

**White Earth Reservation Business Committee**

**Special Meeting**

**November 21, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m.**

**White Earth, MN**

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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  
Raymond Auginaush Sr., District I Representative  
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative  
Eugene “Umsy” Tibbetts, District III Representative

Others Present: Joan LaVoy, Special Projects Coordinator  
Maria Bevins, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to approve with additions; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr.  
Motion carried: 3 for, 1 opposed.

**RBC Meeting Minutes (will be brought into Monday’s meeting)**

**Calendar Review**

**Reports**

**Medure Update:**

Scott gave a brief update on the visit to the Medure Property in Pennsylvania; Alan, Raymond, Eugene, Scott and Katherine traveled to visit the property. The Medure Property information was provided to the RBC for their review. The wife of the sole owner wants to buy the land back; however, the sole owner has a life estate of the property. White Earth cannot take ownership of the property until the death of the sole owner before White Earth can take possession of this property settlement. She is willing to pay \$175,000 for this property; however, RBC had questions why she wanted to buy this property back. A brief update was given on the loss of the barn on the property; she had this taken down and sold.

Scott gave a brief update on 6 drills in that area. October 1, 2016; lease has expired and recorded at the court house. Those acres were never in the wells that they have drilled.

117 acres; some of this land is tillable for farming. \$1,500 an acre: if the offer is for \$175,000.

Katherine commented on the land assessment values are very low on the assessment side; market value is higher. There are more investigations needed on the property and many mineral definitions of this property need to be addressed. Katherine recommended talking to people that is knowledgeable in that field of knowing minerals and oils. The region out there is Historical Home land; however, this may mean more work. Land consolidation plan need to be in place for these types of regions and getting this land into trust land.

Alan referenced and initial statement of the Medure Property to the RBC and had three motions:

Alan made a motion to formally assess the Tribe's Pennsylvania Property and task the White Earth Land Department with its management, and request that the White Earth Land Department produce a report of its assessment to the RBC no later than February 1, 2019; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Alan made a motion to ascertain the terms of 2016 Medure settlement and request that the White Earth Legal Department produce a report to the RBC no later than January 1, 2019; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Alan made a motion to call for a Special Meeting or hearing on the Medure settlement no later than February 1, 2019; and request that the White Earth Land and Legal Departments make a formal presentation to the RBC and report on the property and any potential Legal reconsideration related to Medure; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Brief discussion held on the property reports that are request of the White Earth Land Department.

### **Other Government Project**

Scott Omild is present for discussion held on Star Lake; Alan referenced an email from Mike Garbow. If we can successfully dispute the contract, we can save the tribe a lot of funding. Alan's recommendation to the RBC is to notify the companies in writing and a verbal notice; that White Earth is hereby disputing the contract and would like to schedule an informal Hearing sometime in December, 2018.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to dispute the contract with Lake Region Electric Coop. and Great River Energy and request an informal hearing is made no later than January 1, 2019; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Scott stated; \$430,000 paid directly to Lake Region Electric Coop. back in 2016. \$1.7 million has not actually been paid to them; however, there is a line of credit at Bremer Bank and they

want to access it. Terry wants to know who allows them to access Bremer Bank and retrieve the money themselves without White Earth's approval. Was this the agreement that was signed? Scott stated this may have been the agreement that was signed; everyone expectation was this was going to be built; start buying electricity and reduce the line of credit. Line of credit; expires December 1, 2018.

Joe Plumber present for brief discussion held on the Star Lake. Alan commented on the Line of Credit expiration.

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

*Meeting reconvened at 10:22 a.m.*

*Executive session at 10:26 a.m.*

**Human Resources**

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*Terry left meeting at 10:49 a.m.*

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*Terry returned to meeting at 10:53 a.m.*

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Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to Rescind the Veteran's Resolution from November 11, 2018; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve line item changes to the Veteran's Resolution and to approve Resolution #001-19-006; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 opposed.

Administration will proceed to move forward with the Executive Director position:

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve Randy Goodwin as Executive Director; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve Joan LaVoy as Interim Chief Operating Officer; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Position going back since Ron Valiant left at the end of October, 2018.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to proceed with the demotion [REDACTED] second by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to proceed with the demotion [REDACTED] second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 opposed.

Alan referenced the letter and stated that there is a lot of conduct within a Director's level.

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to adjourn at 11:39 a.m.; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

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Leonard Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer