

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Special Meeting

July 16, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m.

White Earth, MN

Chairman Terrence “Terry” Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence “Terry” Tibbetts, Chairman
Leonard Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer
Steven “Punky” Clark, District I Representative
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative
Eugene “Umsy” Tibbetts, District III Representative

Others Present: Maria Bevins, Recorder
Ayecia Kemp, Observer

RBC Meeting Minutes (07/02/18 & 07/10/18)

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to Table, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve with additions, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Land

Katherine Warren and Heather Hamlin present for updates.

Christian Retreat / RV site plan:

The Land office is asking the RBC on the direction they want to go with the Christian Retreat Property. It was suggested to utilize the RV site for families that will be a safe and alcohol free environment for camping and swimming; however, will not be open over the winter months.

Recommendations:

- White Earth members will have privileges
- Establishing this property for a business will need to go through the White Earth Economic Department
- The Treatment Facility will receive \$900,000.00 in funding for helping with the renovations of the Treatment facility; this will not happen this year; however, next year’s project

Tax Forfeit Land Purchase Negotiations:

Becker County forfeiture land purchases; once the land goes into tax forfeiture, this will be a bidding war with other individuals. Katherine is proposing to the RBC to reach out to the individual's and buy the land before it goes into tax forfeiture to the County which would bring the land price up. This would give White Earth the option to buy first; however, the land owners due have a year to pay the taxes before the land goes into Becker County forfeiture.

RBC Recommendations:

- The Land owner of the property needs to know the options for the best interest of the individual
- Reach out to the individual first with exchange that they can lease the homesite
- Have a process in place with the steps to take
- Always come to the RBC decision ready

White Earth Community Elders

Lucile "Teedo" Silk present.

Donation Request to send 17 elders to attend the National Indian Council on Aging in September held in Temecula, California.

- \$5,400 dollars towards registration and membership fees to attend the conference
- 17 rooms
- 17 flights
- Estimate cost requesting \$28,500.00

Kathy is requesting that there be better representation across the White Earth Reservation for our elders.

Requirement to Attend Conferences:

- Attend four elders meetings

Machines initiated at the Shooting Star Casino to offset cost for the elders and youth activities.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve travel for elders, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 2 silent, with Terry breaking the tie for approval.

Elder Advocates; Table Discussion

Wild Rice

Michael Neusser is present for updates.

Brief discussion held on the status of the Wild Rice Business and positions within the business. wild rice can become a successful business and selling directly to our tribal members; however, last year was a bad year for wild rice in hopes to having a good harvest this year. The Wild Rice Business will run like a business and not like a program. RBC would like tribal members within the positions of this business. Last year they had a small amount of wild rice to fill the USDA contract. USDA comes in after the Harvest Season.

Kathy left meeting at 10:34 a.m.
Kathy returned to meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Brief discussion held on the price to pay for the wild rice this harvest season.

RBC in consensus on waiting to hire more personnel into the Wild rice Business and requested for Michael to come back to a RBC work session meeting; Tabled for the next RBC work session.

Meeting recessed at 10:44 a.m.
Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Behavioral Health

Jeri Jasken is present to give updates on the Behavioral Health Programs.

Brief discussion held on funding to utilize for future projects and If the RBC can use those dollars for land purchases or on current projects.

Jeri commented on the Arizona Healing River Models Program example in the Nation:

- Use Third Party Billing to build up their infrastructure in all their Behavioral Health Programming:
 - Building
 - Remodeling
 - Land Purchasing

Jeri has met with an Attorney and Indian Health Service 638 experts. The Health Board sets priorities within our communities such as:

- Purchases
- Construction
- Renovations

Projects that are a priority to the RBC need to be identified and how Third Party Billing dollars can help with these projects; however, need to justify and follow within the five key Federal categories of:

- Health
- Wellness
- Marketing
- Outreach
- Referrals to Programs

Brief discussion held on Treatment Alternative dosing every thirty days vs. daily dosing:

- Naltrexone (30 days)
- Suboxone (daily dosing): White Earth MATS Program; Policies and Procedures in place for the Suboxone

Clients:

- Nurse Practitioner – 30 individual clients; although FEDS looking at approving 100 clients
- MD can prescribe for more patients on a daily basis
- License Practitioner Nurse administer the medication and observe
- Not more than 30 patients to one nurse whether they are a Registered Nurse or License Nurse

Case Load:

- Medical Doctors – eligible to prescribe to 275 individual patients
- Nurse Practitioner – eligible to prescribe to 30 individual patients; however, FEDS are expanding and now are able to prescribe to 100 individual patients
- Staying within what they are prescribed to do

Brief discussion held on what is considered donation. The Behavioral Health Program has donated to:

- House fires
- Proms
- Sobriety Events
- Powwows / No receipts are required
 - White Earth; \$25,000.00 donation with donation letter provided
 - Mother's Day
 - New Year's

Leonard's recommendation to the RBC:

- Need clarification from Legal and Scott Omlid- CFO before moving forward with future projects such as; Christian Retreat and Jack Hall
- Hold off on Construction / Remodeling until October 1st; have Resolutions for future projects
- Hold off on any donations until there is a set policy in place by October 1st
- Public Statement for Behavioral Health Program updates

Brief discussion held on Naytahwaush Joint Venture Clinic:

- \$14,000,000.00 cost
- \$5,000,000.00 invested
- Behavioral Health and MATS would be attached to the Indian Health Service Clinic

Clifton:

- \$475,000 to remodel the basement into a clinic and will offer five private areas for staff
- The program brought in 1 million dollars for these projects

Programs at Clifton:

- Substance Abuse Program
- Mental Health Program
- MAT Services

- Franklin Mansions; three different buildings on this property:
- Carriage House; Utilized for Constituents Services
- White Mansion; MOMS Program
- Brown Mansion
 - Cooking Meals
 - Overflow of space

Brief discussion held on renovations for these buildings.

Steven left meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Christian Retreat / RV site; \$900,000.00 coming back:

Clarification on the direction the RBC wants to go with this property. Maintenance will be responsible for inspections on these buildings. There are many options for the use of this property:

- Treatment Center
- Women's Treatment Center; However, costly; White Earth has the OMC Women's Wellbriety facility.
- Men's Treatment Center; Options – Christian Retreat or Jack Hall
- Inpatient Treatment Facility with wrap around services

Eugene left meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

WEDOT

Michael Bowman is present.

Award Contractor 2018 Road Paving Projects for; Elbow Lake Streets, Rice Lake Community Center Road and Workforce Training Center Parking Lot. Funds are budgeted and funded through BIA.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Award Contractor Naytahwaush Water Tower Project:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

James McDougall Agreement Indian Health Service Well and Septic System Application:

The agreement states that he sells his primary residence in Waubun, MN and has one year to sell this property or he is obligated to pay back the Well and Septic System for the Strawberry Lake Residence:

Motion made by Alan Roy to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Highway 200 Planning; MNDOT Joint Powers Agreement:

Michael stated that they are doing a draft for a grant application that is due this Thursday and needs legal review. Engineers estimate for this project is \$26,000,000.00 million dollars and MNDOT committed to \$8.5 million dollars for construction. The grant will cover the difference. Through this process there are several parcels held in trust that the Hwy runs through and MNDOT does not have Right-of-ways for. Katherine - Land is aware of this situation. A Resolution needs to be submitted for approval.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve with Legal review, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against. Bring Resolution back before Thursday.

Clinic Approach off County Road 4:

Agreement with Mahnomen County for the design of the approach and turn ways for the project at no cost to the tribe. More discussion needed as project becomes nearer.

Legal

Lori Thompson and David Degroat present for discussion on the Conflicts Judge. Brief discussion was held on the Conflicts Judge position:

- BJ Jones
- Tyler Annett
- Michelle Parks

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to select Tyler Annette for the Conflicts Judge with some major stipulations with the direction of the Chairman or his designee. Until October 1st on interim basis; Disputes Resolutions.

Joe Plumber Contract:

Brief discussion held on Joe's contract and his commitments with other employment.

Meeting recessed at 2:07 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:13 p.m.

Alan stated the limits of what he can and cannot do. Joe at this time cannot be involved with any type of gaming. A requested for a list and cost of attorney's for the Shooting Star Casino.

Motion made by Alan Roy to table until next work session.

Other

MCT Enrollment Data Requests:

- Enrollments
- WEDMV
- White Earth Police Department

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

WETCC Donation Request to harvest one deer for their Berry Camp (July 18th & 19th)
Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Harvest Fest Feast Donation Request – 3 deer, 25 lbs of Wild Rice, 200 fish fillets:
Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

2nd Annual Ethan Berry Memorial Golf Tournament Donation Request:

- Referred to the Donations Committee

White Earth Letterhead examples provided for RBC review.

Lori Thompson – Judicial

DWI Grant annual renewal with MN Office of Traffic Safety:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #016-18-008, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion Carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Doreen Lanoue – Human Services:

Renewal of Public Law 102-477 Plan for 10/01/18 – 09/30/21:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #064-18-007, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion Carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Signatory Requests

Tami Cummings – White Earth Builders

Minneapolis Behavioral Health GC Contract – Adolf Peterson:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Contract – White Earth Health Center / Lakes Seal Coating (Seal Coat/Stripe):

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Interior Design Deduct for Pine Point Community Center:

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Heidi Mertens - Finance

Amendment #18 for COLA School Year 17-18:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Melissa Keezer – RSS

Community Living Infrastructure Grant:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Sue Bishop – Education

Lease Agreement between WETCC and ABE/GED:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Brief discussion held on the White Earth Housing 2019 IHP. Signature needed for HUD:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Terry appointed Pam Fairbanks to the White Earth Housing Board.

Kathy Goodwin provided a brief overview of her Travel Review for DSTAC:

Indian Health Board met with Deputy Director of Health & Human Services and will have more meetings in the future. Discussion held on the new Naytahwaush Joint Venture facility which will have doctors that are available and can diagnose without the waiting for a referral.

Discussion of Self Governance

- Tabled

Discussion on Financial Condition

- Tabled

DNR Beaver Dam

- Tabled

Payroll Deduction from Steven Clark

- Tabled

Doug Lee - Simplee Sweets

- Tabled

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to adjourn at 3:39 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Leonard Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer