

**White Earth Reservation Business Committee**

**Special Meeting**

**April 30, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m.**

**White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Terrence “Terry” Tibbett’s called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence “Terry” Tibbett’s, Chairman  
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer  
Steven “Punky” Clark, District I Representative  
Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s, District III Representative

Absent: Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director  
Michael Fairbanks, Deputy Director  
Ayecia Kemp, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Steven Clark to approve with additions, Seconded by Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**RBC Meeting Minutes (04/23/18)**

Motion by Tara Mason to approve meeting minutes with changes, Seconded by Steven Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Sanitation Driver**

Brief Discussion held on the Sanitation Driver, the RBC tabled until they hear back from Jessica Johnson.

*Meeting Recessed at 10:24 a.m.*

*Meeting Reconvened at 10:11a.m*

**Resolutions/Economic Development Reports**

Michael Neusser present for discussion on his Economic Development Reports.

White Earth Property Management:

Michael stated that he place the White Earth Property Management Business Plan in Tara’s mailbox for her review. Tara stated that the White Earth Property Management Business Plan needs to get put into Enterprises, to have the basic Business Plan down as follows:

- Key Points
- Looking at the Portfolio

- Develop and Finish the Property Management Plan (Manager of the plan needs to have their input and manage the progress)

Michael commented on not needing a Resolution. Tara commented on having this Business Plan in place and creating the budget ASAP. Tara stated to review and look at how the White Earth HR Department and the SSC HR Department have their policies in place. Michael Neusser stated that he would like to bring in a consultant for this purpose Tara stated to look at the Property Management for the consultant work. Brief discussion held on who all needs to review this Business plan for Property Management. Terry commented on having property in Cass Lake, also in Pennsylvania and needing the Property Portfolio Budget completed for review. Michael stated that he will bring in a budget and a power point to present to the RBC, also asking Enterprises to be present.

#### White Earth Market Business Plan Update:

Michael Neusser commented that they need to find a new location for the Wild Rice. Michael Neusser also stated that Sonny should be a manger of the Wild Rice Department. Terry asked Michael Neusser to follow up on having the staff trained and expanding the Wild Rice distribution. Brief discussion held on the Wild Rice department.

Motioned made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

#### Hemp Seeds:

Michael Neusser commented on that we cannot sell the seeds being that they are Illegal to sell; however, we can make food, oils, etc. Steven had a question on if we're able to market it yet, Michael stated "yes", we can market it, were just repackaging it, selling it, but in a Legal way.

Motioned made by Tara to approve, Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

#### Hemp Report:

Brief discussion held on Hemp. Tara stated that the RBC needs be aware of the research conducted and seeing all results regarding Hemp. Michael Neusser stated that Zach will have to present on the research.

Motioned made by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's to approve, Seconded by Steven "Punky" Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

#### Land

##### Verizon Fiber Optic:

Joe Plumber Jr., Katherine Warren and Jaime Arsenault present.

Joe Jr. commented on the agreement that Erma had signed for the Verizon Fiber Optic Row Request. Terry asked Joe Jr. if he had any updates on the PUC. Joe Jr. stated he had no updates on the PUC; however, he is trying to work on this. Tara asked Mike Fairbanks to follow up on when the next PUC meeting will be held. Brief discussion held on the agreement Erma Vizenor had signed and that it took 15-16 hours for all the corrections to be made on the agreement. Erma Vizenor signed the agreement in 2014 for Verizon to build the cell phone tower. Brief discussion held on Section 5; Joe Jr. sated that they may need a new service agreement with Fiber Optics in order for them to put in a couple hundred-foot lines in the road. Tara mentioned the importance of including the PUC and we should have a list of contracts for the service agreements. Ken

stated that there is a question about Broad Band; and Terry had asked when it was signed. Katherine gave a brief update on the Naytahwaush cell tower. They are waiting for answers from the fuel solicitors and for the title issues. Joe Jr. stated that they have a Right of Way for the agreement that is written in the lease and they can get by doing applications referencing the Right of Way. Tara commented on an Ex-Officio position for our PUC for the land manager and they can include them at the PUC meetings.

**Cemetery in Bejou:**

Jaime stated she has no final answers on the land that is owned, due to the snow they had no access to the site; and they couldn't clarify the Buffer Zone. Terry asked if they have talked to Jim Jones regarding the Buffer Zone to be established. Katherine stated the importance for them to establish this Buffer Zone. Joe Jr. stated that 80 % of the lease is completed; however, must get a draft to them regarding this, also a copy to RBC and Katherine. Steven commented on the Cemetery and the boundaries. Joe Jr. stated that he went through and corrected it; the registered agent is [REDACTED] Joe Jr. commented on having a new registered agent and the RBC can choose who they want. Tara suggested Laura Lee and Terry agreed. Terry asked if we need a Resolution for the letter Jamie has brought in for the RBC. Tara stated she would like a copy of the letter for her records and for review. Tara made a motion for a White Earth Cemetery Committee.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Steven Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Brief discussion held on controlled burning by Rice Lake. Jaime has concerns with the burning and the ash that is left over and is dangerous for the lake / habitat. There was discussion held on accidental fire that would cause more damage.

***Meeting Recessed 12:15 pm***

***Meeting Reconvened 12:31 pm***

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**Land**

Megan Bakken present.

Home sites; District I & III:

Motion made by Steven Clark to approve, excluding District II, Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Lake Shore Lease; District III:

Motion made by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's to approve, excluding District II, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Business Leases; District III:

Motion made by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's to approve, excluding District II, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

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Motion made by Steven “Punky” Clark to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Residential Lease and Abandoned homes; Tabled until Kathy Goodwin is present

**Other:**

Lenny Fineday- Legal

Non Attorney Advocate Resolution in Tribal Court:

Motion made by Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s to approve Resolution #001-18-001, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Lenny Fineday- Legal

NIGC Response Letter:

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Lenny Fineday- Legal

Census 2020 Letter:

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Michael Neusser- Economic Development

Lease of space from WETCC for Gizhiigin and IBDS:

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-18-007, Seconded by Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Michael Neusser- Economic Development

Contract for Consultation on Hemp:

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-18-006, Seconded by Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Michael Neusser- Economic Development

White Earth Market:

Motioned made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-18-008, Seconded by Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Doug McArthur- Natural Resources

Wild Life / Continuation:

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Tami- White Earth Builders

Contract; Gordon Construction for Pine Point:

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Monica Hedstrom- Natural Resources

Statement confirming "Proof of Match":

Motion made by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Kandi Burr-Fisher- Mental Health

Tribal License Renewal for [REDACTED]

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

David McArthur- Circle Back

D.H.S Grant:

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Mary Otto- Education

Certificates of Achievements for Bagley High School:

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Steven "Punky" Clark. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Virginia Smith- Education

Certificates of Achievements for Waubun High School:

Motion made by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Week of the Young Child Powwow Wild Rice Donation for 10 Pounds:

Motion made by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's to approve, Seconded for Tara Mason. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

Motioned by Tara Mason to approve the Letter for Shawna Ellis Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

CHR- [REDACTED]

Brief discussion held on billing procedures. Steven stated to hold off because she has no insurance at this time. Ken commented on finding her a new position. Tara stated to have Desirac follow up with Kibby on the break down on how many clients is actual MA reimbursement. Tabled until information is received.

*Meeting Recessed 1:29 pm*

*Meeting Reconvened 1:45pm*

### **Police Elder Issues**

Brief discussion held on the incident with Tribal PD and [REDACTED]. Mike LaRoque commented on the officer who retained [REDACTED]. The officer had asked [REDACTED] questions; however, [REDACTED] never replied; and he also smelled like alcohol. The officer gave him a citation at that time. [REDACTED] wanted to sue the police officer and Mike told [REDACTED] to file a complaint on the website and Mike will deal with the incident accordingly. Tara commented on the three CSO's that PD has and would they be able to do a community meeting within in the reservation and the communities regarding this issue.

### **Policy SSC**

Tara stated she will email the RBC Members regarding the Casino's issue; the worker that had THC in their system. Brief discussion held on SSC polices. Eugene stated that they should investigate before they assume and try and terminate the workers.

### **Self-Governance Update**

Mike Fairbanks present to give an update on the 2018 Annual Self Governance Consultation in Albuquerque. Handouts were given to RBC for review. Terry had a question on how often do they have their meetings. Mike Fairbanks stated that they do it yearly; however, it's always in a different location, next year it will be held in Michigan. Tara asked Mike Fairbanks to follow up on the Indian Health Service billing process. Eugene commented on Home Health nurses and home visiting times; some nurses stay for 10 minutes and others for a half hour. Mike Fairbanks stated when the Census 2020 comes along we can look into the numbers for the Self Governance.

### **SSC Meeting for 04/30/2018**

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Steven "Punky" Clark to adjourn at 2:49 p.m., Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbett's. Motion carried 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason Secretary/Treasurer