

# White Earth Reservation Tribal Council

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## Challenger defeats incumbent for White Earth District III Representative position

**WHITE EARTH, MINN.** – Cheryl “Annie” Jackson defeated incumbent Eugene “Umsy” Tibbetts for a four-year term as District III Representative during the White Earth Reservation General Election held Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Jackson defeated Tibbetts 424 to 370. Eleven candidates originally competed for District III Representative in the June 9 primary election. Tibbetts and Jackson received the most votes in the primary and moved on to the general election.

In addition to choosing a District III Representative, voters were asked to decide if the White Earth Reservation Business Committee should authorize the production, regulation, and distribution of medical marijuana on the reservation. The referendum was approved by a vote of 994 to 150.

The general election was originally scheduled for June 9 but was moved to Aug. 18 for safety reasons due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are the **unofficial** results:

### **District III Representative**

Cheryl “Annie” Jackson	424 / 53.40%
Eugene “Umsy” Tibbetts (Incumbent)	370 / 46.60%

### **Medical Marijuana Referendum**

“Do you approve or disapprove of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee authorizing the production, regulation, and distribution of medical marijuana within the White Earth Reservation boundaries?”

Approve 994 / 86.89%

Disapprove 150 / 13.11%

In the June 9 primary election, White Earth Chairman Michael Fairbanks secured a four-year term with 57 percent of the vote and he was automatically re-elected as chairman and did not need to compete in the Aug. 18 election. Fairbanks was initially chosen to lead the nation in a special general election held Aug. 6, 2019, to fill the unexpired four-year term of Chairman Terry Tibbetts who was elected in 2016 and passed away in March 2019 after a brief illness.

The election results are expected to be officially **certified** by 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

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**Attachment:**

1. White Earth Reservation General Election results. **(unofficial)**
2. Cheryl “Annie” Jackson photo

# WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

GENERAL ELECTION

August 18, 2020

## UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS



	RICE LAKE	BEJOU	BEAULIEU	PINE BEND	WAUBUN	NAYTAHWAUSH	MAHNOMEN	OGEMA	WHITE EARTH	PINE POINT	ELBOW LAKE	CALLAWAY	MARBLE	MINNEAPOLIS	CASS LAKE	IN PERSON ABSENTEE	ABSENTEE	TOTAL	%	
<b>DISTRICT III REPRESENTATIVE</b>																				
EUGENE (UMSY) TIBBETS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	114	41	14	32	8	11	17	12	89	370	46.60%	
CHERYL "ANNIE" JACKSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	193	50	7	63	4	23	13	10	32	424	53.40%	
Total Ballots Cast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	307	91	21	95	12	34	30	22	121	794	100.00%	
<b>REFERENDUM QUESTION</b>																				
APPROVE	52	3	5	11	14	85	60	47	279	62	22	79	5	40	38	58	134	994	86.89%	
DISAPPROVE	0	3	0	0	3	4	3	12	22	10	0	16	7	4	12	6	48	150	13.11%	
Total Ballots Cast	52	6	5	11	17	89	63	59	301	72	22	95	12	44	50	64	182	1144	100.00%	

### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Election Officials of the White Earth Reservation do hereby certify the above abstract to be a true and accurate reflection of the votes cast in the General Election held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes, the White Earth Reservation, and Election Ordinance #10.

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