

NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
FROM GTB ELECTION BOARD

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Election Board has revised the election schedule due to the continued shutdown of GTB Government operations as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Enclosed you will find an Amended Schedule of Events which supersedes any dates contained in the previously published Election Regulations. The election schedule may need to be revised again if the shutdown affects the Election Board beyond the current date of May 15, 2020.

For those concerned about appearing at a polling site, or unable to appear at a polling site, there is always the option of voting by absentee ballot. The regulations concerning absentee ballots are also enclosed herein for easy reference.

The Election Board plans to meet via Zoom on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. All Tribal Members are welcome to attend via Zoom, and public comment will be allowed shortly after the meeting begins. The meeting ID # is 797 900 5666, the password is 0cmeDb.

To keep updated on election issues, the Election Board encourages you to check the GTB website where election announcements will be posted, or to sign up for the Tribe's Nixle text messaging system to receive updates that way.

Thank you for your patience during these trying times.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ *Shawn Koon-Nollf*

Election Board Chair

XIV. AMENDED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following amended schedules are hereby adopted for conducting the elections, and supersede any dates previously published in the Election Regulations. The Election Board may revise the Schedule of Events if an election challenge, election dispute, court order, or other circumstances (such as a continued Tribal government shutdown) require a delay or adjustment to the dates listed herein.

Primary Election

DATE	EVENT
February 3, 2020	2020 Election Regulations shall be mailed on or before this date to each Tribal member who will be eighteen (18) years old as of the date of the election whose address of Tribal record is within the Tribe's six-county service area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Manistee counties).
February 3, 2020	Declaration of Candidacy and Consent forms shall be made available by Membership office.
February 27, 2020	Requests for absentee ballots for the Primary Election accepted by the Membership Office.
February 28, 2020 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for filing completed Declaration of Candidacy and Consent forms declaring candidacy for Tribal office.
May 18, 2020	Deadline for Election Board releasing list of registered voters and absentee voters for posting.
May 27, 2020 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for submitting a request for an absentee ballot.
May 28, 2020	Absentee ballots mailed out to each registered voter who has sent in a timely request for an absentee ballot.
June 4, 2020 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for registering to vote for the Primary Election .
June 15, 2020 12:00 p.m. (noon)	Deadline for submitting a request for emergency absentee ballot.
June 15, 2020 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots by mail to GTB Election Board, P.O. Box 7118, Traverse City, MI 49686, or hand-delivered to the Membership Office.
June 15, 2020 5:00 p.m.	Testing and certification of polling machines by Election Board. All Tribal members are welcome to attend.
June 16, 2020 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Polls open for voting for Primary Election
June 16, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for receiving hand-delivered absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots at the voter's designated polling place.
June 16, 2020 8:30 p.m. (approximately)	Ballots for the Primary Election counted by Election Board in Tribal Council Chambers at the Tribal Administration Building in Peshawbestown and unofficial election results announced. All Tribal Members are welcome to attend.
June 23, 2020 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for filing election challenges with Election Board
June 24, 2020 5:30 p.m.	Primary Election results certified if no election challenges filed.

General Election

DATE	EVENT
February 3, 2020	2020 Election Regulations shall be mailed on or before this date to each Tribal member who will be eighteen (18) years old as of the date of the election whose address of Tribal record is within the Tribe's six-county service area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Manistee counties).
February 3, 2020	Declaration of Candidacy and Consent forms shall be made available by Membership office.
February 28, 2020 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for filing completed Declaration of Candidacy and Consent forms declaring candidacy for Tribal office.
June 22, 2020	Deadline for Election Board releasing list of registered voters and absentee voters for posting.
June 25, 2020	Requests for absentee ballots for the General Election accepted by the Membership Office.
July 9, 2020 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for submitting a request for an absentee ballot.
July 10, 2020	Absentee ballots mailed out to each registered voter who has sent in a timely request for an absentee ballot.
July 15, 2020 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for registering to vote for the General Election .
July 20, 2020 12:00 p.m. (noon)	Deadline for submitting a request for emergency absentee ballot.
July 20, 2020 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots by mail to GTB Election Board, P.O. Box 7118, Traverse City, MI 49686, or hand-delivered to the Membership Office.
July 20, 2020 5:00 p.m.	Testing and certification of polling machines by Election Board. All Tribal members are welcome to attend.
July 21, 2020 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Polls open for voting for General Election .
July 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for receiving hand-delivered absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots at the voter's designated polling place.
July 21, 2020 8:30 p.m. (approximately)	Ballots for the General Election counted by Election Board in Tribal Council Chambers at the Tribal Administration Building in Peshawbestown and unofficial election results announced. All Tribal Members are welcome to attend.
July 28, 2020 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for filing election challenges with Election Board.
July 29, 2020 5:30 p.m.	General Election results certified if no election challenges filed.
July 30, 2020 (Tentative)	Oath of Office administered at Leelanau Sands Showroom. (Date tentative pending expiration of challenge period or resolution of any election challenges, or Leelanau Sands scheduling issues).

