

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
August 24, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.  
Mahnomen, MN**

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Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. , roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, Chairman  
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer  
Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative  
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative  
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director  
Desirae Stalberger

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**Health Insurance Benefits**

Scott Omlid was present via phone. Recommendation is to implement Medicare Tribal fee schedule; will benefit PRC. Question was asked on who would be paying for the out of pocket expense; the rest of the insurance world. Educating individuals needs to be done right away in the beginning; ongoing education will be needed as well. Will need an additional employee for claims, and education. Scott agrees there needs to be more done to help employees understand the process. Discussion was held regarding PRC and referral process; there is a need to work closely with IHS. The benefits specialist needs to be able to address issues and answer questions regarding the health insurance benefits/packages. There needs to be consistency in both the government and casino sides. If the recommendation is approved what is the timeline to educate the employees. Tribal fee schedule would be implemented October 1, premiums would not be implemented until January 1. Stop loss will be the same.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve the recommended renewal effective October 1, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

RaeAnn stated an educational plan has been implemented with CCS.

**Other**

Resolution – White Earth Title VI Transit Policy

Joe Plumer provides a brief overview of the policy; policy is needed to continue to receive funding. Discussion was held regarding record keeping and file access; there are two portions to the files and one portion would not be accessible to public.

***Tara Mason left meeting at 10:03 a.m.***

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts made to approve Resolution #071-17-007, with stipulated changes, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 silent.

**Resolution – White Earth Land Lease [REDACTED]**

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #056-17-158, homesite lease cancellation, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Discussion was held regarding Tribal members holding land leases on MCT lands being evicted or leases not being renewed. This is a TEC issue and should be addressed. There are Tribal members who have invested money into their homes and will not be reimbursed. Legal department has been contacted by many people regarding this issue. Tribal and non-Tribal members need to be identified in future lease documents if it is a joint lease.

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #056-17-159, new residential lease, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

**PTO Donation Requests [REDACTED]**

***Umsy Tibbetts left meeting at 10:17 p.m.***

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve up to 120 hours [REDACTED], Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve donation [REDACTED], Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 10:20 a.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer