

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
July 5, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:17 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 Punky Clark to approve with additions, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (6/26/17)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review

WEHA Indian Housing Plan

Steve Howard was present to review the plan.

Kathy asked if rules or regulations could be set for Riverland Apartments stating that they had to be students or employed. Tara stated that it is a tax credit project and this was not identified in the plan; initially people thought it was supposed to be for these types of tenants.

Tara Mason left meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Tara Mason entered meeting at 10:14 a.m.

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

Meeting recessed at 10:18 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

IT Department Follow Up

Jesse Fain was present and provided an update on enterprise wide costs for implementation of new software; yearly cost and user per month costs were identified. Some of the costs may be able to be charged under indirect, will need to be budgeted. Jesse provided an overview of an agency that can come in to the department to go through security system and to help write policies and procedures. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jesse has been working with casino compliance on security and software as well. A meeting with the security team will be held next week. Jesse was asked to follow up on the position being created at casino and its ability to utilize for both entities. Question was asked about the website; Jesse stated they are looking for a website developer/designer position to be added to the budget. Tara stated there is [REDACTED] allocated and Jesse was asked to follow up with Tom Bement to see if he is willing to utilize the funds for this position.

Other

Resolution – Bus Purchase (5310 MNDOT Grant)

Motion made by Tara Mason to rescind Resolution #071-17-005, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #071-17-006, Bus Purchase - 5310 MNDOT Grant, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Resolution – MN Department CFL (Elders Meals)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #064-17-009, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Headstart/Early Headstart COLA Approval

Tabled - HR and legal review needed. How does the 1% work within the Tribes COLA and HR system. Is the increase based on scale or wages.

Tribal Health Substance Abuse Program License

[REDACTED]
Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tara provided an enterprise update on the meeting that was held the end of last week. Roy has 15 projects. Lisa is reconstructing the contracts. Jessica stated that the accounting system is not working; quick books is being entered into then being sent to casino - billing is hard to reconcile. Scott was asked to meet with Nick on accounting systems to identify the best course of action. Tara requested an organizational flow chart and how the projects will get done. Jessica will be signing off on time cards for Ojibwa and sanitation and Roy will sign off on her

timecard. The enterprise board needs to be restructured; Joe Plumer drafted current bylaws and articles that are in place. Roy should be asked to provide an update on the projects that are in place; schedule for upcoming meeting.

Meeting recessed at 11:33 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

Legal Department

Tobacco License Request [REDACTED]

Joe Plumer was present and provided an overview of the tobacco licensing requests. Tax ordinance was discussed as well as dispute with MN Revenue regarding tobacco tax. There is no benefit to the individuals requesting tobacco licensing. Brief discussion was held regarding the Tribe being licensed to sell tobacco. Request was made for Joe to provide the tax agreement for review; as well as the tobacco addendum.

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

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve tobacco license for [REDACTED], Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Terry Tibbetts left meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Terry Tibbetts entered meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Judge Firing

Joe Plumer was present. Statement was made by an individual that Tara, Kathy, Punky fired a previous judge. Joe stated there is no structure in the constitution regarding separation of powers. There was previous discussion regarding waving sovereign immunity; which was discussed but never acted upon. There is blame being placed for firing of a judge which never happened. Joe stated there needs to be clarification made. Tara stated that she has no individual authority to terminate a judge. There was agreement on the sovereign immunity discussion that was held at the time; never any action to approve firing.

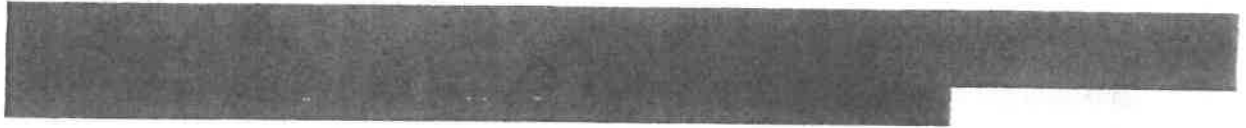
Motion made by Tara Mason to go into executive session at 12:39 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to leave executive session at 1:17 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Punky Clark left meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to go into regular session, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason left meeting at 1:17 p.m.



Brief discussion was held regarding potlatch land purchase of 1,319 acres. Motion made by Punky Clark to purchase the land, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Brief discussion was held regarding MCT lands be returned to respective reservations; should be discussed at TEC level.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 2:07 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer