

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council**  
**Special Meeting**  
**June 26, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:16 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 Kathy Goodwin to approve with additions, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (6/19/17)**

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

**Calendar Review**

- DHHS TAC Meeting/Biannual Tribal Consultation Session (August 8 & 9)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve July 3rd off for all RTC employees, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

**Enrollment Resolutions**

Shannon Heisler and Kim O'Brien were present.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #020-17-032, Eligible for Enrollment, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 2 silent.

Brief discussion was held regarding ICW determination of enrollment; there are individuals that are eligible for enrollment in another Tribe - adoptive parents should have decision. Tara asked if there could be a policy put in place to address this type of issue; there are moratoriums at Fond du Lac and Mille Lacs. Motion made by Tara to draft legal language and policy to allow

legal parents/guardians to determine enrollment, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-033, Ineligible for Enrollment, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-034, Ineligible for Enrollment - No parent, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve Resolution #020-17-036, Blood Degree Correction, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #020-17-037, Disenrollment, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-038, Relinquishment to Red Lake, seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-039, Relinquishment, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-040, Band Transfer to Leech Lake, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve Resolution #020-17-041, Band Transfer to Leech Lake, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-042, Band Transfer to Leech Lake, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #020-17-043, Blood Degree Correction, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

#### **Joint Venture/Self Governance Update**

Pat Butler/Alan Fogarty/Dr. Warne/Scott Omlid were present. Dr. Warne presented a power point presentation regarding Tribal Council Managed Health care - A Great Plains Tribal Nation Experience for review; also provided an overview of his background. Tara asked about governing documents and whether or not Spirit Lake would be willing to share; Dr Warne stated that there are options of providing governing documents from other agencies if not. Question was raised as to whether or not title five or Title one was ever discussed when Mental Health went PL-638. Could the title funds be utilized for upfront costs/expenses if the program goes from contract to compact.

***Terry Tibbetts left meeting at 10:59 a.m.***

***Terry Tibbetts entered meeting at 11:02 a.m.***

Tara requested that Pat work with Ben and Vern to start pulling numbers for user calculation, statistics, and those on MA for decision making process of who is being served. Question was asked about demographics; is there a way IHS identifies where individuals are coming from.

***Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 11:08 a.m.***

***Kathy Entered meeting at 11:11 a.m.***

White Earth's Joint Venture project is the first for the Bemidji area; Flandreau just completed its clinic project under the Joint Venture.

Discussion was held regarding a meeting to be held with RTC/IHS regarding discussion with staff where we're at with 638 process, updates, press release.

IHS Scholarships for Education was discussed; can it be done at 638 site - it was stated that it could.

***Meeting recessed at 11:24 a.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 11:32 a.m.***

Tara asked if there was a 638 timeline; Pat stated there would be another grant period. Alan stated that there will definitely be changes needed and will be a process.

New renderings were provided for review, as well as an updated timeline which was discussed.

***Umsy Tibbetts left meeting at 11:58 a.m.***

***Umsy Tibbetts entered meeting at 12:00 p.m.***

***Punky Clark left meeting at 12:01 p.m.***

***Punky Clark entered meeting at 12:06 p.m.***

Brief discussion was held regarding financing and the Tribe owning the building but leasing to IHS; are there any conditions that may affect financing. Scott stated that at this time he did not think there would be any issues.

***Umsy Tibbetts left meeting at 12:09 p.m.***

Tara asked if the project could be pushed out one year, with 638 process that is taking place as well.

***Umsy Tibbetts entered meeting at 12:13 p.m.***

## **TABLED BUSINESS**

### **Financial Update**

Scott Omlid provided the statement of revenues and expenditures as well as individual budgets to date for review. Terry stated that the constituent services program is going to be short on funding and will not make it through to the end of fiscal year; Terry stated the program needs to continue. Tara asked how the program is doing on their billing and reimbursements. Tara asked if Tribal council would be in agreement to have Tracy provide an overview of the 3rd party billing for the constituents program; other option is to have Ben and Toni provide a narrative of the program. Tara requested that staff get proper training/education to understand the billing process; director's responsibility. Tara requested that Scott pull the general fund gifts, donations ledger for this year and last year to identify what is historically being funded and if there are any potential disbursements upcoming.

