

**White Earth Reservation Business Committee
Special Meeting
December 11, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:22 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
Mike Fairbanks, Deputy Director
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

Agenda Approval

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

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Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Calendar Review

Tabled Business

Resolution – Shakopee Support (WEHA – Furnace Replacement Project)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #016-18-002, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Financial Update

Scott Omlid was present. Arctic IT is still working on putting the budget information into the system; there are still some struggles. The statement of operations - posted transactions only was reviewed.

Meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Other

Child Care Licensing Renewal – DCH, New – Oshki Drop In, Renewal – Oshki

Marlene Myhre was contacted via conference call for questions regarding the Oshki licensing; drop in and regular license. Motion made by Tara Mason to approve licensing, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Tribal Court Non-Attorney Advocate

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #019-18-001, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Public Works

Jeff Vivier and Michael Bowman were present.

Resolution – Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan was reviewed; priorities were reviewed. Street lighting was briefly discussed; additional dollars grant opportunities should be looked into - potential USDA, cost for lighting. Question was asked at how the safety concerns are addressed. Question was asked about turning lanes, widening, lighting for Joint Venture project; Jeff stated there is an upcoming meeting.

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #071-18-001, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Elder Communication Committee

Pat Butler/Ben Bement were present. Ben state the committee wants to look at different avenues, communication, and outreach needs that needs to be defined. There are a lot of programs that are doing the same services for the same individuals. How to reach more population needs to be identified; technology and resources needs to be in each community - television access tied into and managed by marketing for information to be broadcast. Cost up front, which programs could absorb, would be approx. \$1,000 with \$300 yearly after that. Recommendation was a resolution to outline roles and responsibilities for the committee; bylaws will also be established. The committee has been meeting monthly; no consistency on dates as of yet. Currently a five member committee. Brief discussion was held regarding elder committee election; suggestion was made to have election held same time as elder Christmas party so that elders will be present.

Meeting recessed at 11:38 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:02 p.m.

Benefits Committee Bylaws

Pat Butler/RaeAnn Smith were present. This has been a committee for a number of years dealing with self insured plan. There has been no structure or consistency. The bylaws have been drafted by committee. There was also a request to formalize the committee by resolution. The HOWAH committee was briefly discussed; overview was provided. There were

questions raised as to where/how the HOWAH budget is set up; Scott Omlid should be asked for detail.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #001-18-001, with amended changes, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

General liability claim from casino side was discussed. The RBC will need to take action to approve and sign. There was mediation an internal settlement is what is being done. The only concern that RaeAnn has is that the large dollar amount that a portion of the amount be put in trust for the child; this has not been included in settlement.

Tara asked if there was an inventory on the Cass Lake Legion; RaeAnn stated only what was in the building when acquired. WEDO committee was in place at that time. Contents needs to be inventoried immediately. There needs to be further discussion on the public use of the kitchen; compliance needs to be notified of what is in place for community use for insurance purposes.

PUC Follow Up

Joe Plumer Jr./Antonio Solorzano were present; Joe provided brief overview of the process to date. Funding opportunities was briefly discussed; short term/long term cost savings. Discussion was held regarding changes needed in document. The RBC would in future want their own electrical/utility company. Editing to the code will continue; permission is needed for grant funding. Limited authority for contract signatures should be identified in the document.

Meeting recessed at 1:46 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:04 p.m.

Mississippi Pillager LLC Follow Up

Joe Plumer Jr./Michael Neusser were present. Joe provided documentation regarding the five vacancies for the board of directors. An application has been drafted; applications will be accepted for a period of thirty days. Community member portion, identify participation, exclusion, who would be eligible. Score sheet should also be on application. Question was asked about who would be screening the applications; individuals need to be identified (Joe Jr, Bill Marsh, Jessica Johnson, Monica Hedstrom, Antonio Solorzano, Tribal members). Operating agreement needs to be presented and approved. Tara requested a resolution be drafted and presented with bylaws.

Discussion was held regarding the factory in Mahanomen. There are issues with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The contract is a 5 year lease; currently in year 2. Kathy stated the contract should be in the legal office and monitored by legal. Tara stated that property management needs to be in place to address these types of issues. It was stated that if there are structural issues the lessee should be notifying the owner prior to any work being done.

Police Services Contract

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Natural Resources - Land Department

Katherine Warren/Monica Hedstrom were present. Previous approval was given; information needs to be looked up. Resolution – Potlatch Purchase

[REDACTED]
Motion made by Punky Clark to approve purchase at \$66,000, Seconded Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason if this goes to auction the land department has option to pay up to \$70,000, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Sobriety Pow-wow Harvest Request - Reconsideration
Approval was given for 3 deer, no fish.

Meeting recessed at 3:26 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 3:43 p.m.

Consensus of RBC was to allow [REDACTED] to make an offer of [REDACTED] asking price is [REDACTED]

Authority to Represent – Opiates

This is the retainer agreement of individuals who presented at a previous gaming commission meeting. There is no monetary commitments from Tribe of any sort. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to accept, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Joe Plumer -Gaming Commission, Compliance Ordinance, Fee to Trust

The Quality Assurance Ordinance was reviewed and discussed; changes need to be made.

Terry signed document for fee to trust application for Buschelle property.

Tribal Council want Joe to follow up on the gaming ordinance for separation of RBC from gaming commission. Joe needs to provide document for review; copy of kicked back ordinance due to new standards.

Confidentiality Follow Up/Confidential Information

There was previous email information that Tara sent to all RBC but received no response. There is concern with compliance doing investigation against direct supervisor. Tara is asking for suggestions/recommendations on how the investigation should be done. Joe suggested utilizing LLPD as an outside source; criminal investigation. If criminal activity is found the

information would then be sent to counties. Joe asked if there was any way for the issues to be resolved around the table. Punky stated that he wanted to proceed; requested [REDACTED] Terry wanted to know if RBC is going to work together or tear everyone apart. Terry suggested a vote, including himself. Terry is asking for a roll call vote. Tara voiced her concern of the 45 days she had to prepare for her defense over allegations that were initiated by the Chairman, is that working together. Punky stated driveway's is nothing, embezzlement is something else.

Joe asked about trademark and service mark for Shooting Star; another company wants to use trademark for a machine that is being created, Shooting Stars video game. Kathy was in agreement, Tara is requesting to see what they would offer for use.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve the personal injury settlement for [REDACTED] Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against. Joe stated a trust fund will be initiated through Tribal Court once the document is executed.

Other - Tabled

Election/Election Board
WE Federal Credit Union
Payroll Advance Policy
COLA Follow Up
SNAP Follow Up
Criminal Investigation
MCT Special Meeting
Travel Update

Due to time, discussion was held regarding the scheduling of an RBC meeting to finish the Other business that is tabled. RBC Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday December 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Motion made by Punky Clark to adjourn meeting at 4:54 p.m., Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer