

CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE



ELECTION ORDINANCE

*ENACTED PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION AND
BYLAWS OF THE CHIPPEWA CREE OF THE ROCKY
BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION*

Recently amended by Referendum Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012

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AUTHORIZATION

An Ordinance governing the Elections on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation as authorized by the Chippewa Cree Constitution Article VIII, Section 2.

ARTICLE I - ELECTION BOARD MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION OF THE TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD

There shall be an impartial Election Board consisting of five (5) members responsible for calling and conducting all tribal elections. Three (3) of the five (5) board members shall be those tribal members who are serving as the Election Board for the County Election Precinct No. 28 which includes the reservation.

The tribal members who constitute the precinct Election Board shall appoint two (2) other adult tribal members to serve with them for tribal election purposes. Those two (2) Board members shall meet the qualifications set forth in Article IV, Section 2 of the Chippewa Cree Constitution and shall be subject to the provisions of Article V, Section 3.

In addition, the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as clerk of the Election Board in a non-voting capacity.

SECTION 2. LENGTH OF TERMS

The three (3) precinct Election Board Members shall serve a three (3) year term. The initial appointments of the two (2) non-precinct board member shall be one (1) member for a two (2) year term and the other for a three (3) year term. Thereafter, appointments shall be for three years. Members may be appointed to successive terms.

An individual shall not serve as member of the Business Committee and member of the Election Board at the same time. Should any member of the Election Board file as candidate for tribal elective office, he shall request an official release from the Tribal Election Board.

SECTION 3. CONDUCT OF ELECTION BOARD

Election Board Members are not to be absent from the duties of their positions from the opening of the polls until all ballots have been counted. In addition, the Election Board Members shall not express any preference for any candidates. Failure to perform the duties shall be considered an offense defined as election tampering in Article VIII, Section 1.

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SECTION 4. COMPENSATION OF ELECTION BOARD AND OTHERS

Election board and other workers at the election shall be paid at the discretion of the Election Board. There shall be no more than two interpreters assigned to work during the election. Poll watchers shall not be eligible for pay unless paid by the candidate who arranged for their respective services.

ARTICLE II - VOTER REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1. VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

All duly enrolled members of the Chippewa Cree Tribe eighteen years of age or older on election day shall be eligible to vote provided the voter is on the certified enrollment list of the Tribe, and provides a Chippewa Cree Tribal Identification Card; as further required in this Ordinance regardless of place of residence.¹

SECTION 2. VOTER REGISTRATION

The Tribal Election Board shall establish and maintain a register of eligible voters for tribal elections. A voter, to get on this list shall, on form provided, certify to the Election Board Secretary at least ten (10) working days before the election that he is a qualified voter. As long as a registered voter votes in the last Tribal election, his registration will continue.

ARTICLE III – CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1. CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for membership on the Business Committee, candidate must have the following qualifications:

- a) Be a member of the Tribe.
- b) Must have physically resided within the general area, which encompasses the main body of the reservation or on any land under the jurisdiction of the tribe for two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the general election.
- c) Must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age on the date of the election.

¹ Article II § 1 was amended by Referendum Election held November 6, 2012.

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- d) Should a potential candidate have been convicted of a felony involving dishonesty in any State or Federal court or convicted by tribal court of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or bribery in handling tribal affairs, such persons shall not be entitled to be a candidate until five (5) years after completion of his penalty.
- e) If a candidate was ever convicted of use, possession or sale of illegal drugs in any State, Federal or tribal court, such persons shall not be entitled to be a candidate until five (5) years after completion of the penalty.²

SECTION 2. FILING FEES

Any member who wishes to file as candidate shall pay a filing fee as follows:

- a. For Business Committee - \$100.00
- b. For Chairmanship of Business Committee - \$150.00
- c.³

The filing fees shall be paid to the Election Board Clerk to help defray election expenses. Such fees shall not be refunded unless the Election Board declares the candidate does not meet candidate qualifications. All filing fees shall be deposited in the Chippewa Cree Tribe's special General Account and used to offset the Election Board Expenses for Tribal Elections.

SECTION 3. FILING TIME

A petition for any tribal elected office position shall be filed with the Rocky Boy's Chippewa Cree Tribal Secretary at least twenty (20) days but not more than thirty (30) days before the day of election. The Secretary shall record on each petition the minute, hour, day, month and year of the time of filing.⁴

SECTION 4. WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

No elective office shall be filled by write-in candidates.

² Candidate Eligibility were amended by Secretary Election held January 6, 2004, and approved by Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Keith Beartusk February 6, 2004.

³ Appoint of Judges was amended by Secretary Election held January 6, 2004, and approved by Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Keith Beartusk February 6, 2004.

⁴ An exception will be made for filing time only for the special 1989 Primary and General election based on the Election Board's discretion.

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SECTION 5. INSURE CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The Election Board shall be responsible for insuring that only persons who meet the qualifications are accepted as candidates for elective office.

ARTICLE IV – NOTICE OF ELECTION

SECTION 1. TIME OF ELECTION

A tribal election to elect officers as prescribed by the tribal Constitution on even numbered years.⁵ A primary election shall be held in October and a general election shall be held in November on dates fixed by the Election Board.⁶ In so far as possible election dates shall be coordinated to coincide with local and state election dates. The polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time on day of election.

SECTION 2. PLACE OF ELECTION

The place of the election shall be at a public building on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.

SECTION 3. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

A notice of election in the form as hereinafter specified shall be posted in public places ten (10) days before Election. A duplicate notice shall be posted at the Tribal Office located on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.⁷ A duplicate notice will be published for one (1) issue in the Havre Daily News at Havre, Montana at least two (2) days prior to the day fixed for the election.

SECTION 4. FORM OF NOTICE

The notice of election shall contain a list of all candidates for the respective tribal offices designated in the nominating petition of each candidate. The notice of election shall further contain the election date, the time of opening and closing of the polls, the polling place of the election and the qualifications of voters. The Notice of Election Form is hereinafter attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 5. PREPARATION FOR ELECTION

It shall be the duty of the Tribal Election Board with assistance from Tribal personnel to provide supplies, material and necessary forms to hold a tribal election. The

⁵ With the exception of the 1989 Special Election to allow implementation of this Election Ordinance.

⁶ Time of Election was amended by Secretary Election held January 6, 2004, and approved by Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Keith Beartusk February 6, 2004.

⁷ Posting Election Notice in the United States Post Office in Havre and Box Elder, Montana was removed, because it's inconsistent with Federal Laws.

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Board shall also provide notices to alternate members in the event a Board member is unable to serve and call a pre-election meeting to discuss voting procedures and make other preparation for holding a satisfactory and fair election.

SECTION 6. IN THE EVENT OF DEATH

In the event of a candidate's death between the primary and general election, the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes from the primary will qualify as a candidate for the general election.

ARTICLE V – BALLOTING PROCEDURES

SECTION 1. VOTING BOOTHS

There shall be provided at the polling place substantial separate voting booths with curtains, to ensure secret balloting. A writing surface and marking pencils shall be provided.

SECTION 2. BALLOT BOX

The Ballot Box shall be of substantial construction equipped with a lock. Immediately prior to the opening of the polls, the Chairman of the Election Board shall open the ballot box in the presence of the other members of the Election Board to show that no ballots are contained in the ballot box and he shall then lock the ballot box and retain the key in his possession until after the balloting has been completed and counted.

SECTION 3. METHODS OF VOTING

Each voter must first register on the registration form provided. The Election Board shall determine if such person is eligible and qualified to vote by comparing with the list of registered voters, and all qualified voters will be provided with a ballot. All voting shall be done by secret ballot. No one else other than each individual voter shall be allowed in each voting booth at one time, except that an interpreter may help the voter as set forth below.

SECTION 4. DEPOSITS OF BALLOTS

After the ballots have been properly marked, they must be placed in the ballot box by the elector and the voters right to secrecy will be protected.