Runoff/Re-Ballot Election

Date	Event
August 5, 2020	Notice to membership of runoff or election challenge re-balloting
August 5, 2020	Request for application for absent voter ballot for Runoff or Re-Ballot Election accepted by the Membership Office.
August 14, 2020	Deadline for Election Board releasing list of registered voters and absentee voters for posting.
August 20, 2020 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for submitting a request for an absentee ballot.
August 21, 2020	Absentee ballots mailed out to each registered voter who has sent in a timely request for an absentee ballot.
August 28, 2020 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for registering to vote for the Runoff or Re-Ballot Election .
September 7, 2020 12:00 p.m. (noon)	Deadline for submitting a request for emergency absentee ballot.
September 7, 2020 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots by mail to GTB Election Board, P.O. Box 7118, Traverse City, MI 49686, or hand-delivered to the Membership Office.
September 7, 2020 5:00 p.m.	Testing and certification of polling machines by Election Board. All Tribal members are welcome to attend.
September 8, 2020 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Polls open for voting for Runoff or Re-Ballot Election .
September 8, 2020 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for receiving hand-delivered absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots at the voter's designated polling place.
September 8, 2020 8:30 p.m. (approximately)	Ballots for the Runoff or Re-Ballot Election counted by Election Board in Tribal Council Chambers at the Tribal Administration Building in Peshawbestown and unofficial election results announced. All Tribal Members are welcome to attend.
September 15, 2020 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for filing election challenges.
September 16, 2020 5:30 p.m.	Runoff or Re-Ballot Election results certified if no election challenges filed.
September 17, 2020 (Tentative)	Oath of Office administered at Leelanau Sands Showroom. (Date tentative pending expiration of challenge period or resolution of any election challenges, or Leelanau Sands scheduling issues).

We certify that the foregoing 2020 Amended Election Schedules were duly adopted by the Election Board at a special meeting held on April 30, 2020. The vote for adoption of these Regulations was as follows:

5 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTAINING, 0 ABSENT

/s/ Shawn Koon-Nolff

Shawn Koon-Nolff
Election Board Chairperson

Absentee Voting Regulations (Article VII, Sec. 14 of 2020 Election Regulations)

(14) Absentee Voting.

(a) Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters at the address designated in each voter's request. Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters on the date(s) specified in the Election Schedule established within these Regulations.

(b) Voters must complete the absentee ballot in accordance with the voting instructions included with the ballot and sign the ballot. If the person requires assistance in completing the ballot, or in delivering the ballot to the voter's designated polling place, the person providing that assistance must complete the portion of the absentee ballot certifying the assistance provided.

(c) Absentee ballots may be delivered to the Election Board using any of the methods described below:

(i) By placing the absentee ballot in an envelope with the necessary postage on the return envelope and depositing the envelope in the United States mail or with another postal service, express mail service or common carrier for delivery to the Election Board at the following address: Grand Traverse Band Election Board, P.O. Box 7118, Traverse City, MI 49686. Mailed absentee ballots must be received in the Election Board's designated post office box by 3:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day;

(ii) By arranging to have the absentee ballot hand delivered to the Membership Office by 3:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day.

(iii) By arranging to have the absentee ballot hand delivered to the voter's designated polling place by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

(iv) In any case in which an absentee ballot is hand-delivered by someone other than the voter to whom the absentee ballot was sent (see paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above), the person delivering the absentee ballot must sign and return the certificate in the form prescribed by the Election Board. Only another registered voter may deliver an absentee ballot for another voter.

(v) Persons hand-delivering absentee ballots to the Membership Office or to a designated polling place shall be required to sign a log verifying the name of the registered voter whose absentee ballot is being delivered and the date/time of delivery.

(d) Absentee ballots may be rejected for the following reasons:

(i) The envelope containing the absentee ballot is not signed by the voter;

(ii) The absentee ballot is not completed in accordance with the voting instructions included with the ballot;

(iii) If upon examination of the envelope containing the absentee voter's ballot it is determined that the signature cannot be matched with the signature on the new updated voter's registration record; or

(iv) It is determined by a majority of the Election Board that the vote contained in the ballot is illegal for any other reason under these Regulations.

(e) Rejected absentee ballots shall be marked on their face with the phrase "rejected as illegal" and initialed by the Chairperson of the Election Board. The

envelope containing rejected ballots and the rejected ballots shall be retained and preserved by the Membership Office for thirty (30) days after the Election Day.

(f) An absentee voter may vote in person at their designated polling place, notwithstanding the fact that he/she has requested an absent voter ballot and received an absentee voter ballot, under the following circumstances:

(i) The voter has not mailed or otherwise delivered the absentee ballot to the Election Board; and

(ii) Before voting in person, the voter has returned the absentee ballot they received to the polling officials at their designated polling place. The Polling Officials shall mark the ballot as "cancelled". Cancelled absentee ballots will be placed in the box with other cancelled or spoiled ballots.