it will perform, in a nonpartisan fashion, all duties assigned to it by this Ordinance, including the processing and counting of absentee ballots, the certification of election results, the posting of election results, the safekeeping of election materials, and the consideration of recount requests. The Reservation Election Board shall keep and maintain a mailing address for the purpose of receiving election related materials. The Band governing body shall post and publish the mailing address of the Reservation Election Board in advance of upcoming elections. The Band