

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Special Meeting

October 22, 2018 ~ 9:00 a.m.

White Earth, MN

Chairman Terrence “Terry” Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:18 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: Ron Valiant, Interim Chief Operating Officer
Joan LaVoy, Special Projects Coordinator
Maria Bevins, Recorder

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve with additions; second by Raymond Auginaush Sr.
Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

RBC Meeting Minutes (10/15/18)

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

Calendar Review

Reports

- Nothing to Report

MMCDC and WEII

Julia Nelmark, President, Audra Tohnika, Vice President of Lending and Danny Stevens are present. The mission of White Earth Investment Initiative is to engage in community, economic and housing development, with the aim of alleviating poverty and enhancing the standard of living within Native American communities, particularly the White Earth Reservation. Julie stated to continue to work together with White Earth on projects.

MMCDC purchased a Land Locked Parcel, 24-26 acres east of White Earth near Net Lake and a discussion was held in regards to selling this parcel to the tribe for affordable housing development and private housing to tribal members.

The land parcels will be 1 acre per person; with additional cost per acre. Section 184 home loan program is available for Native Americans. This would allow for easier financing and homes can be built on or off tribal trust land.

Brief discussion held on moderate income and the lack of housing available for White Earth members. Kathy would like to deal with the homelessness on the White Earth Reservation and commented on little houses for White Earth members.

Alan commented on the housing for the 24-26 acres and moderate income. What is the strategic aspect? Audra stated for middle class; for our members to keep here on the White Earth Reservation. Brief discussion held on Ho Chunk Built Homes and cost; Dynamic Homes owned.

Terry left meeting at 9:58 a.m.

MMCDC and WEII are looking for support and input on the needs of the White Earth Reservations Housing development and seeking consultation. Danny Stevens: 29 years working with MMCDC and WEII and looking to retire, this position will need to be filled.

Terry returned to meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Eugene left meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Brief discussion held on project cost for 15 units, also water and sewer for the area at Net Lake. This would depend on the size of these homes; Stick built homes:

- \$180,000 for modern homes
- \$240,000 for three bedroom homes

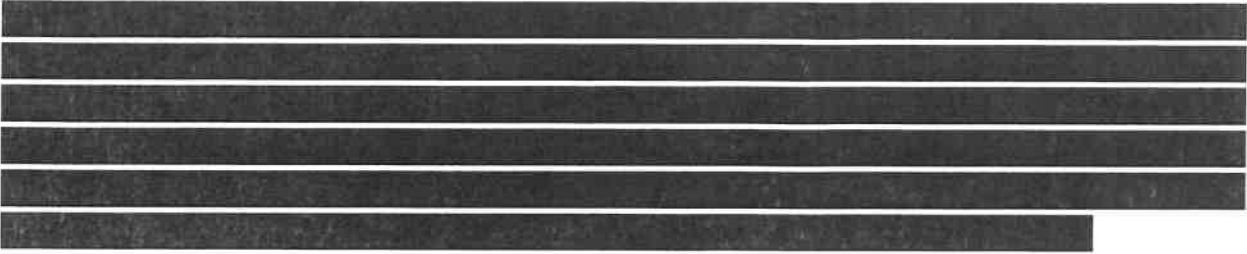
Eugene returned to meeting at 10:14 a.m.

The RBC would like to establish a work group for further discussion with MMCD and WEII on affordable housing development for White Earth Reservation.

Executive Session at 10:24 a.m.

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Executive Session ending at 10:35 a.m.

Meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

WECARE

Kim Turner and Cyndy Rastedt are present. WECARE has four staff within their program. White Earth Coordination Assessment Resources & Education (WECARE) Referral Program: This program offers client assessments which allow each individual client to determine their highest need of service including but not limited to, primary care, home health, education, early childhood programs and human services. The program was designed so a client or family can enter any program and have an assessment completed with the assistance of a staff member. When their needs are identified an electronic referral will be sent by email to a specific program that can address that need. The WECARE Kinship Life Pathway Navigators (KLPN's) work with families to create action plans, strategies and goals. During this process they help find the resources needed so they can support their own family. The WECARE Program is based on the two-generation approach, which addresses the vision of whole family care. While providing and determining services for both the children and parent/guardian in a family, wrap around services can be provided allowing care of the entire family. The data will be collected through the Rite Track software on family success by tracking goals completed.

Kathy had a question on the application and the length of this application can this be reduced? Kim stated the assessment takes around twenty minutes to complete.

Terry left meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Alan commented on billing services. Kim stated that they are requesting to have the White Earth RBC programs be present at their meetings that are held the fourth Thursday of every month:

- White Earth Housing
- Constituents Program
- Behavioral Health
- ICW
- WETCC

The WECARE Program hold cultural events once a month; anyone who is enrolled into the program can attend.

Terry returned to meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Grant:

- Five years and starting year two
- Pays for:
 - Four staff
 - The cultural events
- Travel

The grant will not pay for:

- Gas Vouchers
- Help with home repairs such as:
 - Doors
 - Windows, etc.

Alan would like to refer members to the WECARE program; however, how would he follow up on the status of each of the members.

- Have access to the software
- Phone call and for follow-up

Veterans; Demographic page and members are not filling in this part of the assessment.

Brief discussion held on Third Party Billing; Need to have schooling to bill for services; such as nursing

Alan commented on four issues:

- Referrals
- Attendance to monthly meeting
- Software
- Third Party Billing

Alan asked the RBC if they would send members to the WECARE program and to mandate the White Earth Programs to utilize the WECARE program with discussion to be held at the Director meeting:

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to mandate the White Earth Programs to be part of the WECARE Program; second by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Unfinished Business

Nation vs. Reservation:

Brief discussion held on the membership as a Band, Nation or Reservation?

RBC is in consensus for White Earth Nation.

Multijurisdictional Sex Trafficking Task Force (TRUST) MOU between The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and The White Earth Nation

Mike LaRoque is present. The partners listed above have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will be the lead agency and point of contact for the Tribes United against Sex Trafficking Task Force and will facilitate quarterly Task Force meetings throughout the state. The White Earth Nation will be a partner in the project:

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

Eugene left at 11:55 a.m.

Eugene returned at 11:57 a.m.

Executive Session at 11:57 a.m.

Enrollments

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Human Resources Updates

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Executive Session ended at 12:37 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 12:37 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Jeremy Cossette and Don Heisler are present. Alan had sent a request on the file storage room; Data and Document Security. Access to minutes should be restricted and prohibited. Jeremy recommended that they install a chip reader and have restricted access to this area; this would time the individual in the room. The Executive Director and Executive Office Coordinator will have access. The documents will then need to be signed in and out by that individual. This is due to having two years of meeting minutes missing. The room is currently a fire proof room and recommendation to installing a camera; one on the inside/outside of the room with the retention period of one year. Administration Staff would have to do an Inventory on all the documents in the room. You will have to request permission from the RBC to have access to a certain document. Alan will be coming forward with a Data Document Security Resolution which will be a majority vote from the RBC to retrieve a document.

Quotes:

- Add hardware to the door; spoke with maintenance
- Bring in hardware that can read our badges and communicate back to the server; who accessed the room
- Roughly; \$5,000 for the reader/controller for installation- Vendor from Fargo, ND
- Inside/outside camera; \$5,000; WEPD has money within their budget to allocate the purchase of these cameras

Access to the room and restricted to:

- Executive Director
- Executive Office Coordinator
- Chairman, Secretary Treasurer and District Representatives I, II, III; Majority Vote by the RBC

Alan will come forward with the Data Document Security Resolution for the next RBC meeting. Alan asked Jeremy to follow up with Joe regarding this Resolution.

Unfinished Business; Continued

Conflict Judge Contract:

Six month contract with Megan Treuer; her rate of pay will be \$125 per hour. She will get paid for travel but not mileage:

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve; second by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Megan Bakken – Economic Development

Letter Requesting AOR and PD Change for MSPI BH Grant:

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

Tami C- White Earth Builders

MOD 001 to App Contract Number to IHS Contract:

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

Mike Triplett- Economic Development

Wind Turbine maintenance contract. Brief discussion held on the Wind Turbine's on the White Earth Reservation and the cost. Recommendation is to table until numbers are provided to the RBC.

Brief discussion held on the bus for urban elder's for Elder's day in Mahnomen. RBC will provide the bus; however, will not provide a room or meals. RBC is in consensus for providing a bus for the urban area White Earth members with the exception with paying for their own rooms and meals. Brief discussion held on TEC Bus for TEC meeting in Walker; RBC in consensus; however, need to pay for own meals.

Megan Bakken present for discussion held on the Acknowledgement of Civil Rights Training Pertaining to MN Dept. of Public Safety Grant; This Grant will be under the Substance Abuse Program:

Motion made by Leonard Alan Roy to approve; second by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Executive Session at 1:38 p.m.

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Kathy left the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

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Kathy returned to meeting at 1:48 p.m.

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Terry left meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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Executive Session ended at 2:16 p.m.

Kathy left meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 2:16 p.m.

New Business

Bernie Soyring and Rick Larson- Requesting Large Gift Basket for RDO Company:
RBC Denied

White Earth Programs – Wild Rice Cost:

ENP; would like to pay the elderly price of \$6.50 lb for their program:

RBC Consensus for \$12.00 lb

Color for Naytahwaush Water Tower:

Kathy and Terry agreed with the White Earth Logo with name and eagle feather on the Naytahwaush Water Tower; Delft Blue.

Brief discussion held on the Election of Offices; TEC Level.

Terry left meeting at 2:49 p.m.

JOM Program:

Brief discussion held on the updated list for the JOM Program. Joan stated that the Education department keeps the list and the JOM Committees should also have a list. The JOM list cannot be released to the public. The JOM list will be certified by the Enrollments office. Education will provided an updated list to the Indian Education Office within the School. Applications are placed in the enrollment packets right at the schools at the beginning of the school year.

Terry returned to meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Work Groups; Collaboration between programs:

- Homeless Funding; \$2.2 million dollar deficit; what to do to save money on the government side:
 - Council Representative; Raymond Auginaush Sr. and Kathy Goodwin
 - Human Services; Ben Bement
 - Housing; Steve Howard
 - Behavioral Health; Jeri Jasken
 - MCT Advisor
 - Natalie McArthur

- Legislative; Work group; working together on these issues, research and the numbers. Can have a lot of money if we do it right:
 - Bill Haas
 - Barb Rohde
 - Chairman
 - Executive Director
 - MCT Advisor
 - WECARE; Kim Turner

- Funding:
 - Council Representative; Alan Roy
 - Finance; Scott Omlid
 - Executive Director
 - Shooting Star Casino; Valentine & Stevens
 - Grant Writer; Pam Keezer

OGP Update:

Alan referenced an OGP Research Team update from Michael Garbow to the RBC. Alan will be meeting with the OGP tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. to provide their request for information.

- Attorney; Michael L. Garbow
- Auditor; Rhonda Dockendorf
- Tribal Public Works Specialist; Steven Kleeberger

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

Signatory Requests

Tami C- White Earth Builders

Contract; Pine Point CC- Gage Bros; Caulking Contract- MOMS/MATS Faculty:

Motion made by Eugene Tibbetts to approve; second by Raymond Auginaush. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against.

Cortney Pemberton – Mental Health

Amendment is by & between the State of MN, through its Commissioner of the MN Department of Human Services, Adult Mental Health Division; White Earth Nation:

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

Cortney Pemberton – Mental Health

The Amendment is for the purpose of providing funding for the 2018 American Indian Mental Health Conference:

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

Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

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Motion made by Raymond Auginaush Sr. to adjourn at 4:49 p.m.; second by Leonard Alan Roy.
Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against.

Leonard Alan Roy, Secretary/Treasurer