### **Land Resolutions**

Megan Bakken/Sarah LaFriniere

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

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

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

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

Consensus of Tribal Council was to allow [REDACTED] to utilize the existing property he is on, year by year, until park construction begins.

***Meeting recessed at 1:00 p.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 1:14 p.m.***

### **Economic Development**

Michael Neusser, Adam Woltjer, Zach Paige, and Joe Allan were present. Zach Paige presented a power point presentation on the White Earth Food Sovereignty Initiative. An overview of the hemp planting project was given. A contract is currently in place with MN Department of Ag, there are terms that need to be adhered to.

Mission statement, goal, working together overview was given. There is a food sovereignty assessment tool (survey) that will be distributed for input from communities. Community tilling

program was in place again this year, producing of sweet corn, native corn, and 25 acres of edible pumpkins was done this year: Hemp research plots are in place, building of green house with processed foods that can be sold by WE Market.

Joe Allan provided an update on the Gizhiigin Art Accelerator as well as desired outcomes of the accelerator project.

*Umsy Tibbetts left meeting at 2:03 p.m.*

*Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 2:07 p.m.*

*Punky Clark left meeting at 2:10 p.m.*

*Punky Clark entered meeting at 2:12 p.m.*

Blue Stone Strategy Update - Tabled

*Umsy Tibbetts entered meeting at 2:14 pm.*

#### **Netting Season**

*Tara Mason left meeting at 2:19 p.m.*

Will Bement was present and provided the netting seasons from last year. Will's proposal would be move netting to October 15th start date, leave special use permits or keep status quo of last year with October 1st start date with September 15th special use permit.

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

Historical water temperatures were compiled and briefly discussed. Will provided the generic form that is being used for creel data; not invasive not mandatory. Tara asked if a volunteer could be utilized; yes as long as the individual can drive and sit alone on landings. Tara asked if there are other opportunities within the program somewhere; Will state there may be some HR review needed depending on work being utilized for. Will has a 5 year plan in place for stocking of lakes. Question was asked on why WE is not raising their own fingerlings; Will stated that there was water issues (rust). There is an agreement with Leech Lake, they have overabundance of fish but not enough ponds so White Earth gets supply from them. Will would like to see WE doing their own in the future. Punky asked about the opening of stock ponds that was discussed for this year; Will stated that the fry is not surviving, would need a hard winter to allow. Will will draft resolutions for both options to allow for Tribal Council decision at next meeting.

#### **Other**

Resolution – FY'18 IHS Funding

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #064-17-006, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – IHS Tribal Management Grant

Motion made by Tara Mason to rescind approval for IHS '17 Negotiation Cooperative Agreement Grant, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #064-17-007, IHS Tribal Management Grant, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – American Indian Mental Health Advisory Board

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #064-17-008, American Indian Mental Health Advisory Council, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Child Care Licensing [REDACTED]

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Potlatch Land Purchase

Opportunity to purchase approximately 1300 acres [REDACTED] More information is needed for review. Tara would like to see how it would work with land use/purchasing plan. Payment structure can be negotiated. If purchased with WELSA funds it would be mandatory to put into trust, not discretionary process. Tabled until next meeting. Joe Plumer and Katherine Warren should be present.

Mahnomen City Council – Working Relationship

Tara would like to sit down and have conversation on projects within City limits and opportunity for potential partnerships; B&G Club, City Park, HeadStart. Consensus was to work with Mitch Berg on coordinating a meeting with Mahnomen City Council.

Waubun City Request (TERO Waiver)

Consensus was to deny.

Roger Hager – OST Funds

Follow up with Scott Omlid on where this is at; letter was provided to Scott for follow up.

MNDOT Hwy 200 Project

Project development agreement being sought with Tribe; White Earth would be asked to take the lead and share expense.

Referendum Ordinance

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-17-016, Public Comment, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Lobbyist

Holly Cook, Spirit Rock Consulting. Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Spirit Rock Consulting, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against. Joe will provide contract.

MCT

Accessing of Tribal records is an issue. Terry stated it would go to MCT legislative committee. Tara will forward information a copy Tribal Council in on email.

