

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
July 24, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, Chairman
Steven "Punky Clark, District I Representative
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative

Absent: Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director
Mike Fairbanks, Deputy Director
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

Terry Tibbetts left meeting at 9:14 am.

Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Terry Tibbetts entered meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve with additions, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (7/17/17)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review

ICWA Complaints/Process

Laurie York was present. Discussion was held regarding of messages being left and no return calls from staff. There is an individual that was hired to assist in following up. Staff update was provided. There were 67 child protection cases that had to be reassigned due to staff turnover; abrupt changes. Question was asked if there are other services being provided other than UA for parents; Laurie stated many services being provided and are adjusted to family needs.

Kathy expressed importance of shortening up process to assist in bringing families back together; Laurie state they are working on providing a visitation coordinator to increase visitation needs as well. Preventative programming needs to be utilized. Kathy requested that the training be implemented immediately to get the board moving forward. Council has requested that it be stressed to staff that they need to return calls; majority of complaints are that calls are not being returned. Laurie provided a phone log and its process for Tribal Council to look at.

VASH Program

Steve Howard - Unable to attend. Tabled

Meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

Other

Boys & Girls Club - Kathy was disappointed that Naytahwaush did not have any kids at the Pine Point event last week. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Naytahwaush kids have not been able to attend events because of transportation issues. Brief discussion was held regarding possibility of direct hire for positions; depending on position consensus was to allow direct hire. Funding sources for both Boys & Girls Club and youth rec needs to be reviewed.

Brief discussion was held housing and the homes that need to be repaired; suggestion made to contract with individuals instead of hiring all kinds of maintenance positions and delaying homes being repaired. Sewer issues need to be addressed; need to contract out with water/sewer - maintenance plans should be in place. Inventory and scope of work for homes needing repairs needs to be done; suggestion made to contract with someone to do this. Kathy stated there is employee that is supposed to be doing this. Follow up is needed on the rental arrearages list; individuals need to abide by contracts and need to make rental payments.

Land Sale [REDACTED] - Katherine Warren provided copies of information for review. Consensus of Tribal Council was to negotiate an offer [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - has trailer home that needs to be moved; he is unable to pay the [REDACTED] to pay for relocating the home. Motion made by Punky Clark to waive [REDACTED] fee, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Terry Tibbetts left meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Terry Tibbetts entered meeting at 11:58 am.

Brief discussion was held regarding [REDACTED] issue with moving of trailer home.

Motion made by Kathy to relocate the [REDACTED] elder home. Terry suggested having housing or someone look at the home to see if it is stable and will be worth moving.

Kathy has been sitting on national Indian health advisory board and with joint venture project she would like to see alternative healing be implemented.

WETCC - there is major staff issue; lost 17 employees over the past year. Mike Fairbanks provided a brief update. Upgrading of programs needed for on reservation needs to be implemented.

Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Resolution – '17-'18 Hunting Trapping Seasons/Limits

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve Resolution #057-17-004, Seconded by Punky Clark.
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

White Earth Enterprises [REDACTED]

Documentation provided was reviewed. Brief discussion was held regarding demolition sites; suggestion made to set aside couple of days a week to have staff up at ranch to collect instead of having to handle demolition more than once. [REDACTED]

Information Requests (Minutes/Resolutions)

Umsy stated he was for distribution of resolutions but not when it come to enrollments, Punky stated financial information resolutions should not be disclosed. Motion made by Punky to table this issue until next week. Motion dead to lack of Second.

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve distribution of first 10 pages free and charge \$.10 per copy after. Motion dead to lack of Second.

Wild Rice Donation (Wellbriety Wiikwajitooon Picnic)

Tabled

Letter of Support (Broadband – Garden Valley Telephone)

Flag Request

University of Minnesota, Morris (Donation)/Enrolled Member – Chicago Pow-wow (Purchase)

Motion made by Umsy to approve the donation to U of M Morris, Seconded by Punky Clark.

Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to allow purchase, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Adjourn

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to adjourn meeting at 1:21 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer