

FOND DU LAC ORDINANCE #03/23

BYLAWS OF THE

FOND DU LAC BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Adopted by Resolution #1252/23 of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee on August 23, 2023.

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Pursuant to the authority reserved under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 476, and as granted under Article VI of the Revised Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, as the Governing Body of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, hereby enacts the following Bylaws of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Powwow Committee.

101. Name. The name of the organization shall be the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Powwow Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee").

102. Purpose. The purpose of the Committee shall be to plan, organize, and oversee Traditional and Contest Powwows related to the Fond du Lac Reservation.

103. Membership. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be enrolled members of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The Reservation Business Committee shall make all appointments to the Committee and shall notify the appointees of such appointments.

104. Removal or Suspension of Members. A member of the Committee may be removed by the Reservation Business Committee for misconduct, malfeasance, inexcusably missing three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee, disqualification under Section 104 of these Bylaws, or crimes of moral turpitude. Where a member of the Committee has been charged with a crime of moral turpitude, or where the Reservation Business Committee has considered reliable allegations of such conduct, the Reservation Business Committee may suspend that member until such time as that member has been exonerated of those charges or allegations. The Committee may recommend removal or suspension of a Committee member to the Reservation Business Committee for any of the above-stated reasons, provided that the conduct at issue is reasonably substantiated.

105. Resignation. A member who no longer wishes to sit on the Committee shall give notice to the Chair or Secretary of Powwow Committee at least three (3) days before the next meeting. Resignation shall be noted in that next meetings minutes.

106. Officers. The Committee shall elect from its members a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. Each shall serve a term of two (2) years. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside. The Chairperson shall have the responsibility to see that all functions of the are satisfactorily conducted and shall perform all general responsibilities which are inherent in that office. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the financial records and overseeing the Committee's disbursements to vendors, Powwow participants, and contests. The Secretary shall prepare and maintain the minutes of the Committee and shall provide copies of the minutes to the Reservation Business Committee and Committee members within ten (10) days of approval. An officer may be removed from that office by majority vote of a quorum of the Committee.

107. Functions of the Committee.

- (a) Schedule and identify Powwows for the Band.
- (b) Plan and identify resources necessary to conduct Powwows.
- (c) Recommend contracting needs to the Reservation Business Committee for approval.
- (d) Advise the Reservation Business Committee on issues related to Powwows.

108. Meetings. All meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Order and Code of Conduct prescribed under Articles 110 and 111 of these Bylaws.

(a) **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Committee shall be weekly or biweekly dependent on the planning needs for an upcoming event. Members shall be notified of the meeting by the Secretary no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting.

(b) **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chairperson, or by any three (3) members of the Committee. Members shall be notified of the special meeting by the Secretary no less than three (3) calendar days prior to the meeting, and shall be informed of the purpose, place, date and time of the meeting, and shall be informed of those members responsible for calling the meeting. No business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting except as specified in the notice.

(c) **Quorum.** A quorum shall consist of at least three (3) members, at least one of whom shall be the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the majority of members present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon. A majority of members present, though less than a quorum, may adjourn the meeting.

109. Subcommittees. The Committee may establish from its membership standing or ad hoc subcommittees to work on any special problems or projects related to its business. Upon a majority vote of the Committee, non-committee members may be appointed to ad hoc subcommittees.

110. Rules of Order. All meetings of the Committee shall be conducted using a modified consensus model of governance.

111. Committee Code of Conduct. The following standards of conduct shall apply to members of the Committee in carrying out Committee functions:

(a) The purposes of the Committee are coordinative and advisory and not administrative, and the performance of administrative and professional functions within the program shall be left to the appropriate staff, who shall be accorded the respect and consideration due professional personnel.

(b) The Committee is not a political body, and the use of one's membership on the Committee to advance personal positions which are not directly related to the Committee's purposes is inappropriate.


(c) The authority of the Committee resides in the Committee as a body, and an individual member has no authority to represent the Committee outside official meetings unless specifically delegated by the Committee undertaken in accordance with these Bylaws.

(d) All Committee business shall be conducted in an ethical and above-board manner, and the procedures for holding meetings prescribed under Article 108 of these Bylaws must be strictly observed.

112. Amendments. These Bylaws shall only be amended by resolution of the Reservation Business Committee.

CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance #03/23 was duly presented and adopted by Resolution #1252/23 by a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 silent, with a quorum of 4 being present at a Special meeting of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee held on August 23, 2023 on the Fond du Lac Reservation.



Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr.
Chairman



Robert Abramowski
Secretary/Treasurer



Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation Business Committee

Chairman Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr. Secretary/Treasurer Robert Abramowski
District I Wally J. Dupuis District II Brad Blacketter District III Roger M. Smith, Sr.

RESOLUTION #1252/23

Adopting Fond du Lac Ordinance #03/23, Bylaws of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Powwow Committee

The Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, on behalf of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, hereby enacts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa are a sovereign people, who occupy the Fond du Lac Reservation and retain their aboriginal rights of self-government and self-determination pursuant to the Treaty of LaPointe of September 30, 1854, 10 Stat. 1109; the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 461 et seq.; the common law of the United States; and as recognized by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of September 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, it is the sovereign obligation of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, as the duly-constituted governing body of the Fond du Lac Band, to exercise the responsibilities of self-government and management over the Band's affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Reservation Business Committee has determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the Band to create a Powwow Committee to plan, organize, and oversee Traditional and Contest Powwows of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; and


WHEREAS, toward that purpose, the Reservation Business Committee has developed proposed bylaws to govern the activities of the Powwow Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Reservation Business Committee has reviewed the proposed bylaws and has determined that adoption of the bylaws would be in the best interests of the Band;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee does hereby adopt Fond du Lac Ordinance #03/23, entitled "Bylaws of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Powwow Committee", to become effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted upon by vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 silent, with a quorum of 4 being present at a Special Meeting of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee held on August 23, 2023 on the Fond du Lac Reservation.


Kevin R. Dupuis, Sr., Chairman


Robert Abramowski, Secretary-Treasurer

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