Tribal CAC (Child Advocacy Center)

Funding is available but a structure is needed for program (5 year funding cycle), funding does not include construction cost; estimate was provided from Dynamic Homes. Tara asked about MOMS and MATS programs building a structure; would there be space available for this program. Ken was asked to follow up with behavioral health. Naytahwaush was identified as a potential location for Tribal CAC. More options needed.

Employee Picnic (\$20 Gaming Coupon)

Consensus of Tribal Council was to approve.

*Meeting recessed at 3:29 p.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 3:45 p.m.*

WEHA

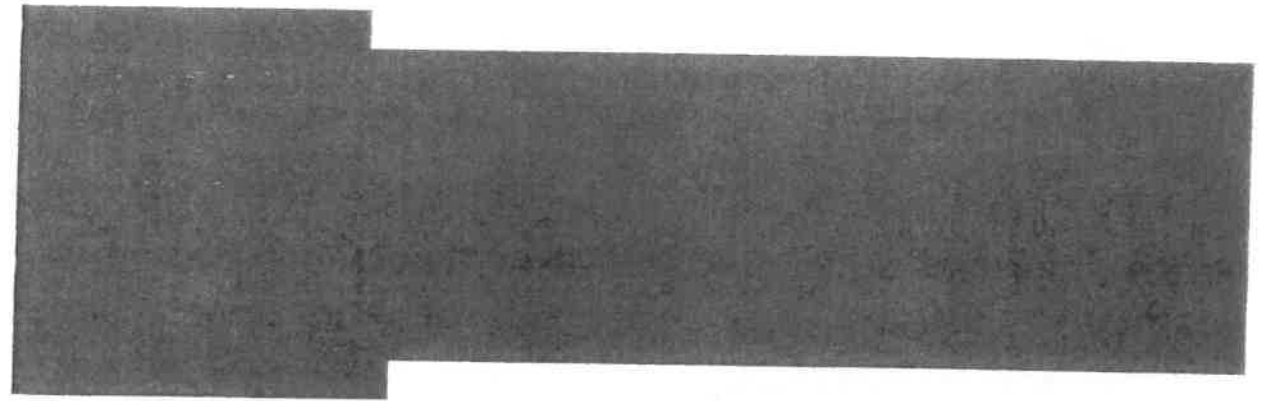
██████████ trailer house was discussed. Tara thought that there was previous approval of selling the trailer home to an individual ██████████. There were issues with housing and titles, etc. The housing board should have some say in the status of the titles and trailer homes and should be responsible on how to proceed. A request will be made for the board to provide a report and to track down the mobile homes that were distributed. WEHA board meeting is tomorrow.

Rice Lake Addition (Sub Work/Position Structure)

There was an agreement to put Tribal members to work; but bid packages are going out tomorrow. It was Roy's suggestion that to meet budget and timelines that bids be put out. Tara asked what it would take to force account the project; concrete and steel were to be bid out only. Punky and Tara are in agreement that the people would be put to work. There is opportunity to save money by force accounting the project. ██████████

Roy should be added to the next agenda regarding force accounting of the Rice Lake Addition project.

Brief discussion was held regarding deconstruction of barn at the ranch; additional ██████████ is needed for budget. Other options should be looked into.



Shooting Star housekeeping and schedule changes was discussed. Terry thought it was discussed at gaming meeting to keep schedules as is. There was to be other positions offered to individuals that had transportation issues to help in accommodating their schedule needs.

Bill Crowell - Star Lake Project

Bill Crowell, Pam Fairbanks, Joan Thompson, Lucille Silk, Stephanie Williams, Merceline McDougal, Joe Bush Jr, Rick Larson, Leonard Roy, Marva Aitken, Harvey Bonga, Judy ? were present. Discussion was held regarding Star Lake Project.

*Punky Clark left meeting at 5:45 p.m.*

*Punky Clark entered meeting at 5:55 p.m.*

*Terry Tibbetts left meeting at 5:48 p.m.*

*Terry Tibbetts entered meeting at 6:06 p.m.*

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to stop the Star Lake Project, motion dead due to lack of a second.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to adjourn meeting at 6:10 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer