

IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE

November 18, 2020



DECLARATION OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BY RESOLUTION T2020-118

Pursuant to Tribal Council Motion Resolution T2020-118, the Council hereby declares:

- Pursuant to Resolution T2020-118, Council adopted certain amendments to the current Election Ordinance to modify election procedures when special circumstances exist due to an unexpected and disruptive event such as a public health emergency or natural disaster.
- Presently, the entire Election Board has been directed to isolate/quarantine due to COVID-19.
- The Election Board has requested the implementation of special circumstance to allow them to continue to carry out their duties related to the 2020 General Election regarding requests for recount and challenges.
- Council believes that in the interest of public health and safety as well as the best interest of the eligible voters, implementation of Special Circumstances is necessary to “conduct fair, legal and impartial elections under Special Circumstance that are consistent with the requirements of the Constitution of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.”

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PROCEDURES IMPLEMENTED BY T2020-118

The following special circumstances are enacted to allow requests for recount and challenges to be carried out remotely within the timeframes required by the Election Ordinance. Requests for recount or challenges may be received via email at elections@lvd-nsn.gov by the required deadlines. Please contact the Election Board if you require alternate arrangements.

- SC20.2 Vote Count. The votes shall be counted as soon as practicable. The Vote Count shall be physically conducted by at least one Election Board Member and in view of at least one other person who may be (a) another Election Board Member; (b) a member of the Tribal Police; and/or (c) an Election Board designee. *When Special Circumstances require, the vote count may be observed in real time remotely by broadcast or other means that allows for real time observation.* (emphasis added).
- SC 20.6 Counting Ballots. When Special Circumstances exist and prohibit all Election Board Members to participate in the vote count, Election Board Members may perform separate vote counts according to SC20.2.
- SC35.1 Hearings. When Special Circumstances exist, the Election Board may conduct any hearings remotely and by telephone, live stream, or other broadcast method.

PLEASE CONTACT THE ELECTION BOARD AT 906-358-4199 or 906-287-0663 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE.