

**White Earth Reservation Business Committee**

**Special Meeting**

**July 23, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m.**

**White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Terrence “Terry” Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence “Terry” Tibbetts, Chairman  
Leonard Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer  
Raymond Auginaush, District I Representative  
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative – Via Conference Call  
Eugene “Umsy” Tibbetts, District III Representative

Others Present: Maria Bevins, Recorder

**RBC Meeting Minutes**

- Table

Motion made by Raymond Auginaush Sr. to table meeting minutes, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Travel report: Terry updated the RBC on the urban picnic.

**Discussion of Self Governance**

Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST):

- Who will be sitting on these boards
- Need two Representatives

Ron will follow up on Self Governance.

**Discussion on Financial Condition**

Finances for the Tribe:

- Audits and targeted forensic audits remain a priority
- Capital Projects: on a pay freeze and hire freeze until October 1<sup>st</sup>

Idea; strategically – Constitutional reform; recruit three political advisors for the MCT

- White Earth Enrollee
- One year service ; 20 – 25 an hour
- Full time
- Traditional advisor

Brief discussion held on Constitutional reform and recruiting political advisors. Joan will follow up with Nakoa -HR on a draft on how these positions would look.

### **Natural Resources**

John Berkkus is present for discussion on Rice Lake landings. John is requesting funds for construction/repairs of Bongo and Big Bear Landings:

- Floating docks
- Logs
- Clearing of areas

Roads department will be doing the work on these projects.

Bongo:

- Estimate cost: \$3,540.00
- Operating cost: \$1,006.00

Big Bear:

- Estimate cost: \$2,372.15
- Operating cost: \$603.60

Cost of logs (\$60.00 per Cord):

- Big Bear – 4 Cord
- Bongo – 7 Cord

Cost: \$660.00

Total Amount Requesting: \$8,181.75 (Includes Wood)

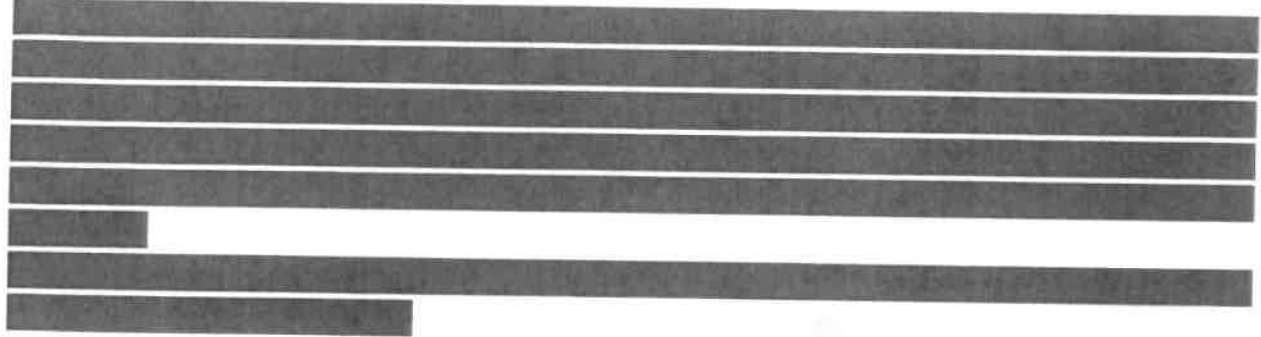
Motion made by Eugene Tibbettes to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

### **Economic Development**

Michael Neusser and Mike Triplett are present. Doyle Turner and Paul Benson have proposed a building meat processing facility and have secured a Minnesota Department of Agriculture Value-Added Grant to conduct a formal feasibility study for the proposed facility in preparation for securing financing. The proposed Resolution provides that the RBC will pay \$10,000.00 in matching funds toward the \$20,000.00 of grant funds awarded to Doyle Turner and Paul Benson for this study. Doyle will be meeting with the gaming commission this week on the project as well.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve Resolution #016-18-009, Seconded by Ray Augianaush Sr. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

**Judicial – Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.**



Brief discussion held on Conflicts Judge to hire for White Earth.

Michelle Parks Contract:

Motion made by Raymond Auginaush Sr. to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Joe Plumer's Revised Legal Contact; Changes were made to paragraphs 3, 4, and 7.

- Section I
- Section III
- Changed until October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Addendum: It is understood between the signatories that the attorney will not provide legal representation on gaming related matters. It is understood that this exclusion does not concern personnel issues at any tribally owned casinos.

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

***Executive Session ended at 10:57 a.m.***

**MOMS and MATS Funding:**

Brief discussion held on the Joint Venture Clinic for Naytahwaush and utilizing Behavioral Health Funds. The purpose of the funding is health related and needs approval from the FEDS.

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

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

**Harm Reduction Integration Program**

Clinton Alexander present.

Two grants (SAMHSA) required assurances and compliance documents:

- Assurances for Non-Construction programs

- Assurance of Compliance with SAMHSA Charitable Choice Statutes and Regulations SMA 170; required only for applicants applying for grants that fund Substance Abuse Treatment or Prevention Services
- Grant due August 1<sup>st</sup> / two year grant and White Earth will track progress
- Standard to follow the Federal laws

Clinton provided information to the RBC of Tri-State Surveillance Meeting to address the Opioid Epidemic Impacting Great Lakes Area Tribal Populations; Summary of meeting held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and Setting the Stage for a discussion of the Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country  
Overview:

- Trends
- Context
- Responses
- Why Data Matters
- Implications

Develop a strategic plan:

- Recovery Officer: to respond to crisis and link that individual into services
- Identify data sharing

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

*Ayecia Kemp took over recording of meeting minutes at 12:00 p.m.*

**Human Services:**

Ben Bement is present.

Housing First Project:

- Attended for individuals who are single
- live in 1 bedroom house that have no spouses or kids
- For homeless, disabilities and in treatment facilities

21 Tiny Homes:

- 7 Homes on each part throughout the Reservation and to do a fund raiser in 2019
- Need a letter written up for the Housing First Project

**Police Department**

Michael LaRoque is present.

Direction of the Department:

- Status of the toward zero death grants; the grant is around \$12,000.00 - \$20,000.00

- Brief discussion held on salaries, wages and funding
  - PD only pays for gas, and maintenance on the PD Cars
  - GPS unites on everyone in the PD Department
  - Tribal Chief Election, more autonomy for the WE Police Department
    - The election would be held next summer

***Executive Session at 1:37 p.m.***

Clarification needed on two reports; WEPD were at [REDACTED] house there was a wanted fugitive, drugs and a weapon involved. Michael stated that this and untrue, the warrant was for [REDACTED] backed out due to WEPD's safety. Alan would like to request for White Earth Police Department for SOP's.

Resolution – MN Department of Public Safety/Office of Justice Programs/Pathway to Policing Grant:

Motion made by Raymond Auginaush Sr. to approve Resolution #061-18-011, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 against.

SOP'S:

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve, Seconded by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

***Meeting recessed at 2:12 p.m.***

***Kathy Goodwin left Call Conference at 2:12 p.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m.***

**THC and NTOGE Discussion**

Raeann Smith and Scott Stevens are present.

Current policy doesn't share the same as the State; however, it's different for the Gaming Commissions. The Shooting Star Casino is THC Tolerant. Shooting Star Casino Human Resources developed a draft for the Drug Policy Overview. Brief discussion held on Rule 25 Assessor for THC.

THC Program:

- Total of three tests:
  - First test; August 1st
  - Re-test October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - January 1<sup>st</sup>; Zero THC Tolerance for new hires
  - Combine Compliance and THC Policies all in one letter

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve, Seconded Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried, 4 for 0 against.

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NTOGE:

Need direction on where to go before it goes into legal review. Look at the contracts and make sure they are in compliances requirements. There are a total of 4 places on the Reservation that are tax exempt, Callaway Liquors, Ogema M & W, Bears in Waubun and Mahnomen SSC.

### **New Business**

TEC Subcommittees

- Tabled

Housing Applications:

Alan provided RBC with two documents and the Bylaws for their review. The body appoints the Chair and Secretary Treasurer.

Stephanie Williams request to utilize RBC tent for the Wild Food Summit July 26-29; Terry and Eugene individually approved \$100.00 each towards the cost of the tent.

2 Special Harvest Request:

- Sah-Kah-Tay Wild Rice Camp / 2 Deer and a netting request
- Big Drum Society / 2 Deer

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Pat Butler- Health

Resolution- I.H.S FY 2019 Operating Funds for the purpose of operating the Tribal Health Division Programs throughout the White Earth Reservation:

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to approve Resolution #064-18-008, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

### **Signatory Request**

Kim Lage – Education

Child Care License Renewal [REDACTED]

Motion made by Raymond Auginaush Sr. to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Melissa Keezer – RSS

Amended Contract between White Earth and Mille Lacs Band:

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to adjourn at 5:17 p.m., Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts.  
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

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Leonard Alan Roy Secretary/Treasurer