

**White Earth Reservation Business Committee**

**Special Meeting**

**July 31, 2018**

**White Earth, MN**

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Acting Chairman Eugene “Umsy” Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Leonard Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer  
Raymond Auginaush Sr., District I Representative  
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative  
Eugene “Umsy” Tibbetts, District III Representative - Acting Chairman

Absent: Terrence “Terry” Tibbetts, Chairman

Others Present: Ron Valiant, Interim Chief Operating Officer  
Joan LaVoy, Special Projects Coordinator  
Maria Bevins, Recorder

**New Business**

TEC Subcommittees:

- Housing & Finance
  - Terry Tibbetts
- Legislative
  - Leonard Alan Roy
- Health & Human Resources
  - Kathy Goodwin
- Natural Resources
  - Eugene Tibbetts
- Alternate
  - Raymond Auginaush Sr.

MCT Political Advisor:

Leonard proposed to the RBC on having Political Advisors. Each District would be able to appoint one person to provide more voices within the Government. Opportunities for White Earth to move forward and get the community involved and assist with the larger concerns that the White Earth Band is facing for advancing the interest of the White Earth Reservation and working together as a team.

Criteria:

- White Earth Enrollee and live on the White Earth Reservation
- Not an RBC family member

Ron will follow up with the HR on the job descriptions for these positions.

Audit Plan:

- 100% Audit across the board and roughly 10% budget cuts
- 100% Audit gaming side over a course of a year
- Red flags will come up and will be addressed by the RBC body and will have Forensic Audits if needed

PAC Closure:

A letter was received from the State of MN and need to file ASAP.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to close the PAC Account, Seconded by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 opposed.

Ron will follow up with the State and close out the account.

*Meeting recessed at 10:23 a.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.*

Brief discussion held on Press Release for the following:

- Policy Comp
- Gaming

I-65 Meeting Clarifications:

- Clarification on meetings; need to be present to conduct business according to the I-65; Exceptions can apply

Leadership meetings Discussion:

Being more involved with Directors and Managers at their monthly meetings for more communication.

Micro loan:

Members are still paying into this program; however, it was requested and approved to have the Micro Loans moved to Northwest Foundation; however, Leonard requested to freeze the account at this time.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to freeze the account, Seconded by Raymond Auginaush Jr. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 against.

Proposed White Earth Clinic:

A meeting was held on the Joint Venture Clinic for Naytahwaush with the RBC, Indian Health Service and the RBC Health department. The discussion held at the meeting was on services and how to better serve the tribal members in the area.

100% paid by Indian Health Service for new addition for White Earth's Indian Health Center; however, unable to determine the funding for the Joint Venture Clinic in Naytahwaush. Brief discussion held on the current Health Clinic in Naytahwaush. This is a condemned building and an unhealthy working environment for staff and patients.

White Earth Health Services:

- \$25 million expansion

Naytahwaush Joint Venture Clinic:

- \$20 million
- White Earth does not have the capitol for this project

Options:

- Delay of project until clarification from our Legal department on funds that may be available
- Third Party billing that will go back into the Joint Venture Clinic for employment
- Working in conjunction with our own programming
- 638: Self Governance

*Meeting recessed at 11:38 a.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 12:02 p.m.*

Naytahwaush Sewer:

- Be consistent with the capital freeze

WETCC:

Brief discussion held on a resignation at the WETCC and how to replace a person on the Council of Trustees Board. Recommendation is to meet with the Council of Trustees to discuss this matter.

Iron Range Community Council:

- Community Council members went to Legal regarding their 501C3

## Signatory Request

Gloria Goodwin – Food Distribution

MCT Enrollment Book:

- Tabled

Michael Accobee – Transit

Bus Replacement Costs:

- Tabled

Bernie Soyring – Facilities Management

Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor:

- Tabled

Raegan Hendrickson – Child Support

FY19 Child Support Grant:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 silent.

Jaime Arsenault – THPO

Grant Extension:

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

Mike Smith – Forestry

Forestry Timber Contract:

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

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn at 12:05 p.m., Seconded by Leonard Alan Roy. Motion Carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Leonard Alan Roy Secretary/Treasurer