SECTION 5. INTERPRETATION OF THE BALLOT

When requested to do so by a voter who does not understand the ballot, at least one (1) member of the Election Board who speak the Chippewa Cree and English language and one impartial tribal member, who has been designated by the Election

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Board as an interpreter shall in the presence of each other, read and translate the ballot to said voter and instruct the voter on the method of voting. Such members of the Election Board shall not advise or otherwise intimidate the voter into voting for a certain candidate.

SECTION 6. WATCHERS

Any candidates may name a tribal member to act as watcher at an election. The watchers shall have the right to be present at the polling place but outside the booths and to watch the Election Board, the balloting, the counting and the recoding of the results of the election. It shall be the duty of the watcher to watch, listen and observe counting for all candidates voted for and can insist upon a fair count but shall have no further authority then to challenge the results thereof.

Watchers shall not give out any information as to the counting until the public announcements by the Chairman of the Election Board. A watcher shall receive no compensation for his services. The appointment of a poll watcher by the candidate shall be written and filed by 4:30 p.m. the day before the election with the Election Clerk or Chairman of the Election Board.⁸

Watchers shall be required to abide by the following:

- a) Watchers are prohibited from using cell phones, video cameras, or any other electronic devices within the polling site; and
- b) Watchers shall remain within polling site at all times, in the event an emergency exists Watchers shall be required to sign-out prior to leaving the polling site; and
- c) Watchers are prohibited from communicating, interacting, and/or disturbing any individuals within the polling site; and
- d) Watchers that are in violation of the Ordinance shall be removed from the premises and may be subject to prosecution.⁹

SECTION 7. ABSENTEE VOTING

A qualified elector who will be absent from the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation on election day may vote as hereinafter provided.¹⁰

- a) Time for voting absentee. At any time within the period beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each regular working day, three (3) regular working days before the election, an elector expecting to be

⁸ Watchers was amended by Referendum Election held November 2, 2010.

⁹ Article V § 6 (a-b) was adopted by Referendum Election held November 6, 2012.

¹⁰ Absentee Mail-In Voting was denied by Referendum Election held January 3, 1989.

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absent may appear before the Election Clerk, or if unavailable an authorized representative appointed by the Election Board, and apply for an official ballot to be voted at such election as an absent voter's ballot.¹¹ The Application Form is hereinafter attached as Exhibit B.

- b) Absentee voting location. A voting area and ballot box shall be provided and maintained at the Tribal office with the necessary supplies.
- c) Absentee voting Process. Upon execution and receipt of an application for absent voter's ballot, the Election Clerk shall enter the name of applicant on the register provided thereof. The application for absentee ballot shall require the applicant, under oath before the Election Clerk to affirm that he does indeed expect to be absent on day of election from the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.

The voter shall vote his ballot following the same procedures that govern a non-absentee voter during election day. The voter shall personally deposit it in the ballot machine. The clerk shall safely keep the locked ballot machine and election supplies in her office.¹²

- d) Absentee voter register. The ballot or ballots used by absent voters shall be one of the official ballots for such election, beginning with ballot one and following consecutively according to the number of such applications. The Election Clerk shall keep a register of the absent voters including their signatures and, at the time election supplies are delivered to the polling places, a list of the absent voters shall be delivered to the polling place on election day.
- e) Processing absentee voter ballots. On election day, the absent voter's ballot machine shall be delivered to the Tribal polling place and to the custody of the Election Board thereof.¹³

SECTION 8. PLACEMENT OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES

The names of the candidates for each respective office shall be placed upon the ballot in the respective order to correspond with the time of filing.

¹¹ Time For Voting Absentee was amended by Referendum Election held November 2, 2010.

¹² Article V § 7 (c) was amended by Referendum Election held November 6, 2012.

¹³ Article V § 7 (e) was amended by Referendum Election held November 6, 2012.

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SECTION 9. INDIVIDUAL VOTING

All voting must be for individual candidates for each respective office. For each respective office, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest votes in the Primary Election shall be on the ballot in the General Election. The ballots will not be prepared as to provide for slate voting.

SECTION 10. ELECTIONEERING AT THE BOOTHS

No person including Election Board Members shall be allowed to electioneer within the building or within Fifty (50) feet of the building where and when the election is in progress and it will be the duty of the Chairman of the Election Board to arrange with the Chief of Police for the assistance of the Tribal Police to maintain order about the building during the election.

ARTICLE VI – CANVASSING/CERTIFICATION/SAFEKEEPING

SECTION 1. CANVASS OF BALLOTS

At the hour fixed for the closing of the polls, the Election Board and Election Clerk shall close the polls and immediately proceed to count the votes cast on each ballot for each candidate or proposition and certify in writing under their signatures to the Business Committee the correct total number of the votes cast for each candidate and for each proposition if any. The person receiving the largest number of votes cast in the General Election shall be the person elected to office. In case of a tie vote between the last two (2) candidates for any respective office; the method of determining the winner, the Election Board shall consult with the two (2) candidates and if a satisfactory decision cannot be reached the winner shall be determined by run off balloting process. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, except the duly qualified Election Board and Election Clerk, to interfere in any election or to aid and assist or attempt to aid and assist the Election Board and Election Clerk in conducting the election or canvassing the ballots cast at any election.

SECTION 2. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

The Election Board shall certify the results of the election to the Secretary who shall post the results of such election at the Tribal Office located on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.

SECTION 3. SAFE KEEPING OF BALLOTS

Upon completion of ballot count, the Election Board shall place in an envelope marked (a) Ballots: (b) Unused Ballots: and (c) Stubs. These shall be placed in a locked box, sealed with election seal and signed by all the Election Board. The locked and sealed box shall be delivered to the Tribal Chief of Police, Law and Order Department by a Police Officer and Chairman of the Election Board. The ballots and other election

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material shall be locked for the duration of the positions elected (2) years – (4) years. The key of locked box shall be maintained by the Election Clerk.

SECTION 4. OPENING OF LOCKED BOX

The sealed and locked box containing the ballots and other election materials shall be opened with a Court Order only for any protest or recount pursuant to other sections of this Election Ordinance. The protestor(s), the Election Clerk, three (3) members of the Election Board and the Tribal Judge signing the Court Order shall be present at the opening of the sealed and locked box.

ARTICLE VII – PROTEST OR CHALLENGE

SECTION 1. PROTEST AND CHALLENGE OF CANDIDATES

Procedures for protesting the Qualifications of Candidates for Tribal Office.

- a) Appeals will be accepted only on complaints against qualifications and procedures outlined in the Constitution, which stipulates the qualification requirements for candidates.
- b) All appeals must be filed within two (2) days (by 4:30 p.m. on the second day) after the posting of certified candidates to the Election Board.¹⁴
- c) The Tribal Election Board shall have full authority to determine the validity of qualifications and procedures of all appeals.

SECTION 2. PROTEST OR CHALLENGE OF ELECTION

Only a candidate defeated in the election shall be eligible to contest the results of an election. The protest or challenge must be filed within five (5) calendar days after the election results have been posted. Protest shall be filed with any member of the Election Board. Protest shall be in writing and set forth valid reasons, based on the Tribe's Constitution or Election Ordinance as to why the results shall not be final. A petition to protest the election results by a losing candidate must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$500.00 per losing candidate to cover administrative cost of the protest. If the Election Board renders a decision to re-hold an election, the losing candidate shall submit an additional cash deposit of \$500.00 per losing candidate to cover costs of such election.¹⁵

On any protest or challenge of election the decision of the Election Board may be appealed to the Tribal Court.

¹⁴ Article VII § 1 (b) was amended by Referendum Election held November 6, 2012.

¹⁵ Protest or Challenge of Election was amended by Referendum Election held November 2, 2010. The original protest fee of \$250.00 was passed by Referendum Election held January 3, 1989

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ARTICLE VIII – VIOLATION OF ELECTION ORDINANCE


SECTION 1. VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE

Any Election Board Member or any Tribal Member who willfully or purposely violates any portion of this Election Ordinance will be subject to prosecution by the Tribal Court for a term of up to one (1) year and/or a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or both.¹⁶

ARTICLE IX – ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE

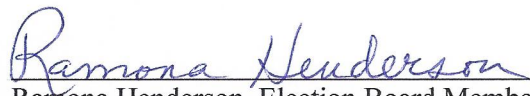
For purpose of adopting or amending an election ordinance, the Election Board is empowered to call and conduct a referendum election. In such election, a majority of those who vote shall determine whether the proposal is adopted or rejected provided at least thirty (30) percent of the registered voters participate in the balloting.


Cecelia Parker, Chairwoman


Paulette Pipe, Election Board Member


Gayle Denny, Election Board Member


Anna Crain, Election Board Member


Ramona Henderson, Election Board Member


Janice Myers, Clerk of Election Board

¹⁶ In accordance with the Indian Civil Rights Act § 1302(7), Constitution of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, Article XI (g).

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SAMPLE(S) NOTICE OF ELECTION FORM
(Hereinafter Attached)

CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD

Cecelia Parker, Chairman of Election Board
Rena Gardipee, Election Board Member
Ramona Henderson, Election Board Member

Anna Crain, Election Board Member
Gayle Denny, Election Board Member
Janice Myers, Clerk of Election Board

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(406) 395-5702 (FAX)

Public Notice of Special Election

The Chippewa Cree Business Committee by Resolution had declared the Chairmanship position vacant and directed the Chippewa Cree Tribal Election Board to call a Special Election to fill such vacancy. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. *Constitution of the Chippewa Cree Tribe*, Article V, Section 1.

A petition for "the Chairmanship" position shall be filed with the Rocky Boy's Chippewa Cree Tribal Secretary at least twenty (20) days but not more than thirty (30) days before the day of the election. The Secretary shall record on each petition the minute, hour, day, month and year of the time of filing. *Election Board Ordinance*, Article III, Section 3.

The Special Election for Chairmanship shall be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 (An additional notice will be posted ten (10) days before the Special Election, identifying the qualified candidates, election date, the time of opening and closing of the polls, the location and the qualifications of voters, as required under the *Election Board Ordinance*, Article IV, Section 3).

The Chippewa Cree Tribal Secretary (hereinafter "Secretary") shall accept petitions for the Chairmanship position beginning 8:00AM on Monday, June 6, 2011. The Secretary shall record on each petition the minute, hour, day, month and year of the time of filing. All petitions for the Chairmanship position must be filed by 4:30PM on Thursday, June 16, 2011 with the Secretary.

All petitions must be accompanied by \$150.00 dollars, the filing fee for the Chairmanship of the Business Committee as required under the *Election Board Ordinance*, Article III, Section 2. The filing fees shall be paid to the Election Board Clerk to help defray election expenses. Such fees shall not be refunded unless the Election Board declares the candidate does not meet candidate qualifications.

To be eligible for membership on the Business Committee, candidate must have the following qualifications:


- a) Be a member of the Tribe.
- b) Must have physically resided within the general area, which encompasses the main body of the reservation or on any land under the jurisdiction of the tribe for two (2) years immediately prior to the date of the general election.
- c) Must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age on the date of the election.
- d) Should a potential candidate have been convicted of a felony in any State or Federal court or convicted by tribal court of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or bribery in handling tribal affairs, such persons shall not be entitled to be a candidate until five (5) years after completion of his penalty.

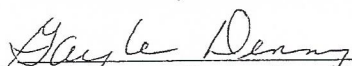
- e) If a candidate was ever convicted of use, possession or sale of illegal drugs in any State, Federal or tribal court, such persons shall not be entitled to be a candidate until five (5) years after completion of the penalty. *Constitution of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, Article IV, Section 2. Election Board Ordinance, Article III, Section 1.*

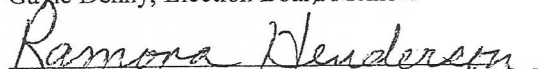
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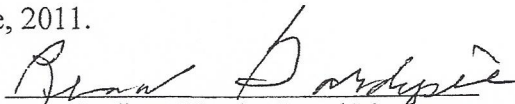
This Public Notice of Special Election was unanimously approved during a duly conducted Election Board Meeting held on Thursday, June 2, 2011.

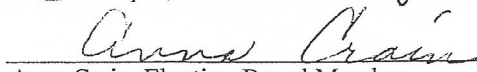
WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES, this the 2nd day of June, 2011.

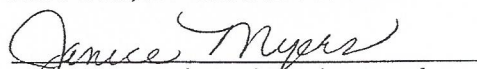

Cecelia Parker, Chairman of Election Board


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As required under the *Election Board Ordinance*, Article IV, Section 3

The Chippewa Cree Business Committee by Resolution had declared the Chairmanship position vacant and directed the Chippewa Cree Tribal Election Board to call a Special Election to fill such vacancy. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, [for the remaining term of the vacant position, which shall expire November 2012]. *Constitution of the Chippewa Cree Tribe*, Article V, Section 1.

THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CHAIRMANSHIP SHALL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011. THE SPECIAL ELECTION SHALL BE HELD AT THE OLD STONE COLLEGE GYMNASIUM, LOCATED ON THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION. See *Election Board Ordinance*, Article IV, Section 2. THE POLLS SHALL BE OPEN FOR VOTING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME ON DAY OF SPECIAL ELECTION, See *Election Board Ordinance*, Article IV, Section 1.

TIME FOR VOTING ABSENTEE, SHALL BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. EACH REGULAR WORKING DAY OF JUNE 29TH, 30TH, AND JULY 1ST, 2011, an elector expecting to be absent may appear before the Election Clerk, or if unavailable an authorized representative appointed by the Election Board, and apply for an official ballot to be voted at such election as an absent voter's ballot. *Chippewa Cree Election Ordinance*, Article V, Section 7.

The following is a list of all candidates for the Business Committee Chairmanship position, *Chippewa Cree Election Ordinance*, Article IV, Section 4. All listed candidates have satisfied the qualifications required under the *Chippewa Cree Constitution*, Article IV, Section 2. Also, See *Chippewa Cree Election Ordinance*, Article III, Sections 1, 2, 3:

Bruce SunChild Sr.

Pete T. LaMere

Ken Blatt St. Marks

Daryl "Buck" Wright

TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE ON ELECTION DAY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN TRIBAL ELECTIONS. *Chippewa Cree Constitution*, Article IV, Section 1. Also, See *Chippewa Cree Election Ordinance*, Article II, Section 1.


PROCEDURES FOR PROTESTING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOVED:

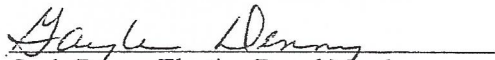
- a) Appeals will be accepted only on complaints against qualifications and procedures outlined in the Constitution, which stipulates the qualification requirements for candidates.
- b) Appeals must be filed five (5) days prior to the date of the election to the Election Board.
- c) The Tribal Election Board shall have full authority to determine the validity of qualifications and procedures of all appeals. *Chippewa Cree Election Ordinance*, Article VII, Section 1.

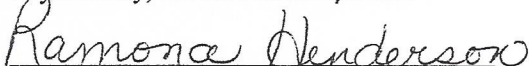
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This Public Notice of Special Election was unanimously approved during a duly conducted Election Board Meeting held on Monday, June 20, 2011.

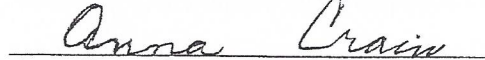
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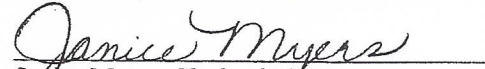

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Chippewa Cree Election Ordinance
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SAMPLE(S) APPLICATION FORM
(Hereinafter Attached)

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM RESULTS (NOVEMBER 2, 2010)
(Hereinafter Attached)

