

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
June 19, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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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  
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative  
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative  
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer (Via Conference Call)

Absent: Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director  
Mike Fairbanks, Deputy Director  
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve agenda, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (6/5/17)**

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 silent.

**Calendar Review**

***Tara Mason left meeting/dropped call at 9:39 a.m.***

Brief discussion was held regarding the ICWA Board; names have been identified. Kathy requested follow up be done on where this board is at in the process.

**IT Department Update**

Jesse Fain was present to provide an update on the IT department. There were a lot of issues the first couple of weeks due to servers being accessed by multiple technicians; permissions were being removed and changed which caused many issues. Most everything should be back up and running; roads and GIS lost their data due to hacker. There were no backups done for months; in process.

***Tara Mason entered meeting via conference call at 10:01 a.m.***

There are no policies/procedures in place for IT technicians to follow; needs to be addressed. Help desk should be utilized for documentation and tracking purposes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Currently the IT is segmented and all RTC entities should be combined under one; Tribe, Shooting Star, WETCC, Health, COLA all have individual IT. Jesse would like to move forward with Microsoft software update and agreement; contract is [REDACTED] - will be communicated with directors/managers that it would be monthly fee per user [REDACTED]. Tara's recommendation would be to calculate/prorate the cost with initial charge to directors/managers departments. Jesse stated he would provide a cost estimate to present to Tribal Council as well as directors/managers. The IT department will require some restructuring.

***Meeting recessed at 10:34 a.m.***

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

#### **Financial Update**

Scott Omlid - Tabled

#### **Star Lake/Ebro Discussion**

Bill Crowell provided some mapping of the Star Lake site and discussed a few issues. There were some cultural sites identified at the proposed location.

***Tara Mason left meeting at 12:00 p.m.***

#### **Prevailing Wage**

Roy Lavoy/Jeff Vivier

Prevailing Wage rates were provided for review; it was stated that this document is the 2012 rates that are being used. Kathy requested another week to review information. Terry asked for Roy's recommendation; Roy stated the Davis Bacon is up to date. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Prevailing Wage, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motioned carried, 3 for, 0 against.

***Maria Bevins took over recording of meeting minutes at 12:30 p.m.***

#### **SDS/Water & Sewer List**

Jeff Vivier, Michael Bowman, Michael Triplett & Shawn Gant (I.H.S) present. Discussion on Sanitation Deficiency System. Shawn stated every year they bring SDS projects to the Tribal Council for approval. The list contains a raw score of the projects and the process goes by points (Tribal Contribution and Tribal Priority Points). SDS list spreadsheet were provided for review, the spreadsheet has two columns; Eligible Cost & Total Ineligible Cost. Jeff commented on the White Earth & Rice Lake Sewer extension projects and the White Earth Water Treatment Building. Discussion on NTW lagoon and Water Tower in the NTW area, for these projects

working with Michael Triplett on USDA funding. Shawn asked what Projects does the council want to start with? The RTC agreed to the Top Scoring Projects which are:

- 1) WE Arsenic Wells
- 2) NEW White Earth Water Treatment Building
- 3) WE Pine Point - Lagoon Riprap
- 4) WE Sewer Ext (South)

Jeff stated these projects been on the list for some time, move some of these projects off this list will be helpful. Council Approved with moving forward with these projects.

Jeff provided New Construction Homeowners List & Water & Sewer Existing Homeowners List for review.

***Meeting Recessed at 1:39 p.m.***

***Meeting Reconvened at 1:50 p.m.***

White Earth Department of Transportation 2017 Road Paving Projects and Parking Projects were provided for review and brief discussion.

- Project Information Notice
- Project Schedule Summary

Jeff stated that it takes 6-7 months before they receive the money to complete projects (Self Governance), the time it takes to receive the money for these projects affects each project that they are working on. Terry commented on fire numbers, Jeff will follow up with this. 2016 Driveway Summary was provided for review and brief discussion on the driveways. Terry stated that Jesse Fain had mentioned there was a lot of data lost for the Roads Department. Mike stated that they lost GIS data and ten years of map data. Transit is up and running.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve reimbursement [REDACTED] for Roads, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Public Works had received grant award from MnDOT to replace a 5310 Bus. The grant award falls short [REDACTED], the Tribe has already contributed 20%. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve [REDACTED] for MnDOT to replace a 5310 Bus, Resolution #071-17-005, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

***Tara Mason entered meeting via conference call at 2:21 p.m.***

### **Foster Care Licensing**

Glenn Sommers present.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Tribal Foster Care, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve New Tribal Foster Care, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve New Tribal Relative Foster Care, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to approve Off Reservation, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Land Resolutions:** Tabled  
Megan Bakken/Sarah LaFriniere

**Economic Development**

Resolution – Wadook Building Contribution

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #001-17-015, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Indirect Cost Waiver Request [REDACTED]  
Motion made by Tara Mason to approve indirect cost waiver of 15% [REDACTED], Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Hemp - Tabled  
Sustainable AG - Tabled  
Gizhiigin Art Accelerator - Tabled

**Conflict Judge**

Judge Blaeser and Joe Plummer present. [REDACTED]  
Judge Blaeser stated that [REDACTED] is a Osage Member. Tribal Court needs one more Judge on the Court of Appeals. Recommendation is 5, however, need 3 for each case, also need a Conflict Judge. Judge Blaeser would like someone with the experience to be part of the Court of Appeals and [REDACTED] has years of experience. Conflicts Judge recommendation is to have [REDACTED] fill this position. Joe shared some of Tribal History regarding how Tribal Court starting about 20 years ago. Brief discussion on Tribal Court cases. 2015; removal of children (ICW). MN is the highest of removal of children from homes. Brief discussion on MCT and TEC Meeting.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED], Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 silent.

Brief discussion on [REDACTED] home. Tree went through her home. How can the council help with this. Tara stated, forestry cannot go out and help because of safety issues, need to wait until they shut power off to the home before anyone can help with the removal of the tree.

Jim McDougall request for donation of a White Earth Flag to the Waubun Community Council. They will be having their 1st community Powwow. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Brief discussion on elderly maintenance man to help our elders, also support ENP and Health Department with continued help for this position.

*Kathy left meeting at 3:09 p.m.*

**Netting Season:** Tabled

**Other**

Resolution – IHS '17 Tribal Self Governance Grant

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Resolution – HHS Family Violence Prevention & Services Grant

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #064-17-005, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Business License Renewals [REDACTED]

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn at 3:14 p.m., Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer