

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Special Meeting

May 07, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m.

White Earth, MN

Chairman Terrence “Terry” Tibbett’s called the meeting to order at 9:21 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
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative
Eugene “Umsy” Tibbett’s, District III Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director
Michael Fairbanks, Deputy Director
Maria Bevins, Recorder

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Steven Clark to approve with additions, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

RBC Meeting Minutes (04/30/18)

Tabled

Tabled Business

Land- District II

Homesites:

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

Residential Lease:

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

Lakeshore Lease:

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

Brief discussion held on abandoned homes. Kathy commented on the homes that were removed and the remaining basements that the community members are dumping garbage in. Kathy would like the Land office to follow up with these areas and follow through with having them filled.

Brief discussion held on the removal/demolition of abandoned trailer homes and how to develop a removal process for this purpose. Kathy commented on a Beautification Grant through Northwest Foundation; however, need to train a demolition crew for the removal of the trailer homes and on safety issues.

White Earth Sanitation, LLC Letter of Credit

Scott Omlid present for discussion on the White Earth Sanitation, LLC Letter of Credit. White Earth Sanitation has been doing the garbage pickup for Mahnomen County for two terms; which are five year terms; however, the requirement was a \$100,000 bond. Five years ago they had changed this to the \$25,000 CD at First National Bank for a letter of credit for the \$25,000 to be used in case of White Earth not being able to do their route or acquit them and use that line of credit to offset their costs. Renewal for this contract is coming up next week and four of their five Council members made the motion to rehire White Earth Sanitation rather than rebidding it due to White Earth Sanitation doing a great job in Mahnomen County.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #073-18-001, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Meeting Recessed at 10:07 a.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

Land

Katherine Warren present for discussion on permission to survey for the MNDOT on Highway 200 per CFR Regulations for Right-of Way. Katherine stated that they asked to do surveys of just the corners and need a signature from the Chairman and the Secretary/Treasurer to give them permission to do so and listed all the areas that they are requesting. Katherine referenced a map for the surveying areas. Katherine stated that Lenny from the Legal department reviewed the Permission to Survey letter.

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

MCT draft letter to BIA: Support of White Earth Band's Inquiry Related to Land
Katherine asked RBC to review.

2 homes in Waubun:

Katherine stated that they did serve the letters to the residents of these homes and wanted to give an update:

█ She was aware of the tax forfeiture of the land and was in the process of losing it; however, she has no current plans. Katherine stated that they have 90 days and they need to decide on what they want to do with these home sites. Katherine stated that their intent was not to fix up these homes her intent was to Demo them and have them available for future use. Katherine is asking the RBC in how they want to move forward with this home site.

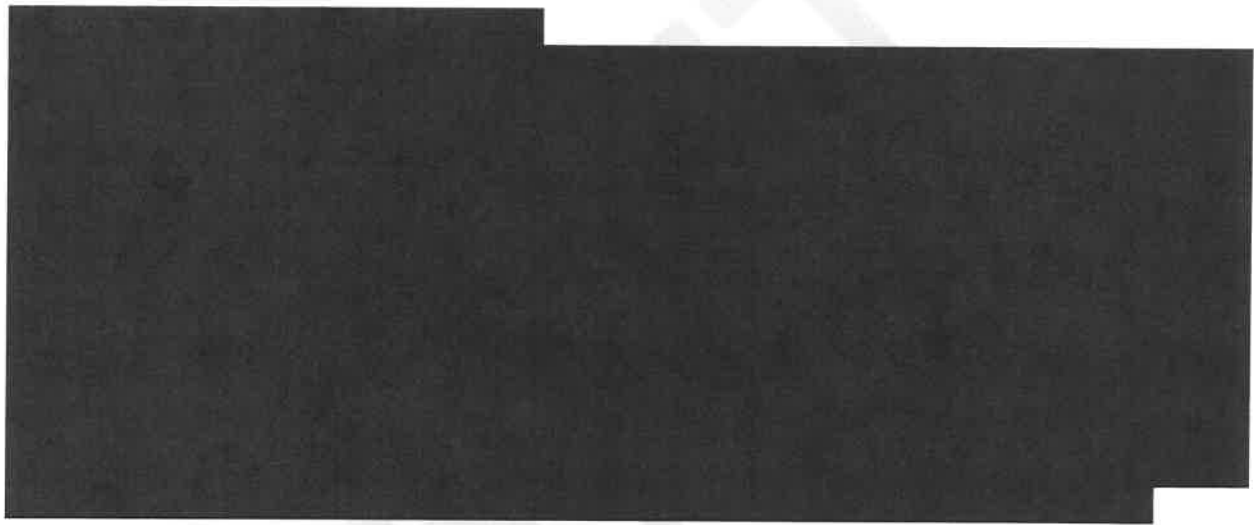
█ She was aware of the tax forfeiture. She would like to possibly still live on the land and maybe putting a different home structure or having it as a land assignment. Katherine is asking the RBC in how they want to move forward with this home site. Table until Monday, May 14th.

Other

Tribal Guardian ad Litem

Lori Thompson present for discussion on the Tribal Guardian ad Litem. Lori stated that the BIA originally funded their Tribal Guardian ad Litem program through one time funding and those funds had been expended. They were originally going to apply for the Administration Children & Family grant; however, when Pam went to submit the grant it was not able to be submitted due to some technical difficulties. Lori stated that they have 138 funds and is asking the RBC if they can utilize some of the money that was designated for Judge Blazer under this fund for the Tribal Guardian ad Litem, roughly about \$3,000 a month for the two positions.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.



Tribal Natural Resources Faculty Position (Merlin Deegan):

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Pat Butler – Health

Response letter in regards to the Tribal Consultation to the SDPI grant funding:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Mary Otto – Education

Summer Food Service Program certifying that Naytahwaush & Waubun B & G Club are located:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Steven Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Michael Triplett – Economic Development

USDA Annual Finance Letter:

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

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USAD Loan repayment; Guarantee Letter for the Naytahwaush Water Project:

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

Carolyn French – Behavioral Health

MAT – PDOA Contract:

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Raegan Hedrickson – Child Support

Updated MOU with the State of Minnesota:

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

American Indian Resource Center Golf; Sponsor Five Teams on 05/18/18:

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

Gaming for Charitable Bingo:

Tara commented on sending a letter to make a public statement and having it put in the paper. Terry stated to have Lenny draft a letter and send to Tom Bement to put on Face Book.

Fencing - Rice Lake Cemetery / Naytahwaush Cemetery:

Tara commented on the 2019 budget and possibly taking from this budget for the fencing needs in the communities.

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn at 10: 55 a.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason Secretary/Treasurer