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOVEMBER 8, 2010

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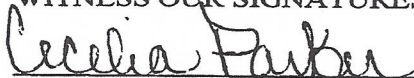
The Chippewa Cree Election Board (hereinafter "Election Board") held a Referendum Election at Old Stone Child College Gymnasium for proposed changes to the Election Ordinance on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. For purposes of amending the Chippewa Cree Election Ordinance (hereinafter "Election Ordinance"), the Election Board is empowered to call and conduct a referendum election. In such election, a majority of those who voted shall determine whether the proposed changes are adopted or rejected provided at least thirty (30) percent of the registered voters participate in balloting. There were a total of eight hundred and forty eight (848) qualified tribal members that voted in the Referendum Election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, a number that satisfied the percentage requirement for any adopted or rejected change to the Election Ordinance. Therefore the following changes shall be included in the Election Ordinance:

AMENDMENT A TO INCLUDE THAT AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE PERIOD BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. EACH REGULAR WORKING DAY FOR ABSENTEE VOTING WAS PASSED 682 FOR AND 165 AGAINST.

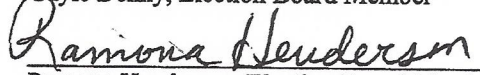
AMENDMENT B APPOINTMENT OF POLL WATCHER BY THE CANDIDATE SHALL BE WRITTEN AND FILED BY 4:30 P.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, WAS PASSED 760 FOR AND 88 AGAINST.


AMENDMENT C INCREASE PROTEST FEE FROM \$250.00 TO \$ 500.00 DOLLARS PER LOSING CANDIDATE, WAS PASSED 517 FOR AND 331 AGAINST.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES, this the 8th day of November, 2010.

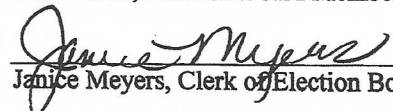

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOVEMBER 8, 2012

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE REFERENDUM CERTIFICATION RESULTS

The Chippewa Cree Election Board (hereinafter "Election Board") held a Referendum Election at the Rocky Boy Wellness Center for proposed changes to the Election Ordinance on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. For purposes of amending the Chippewa Cree Election Ordinance (hereinafter "Election Ordinance"), the Election Board is empowered to call and conduct a referendum election. In such election, a majority of those who voted shall determine whether the proposed changes are adopted or rejected provided at least thirty (30) percent of the registered voters participate in balloting. There were a total of 1,218 qualified tribal members that voted in the Referendum Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, a number that satisfied the percentage requirement for any adopted or rejected change to the Election Ordinance. The following are the results of said referendum:

AMENDMENT A: Article VII § (b) - Protest and Challenge of Candidates: All appeals must be filed within two (2) days (by 4:30pm on the second day) after the posting of certified candidates to the Election Board was passed 846 for and 343 against.

AMENDMENT B: Article II § 2- Voter Qualifications: All duly enrolled members of the Chippewa Cree Tribe eighteen years of age or older on election day shall be eligible to vote provided the voter is on the certified enrollment list of the Tribe, and provides a Chippewa Cree Tribal Identification Card; as further required in this Ordinance regardless of place of residence was passed 1015 for and 190 against.

AMENDMENT C: Delete entire Article II § 2- Voter Registration did *not* pass 484 for and 632 against.

AMENDMENT D: Article V § 6- Watchers: Guidelines to be followed: Watchers shall be required to abide by the following: Watchers are prohibited from using cell phones, video cameras, or any other electronic devices within the polling site; and Watchers shall remain within polling site at all times, in the event an emergency exists Watchers shall be required to sign-out prior to leaving the polling site; and Watchers are prohibited from communicating, interacting, and/or disturbing any individuals within the polling site; and Watchers that are in violation of the Ordinance shall be removed from the premises and may be subject to prosecution was passed 943 for and 237 against.

AMENDMENT E: Article V § 7 (c)- Absentee Voting: The voter shall vote his ballot following the same procedures that govern a non-absentee voter during election day. The voter shall personally deposit it in the ballot machine. The clerk shall safely keep the

locked ballot machine and election supplies in her office was passed 939 for and 262 against.

AMENDMENT F: Article V § 7 (e)- Absentee Voting: On election day, the absent voter's ballot machine shall be delivered to the Tribal polling place and to the custody of the Election Board thereof was passed 975 for and 219 against.

The approved changes shall be incorporated within the Election Ordinance, and shall be effective immediately.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES, this the **8th day of November, 2012.**

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