

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
March 13, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:13 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
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative

Absent: Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder
Maria Bevins, Observer

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (3/6/17)

Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve with changes, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review

Budget/Financial Report

Pam Fairbanks and Scott Omlid were present. Scott brought '14-'16 budgets for review. Pam asked what the council approved for '16; Tara explained that the budget that is approved by Tribal Council is the 331 general fund budget. Pam wants to resubmit her request to review line items. There is a rumor that the Tribal Council spent \$43 million dollars; where is this reflected. Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to allow a copy of the '15 audit be given to Pam. Tara stated if it is given to one individual it should be given to everyone. Tara stated that there is concern of revenue information that could be jeopardized by other gaming facilities if information was to get out. Tara stated this all goes back to a member portal for public Tribal members to access. Motion dead due to lack of second.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

Financial Update

Scott Omlid was present. Tara asked what should be done as a governing body as to specific requests; what should be provided.

Tara requested information on WELSA funds, as well as spreadsheet on adolescent Nelson Act funding. Scott will provide names for newspaper distribution as to individuals that may have funds available.

WEDO (White Earth Development Organization)

Michael Neusser was present and provided an overview as well as an organizational chart for economic development division. The WEDO project flow chart was reviewed. WEDO coordinates development, provides planning department directives for resource collaboration. WEDO does not provide project management or remodeling projects. A request is being made to rescind the acquisition resolution due to limited resources and time management challenges. A list of current WEDO projects was reviewed. Tara stated that there are some projects that are taking a long time; what is scope what is outcome to be - there is lack of communication. Michael will look into the Rice Lake project to identify what the issue is. Question was asked when the Rice Lake project left WEDO to project management. Michael stated that the department would like to look into having an architect on staff. Terry requested that Michael look into Rediscovery Center for utilization of substance abuse supportive services programs.

Motion made by Tara Mason to rescind Resolution #016-17-003; Tribal Real Property Acquisition, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

ICDBG Grant application is forthcoming; decision needs to be made on use. Suggestion made to see if there is a way to build off existing headstart facility that is in place; scoring/points would be successful with this type of project. Brief discussion was held regarding the 10% budget cuts that are forthcoming. Michael's recommendation would be WE headstart along with early childhood/childcare working together on the project - not guaranteed but may score higher will collaboration. Brief discussion was held regarding expanding on to the current WE Community Center.

Request was made to add Compliance representation piece to the charter/bylaws of WEDO.

Umsy asked for follow-up/update on wind turbine that is in place; Michael will follow up.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

ACE's Project (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

Kim Lage/Sue Heisler and Mary Otto were present. White Earth is one of two pilot projects within the State; Leech Lake is the other site. ACE's are significant childhood traumas which can result in changes in the brain development; these brain adaptations may affect learning ability and social skills and can result in long-term health problems. One of the goals of ACE's was to make Tribal Council aware of the project so that it could be integrated into other programming. This information should be provided to the community to build resilience. Seeking Tribal Council support to add ACE information to programming we do; seeking permission to put information online. The program will be seeking other trainers for this project to get the information out; request was made to work closely with mental health. Parent education programs are needed on the reservation; specialize classes needed to address issues. Question was asked about branding; how will this project be identified. Terry suggested that the information be provided at an upcoming directors meeting.

Foster Care Licensing Follow Up

Eugene Sommers was present to provide follow up on a foster care license that was Tabled. Motion made by Tara Mason to approve licensing for [REDACTED] Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Artic IT Contract (WELSA)

Jesse Fain was present. Laser fiche for administration was discussed; license fee needs to be identified. Motion made by Punky Clark to approve the contract for WELSA, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Other

Resolution – '17 Angling Seasons/Dates

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve Resolution #057-17-002, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Resolution – DOT/FTA Tribal Transit Program Grant

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-17-005, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Child Care Licensing [REDACTED]

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Wild Rice Donation (25lbs – Traditional Cooking Event)

Tabled for more information.

Contract Policy

Process and signature, tracking policy needs to be established; request is being made to have legal draft a policy.

Special TEC Meeting (Wednesday)

Tara reviewed power point that was provided from MCT; there are some concerns that will be emailed to Tribal Council for review.

DMV Rate Increase

Tabled - for State comparison in pricing.

Enrollment Fees

Tabled

Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 1:42 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin.
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer