

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
August 28, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Acting Chairman Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative  
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative  
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative

Absent: Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, Chairman and Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director  
Mike Fairbanks, Deputy Director  
Maria Bevins, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to approve with additions, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin.  
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (8/14/17 & 8/24/17)**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve with changes, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts.  
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

***Tara Mason entered meeting at 9:31 a.m.***

**Calendar Review**

**Governor's Water Quality Discussion (9/13/17 @ BSU)**

**Skate Park Update**

Clinton Alexander present for Skate Park Updates. Clinton provided Council with Sons & Daughters Skate Park Initiative Summer 2017 Overview and Nay-tah-wash proposed Skate Park handouts for their review. White Earth Public Health in partnership with Boys & Girls Club of White Earth Reservation, Juvenile Wellness, and other collaborative partners received a start-up grant to build three Skate Parks in the villages of Pine Point, Nay-tah-waush and White Earth. Further development and sustainability will be addressed as the project continues to grow. Brief discussion on Pine Point Skate Park. There has been a lot of the children utilizing this Skate Park and having lots of fun. Brief discussion on the process for the completion of these Skate Parks. The grant will cover start-up and construction costs while operations cost can be absorbed into existing programs such as the Diabetes program and Boys & Girls club. This

project will focus on encouraging youth to be active. Long term goal is to build larger Skate Parks in our communities and expand the impact of prevention efforts and support intervention for the youth, such as; picnic tables, basket ball courts, softball fields, art work and other recreational activities. Clinton stated in the Nay-tah-waush & White Earth communities, they are building the smaller Skate Parks at this time. Nay-tah-waush Skate Park; discussion was held on the proposed area. WEDO concerns was the cross traffic in this area, however, the White Earth Roads department will provide some cross traffic lights/solar lights and cross walks for the area of the Skate Park and can share the cost with Mahnomen County. Discussion was held on safety issues/safety barriers. Drugs; Clinton stated that signs will be put up for the Police Department. White Earth Skate Park; discussion was held on the proposed area. First year phase for these Skate Parks will be the simple phase; mini ramps. Clinton is asking for RTC approval for these sites for the Skate Parks, then they can move forward and start the construction of these Parks.

***Eugene left meeting at 10:22 a.m.***

***Eugene entered meeting at 10:26 a.m.***

Consensus to approve these areas for Nay-tah-waush and White Earth Skate Parks.

***Meeting Recessed at 10:35 a.m.***

***Meeting Reconvened at 10:53 a.m.***

#### **Ojibwa Update**

Roy LaVoy and Jessica Johnson present from Ojibwa Enterprises. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jessica presented on budget numbers for WE Building Supplies. Tara commented on receivable for revenues. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Tara asked how many projects are we purchasing at this time? Roy stated the Rice Lake community center. Jessica stated they also have five projects from WE Housing Authority and they have spend down money and would like to store these supplies at WE Building Supplies. Roy stated that WE Behavioral Health has projects coming up and will be selling material the 1st of October. Roy also stated this cost for material can be over a million dollars for these projects. Roy had concerns with WE Housing and their biggest asset is utilizing Menards. WE Housing Authority is bringing in quotes from Menards and WE Building Supplies needing to match these prices. Roy proposed Indian preference for WE Housing Authority. WE Building Supplies cannot compete with Menards. Discussion was held on WE Housing Authority utilizing Menards for material. Tara stated what does the business plan look like for WE Building Supplies, we need to look at these numbers, the gaps of communication and needing the exact numbers on these. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jessica stated that one of her concerns is Great Plains (GP) and installing this new computer system into the Enterprise's Building, also the training needed for this. The new computer system will go live as of October 1st. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Tara stated that White Earth has hired an Attorney, Joe Plumer Jr. and she would like to sit down with him and White Earth Enterprise to go over the Business Plan. Jessica quoted some revenue from SSC. Brief discussion on Sanitation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Enterprises will be on agenda again for next Monday.

***Meeting recessed at 12:07 p.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 12:19 p.m.***

### **White Earth Housing Authority**

Steve Howard, White Earth Housing Director present. Steven provided Council with WE Housing Authority Contracts Report 2017 for their review.

- Minnesota Home Finance Agency (M.H.F.A.)
- Federal Home Loan Program (F.H.L.)
- Mold Project
- Nay-tah-waush
- Mike Smith-Sheila Thompson; Rehabilitation Contracts
- WEHA Contractors; currently have six

Tara commented on the VASH grant. Eugene stated that Finance was trying to get the funds back. Tara stated what are the attentions on this grant? Steven stated to his understanding this will be giving to RTC Grant department. Brief Discussion on the VASH Grant.

Steven referenced a letter he submitted to Abigail Mathews, Grant Specialist for Office of Native American Programs. Amended FY '17 IHP (Indian Housing Plan) Three activities will be added:

- The FY-15 Mold Project will require matching funds in the amount of \$260,000; \$95,836 for Administration and \$164,164 for Materials and Labor
- Purchase of Replacement Units (Unit #41 in NTW & Unit #13 in Rice Lake). Hard Materials purchased for these homes.
- The Tax-5 Project will require \$247,685.48 to complete the closeout of this project. Funds will be reimbursed from the Developer Fees and the conclusion of this project.

Board of Commissions meeting was held last Friday, August 25th and documentation for these projects put in Resolution Form.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve the IHP Amendment, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Discussion was held on WE Building Supplies: Steven stated Indian Preference of 10%. Steven stated they have been collusively using WE Building Supplies and WE Housing Authority is having some problems with Menards.

MN Indian Housing Conference will be in Onamia, MN in Mille Lacs September 13th - 15th.

#### **Star Fitness Follow Up**

Pat Butler, Health Director present. Pat provided an expense sheet for Council review. Tara asked how many are Tribal Members that utilize Star Fitness? Pat stated they do not collect that data. Tara commented on rent, how many are hotel guests and why SSC are not paying for their hotel guests? Discussion was held on who will pay to access Star Fitness. Anyone with a Tribal ID card can access for free. Consensus on providing WE Reservation Tribal ID Card & Hotel guest free, a charge for other, also keep data form when they sign in.

Self-governance 638 meeting 8/29/17, RTC lower conference room. Community Meal & Tribal Health Services Survey community events have been well attended by community members.

*Eugene Left meeting at 1:24 p.m.*

*Eugene entered meeting at 1:26 p.m.*

#### **Other**

Child Care License Renewal [REDACTED]

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin . Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

HR Policy 311 Revision - **Table**

Resolution – WE Judicial Code – Policy 311 - **Table**

Resolution – '18 5311 Transit Funds

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #071-17-008, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Intertribal Buffalo Council

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #057-17-006, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Intertribal Buffalo Council Representatives

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #057-17-007 Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

#### **Donation Request** [REDACTED]

Council approved Vikings tickets, wild rice and paper products

*Meeting Recessed at 1:34 p.m.*  
*Meeting Reconvened at 1:45 p.m.*

**Employment Issues - Table**

**Leonard Thompson Letter - Table**

**Agenda for Constitution**

Kathy stated to have agenda set up with David Green and Marvin Manypenny. Ken will follow up with a letter to them.

**Pipeline**

[REDACTED]

Tara would like to get all the Attorneys involved in the Pipeline to have a time for a conference call. Tara will contact Wynona to set a time to meet and discuss the Pipeline. If Joe needs to be pulled for the Pipeline we want to make sure we have Attorney coverage for RTC. Mike Fairbanks will follow up with Joe Plumer for a meeting Tuesday, September 5th at 3:00 p.m.

**WE Attorney Structure**

Nizhoni Smith, Legal Attorney present. Discussion was held regarding Resolutions not being received in a timely manner from the Legal Department. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tara would like Nizhoni to review all Signatory Request Forms that need Legal review.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Waubun Community Council:**

Kathy stated that Waubun Community Council is wanting a building to hold their meetings. Tara stated that they can call the Boys & Girl Club of Waubun and utilize their building. Kathy also asked if they received any money for the Chief Bender days. Tara stated they needed to request this and it would be put in the general fund budget. These requests need to be budgeted for these events.

**I.T:**

Tara requested from the Council to approach MCT and TEC for access to Progeny to install new White Earth software, we need an interface with Progeny, we will have the same access and nothing new we don't currently have access too. Consensus to move forward with the request.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn at 2:45 p.m., Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer