

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
June 05, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, Chairman  
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer  
Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative  
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative  
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative

Absent: Ken Fox, Executive Director

Others Present: Mike Fairbanks, Deputy Director  
Maria Bevins, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

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

**RTC Meeting Minutes (5/15/17)**

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Steven Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**Calendar Review**

**WEDO:**

Michael Neusser present. Brief discussion on Wadook building remodeling and renovation for Gizhiigin Arts Incubator. No rent will be paid, just the electricity. This will be for local artist to sell their art work at this building. Provide matching funds [REDACTED] to support State Arts grant [REDACTED], for equipment and teach art skills.

**White Earth Development Organization Open Projects:**

- WE Sons & Daughters Skate Park Initiative (Transferred to Builders)
- Mahnomen Head Start (Transferred to Builders)
- Naytahwaush Drum Hall (Transferred to Builders)
- Naytahwaush MAT/MOMS building (Transferred to Monica)
- Dream Catcher Expansion (Transferred to Monica)

- Human Services Office (White Earth/ On Hold)
- Behavioral Health Office (White Earth/On Hold)
- Men's Acute Care Facility (On Hold)
- Facilities Condition Assessment (Completed & Passed to Jeff at Public Works)
- Housing First Facility (Moving forward)
- Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club Facility (Moving forward). Kathy asked about the Boys and Girls Club very small area in Mahnomen. Michael stated that this building will be taken down and a new construction will be happening as soon as the approval happens.

Possible Upcoming Projects:

- COLA bus garage addition
- Emergency generator project at Oshki

***Meeting Recessed at 10:32 a.m.***

***Meeting Reconvened at 10:52 a.m.***

**Policy 311 - Appeal for Termination:**

Lenny Fineday present. Lenny stated a formal method of an appeal of termination, the timeline for the process needs to be determined and how do we blend the two, also the important thing is to have the Tribal Council decide on one or the other (Tribal Court or Administrative Process). Recommendation is that the Tribal Council determine this process. Brief discussion on Appeal for Termination and the time it takes to go into Tribal Court and the cost. Lenny will provide new Appeal for Termination Policy and Resolution for Tribal Councils approval.

**Cass Lake Constituents Building:**

Lenny stated that he has a Nonprofit Organization (Transformed Life) in Cass Lake that is interested in the building. Lenny stated that Ken Fox asked him to go and look at the building, however, there are a couple of ladies that are still in the building and stated that they plan to be there for the next year. Brief discussion on Constituents Building. Tribal Council consensus approval to offer building to the Nonprofit Organization. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Steven Clark. Motioned carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Kathy commented and shared Bemidji Area Indian Health Service - Statistics and Planning Report regarding Cancer Rates.

**Referendum Ordinance:**

Joe Plumer present. Joe stated there were some minor changes to the Ordinance. Tara referenced Section 9. Referendum Result, would there be any contradiction with the White Earth Constitution? Joe stated "No". Tara asked Joe to reference Article XIV - Referendum of the White Earth Constitution. Joe stated that the RBC can set the rules for this. Discussion on Tribal Resolution and the process of the Referendum Ordinances. Once this Referendum Ordinance is decided on it will be put in all the local news papers, Face book, etc.

***Meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m***  
***Meeting reconvened at 12:12 p.m.***

Resolution - Fee to Trust Application [REDACTED]  
Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-17-014, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin.  
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Request to Vacant Street/Alley Right of Way Letter to the City of Ogema. Consensus for approval.

Potlatch Land Purchase discussion.

**Lobbyist Information:**

Brief discussion on Lobbyist. Tribal Council is considering its option for retaining a lobbying firm for work at the Federal Level.

Brief discussion on Zenas Baer Letter Re: Pennsylvania Mineral Rights. Scott Omlid present. Kathy stated they had meetings regarding this and Zenas Baer was taken off as part owner. Discussion on Release of Oil, Gas Leases and the availability of the property for potential leasing. Joe Plumer will follow up with the letter and all information regarding Mineral Rights will need to go through Joe.

***Kathy left meeting at 12:55 p.m.***  
***Kathy Returned at 12:57 p.m.***

***Terry left meeting at 12:59 p.m.***  
***Terry returned at 1:02 p.m.***

**WE Business Enterprises:** Motion made by Tara Mason to go into Executive Session, Seconded by Steven Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn Executive Session, Seconded by Eugene Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Steven Clark to resume RTC Special meeting, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Other:**

Tribal Health Substance Abuse Treatment Program License Renewal [REDACTED]  
Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tribal Child Advocacy Center (Office Space) - Tribal Council wants to hold off

Child Care Licensing Renewal:

[REDACTED]

Summer Variance:

[REDACTED]

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

Resolution

[REDACTED]

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-031, Seconded by Steven Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Resolution - Federal/State Head Start Grants

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #038-17-002, Seconded by Steven Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tribal Member Development Program/Succession Planning - Brief discussion on questions:

- Qualifiers
- Next Steps

Eugene wants the print out of White Earth Pow wow Budget.

Tara stated that any information that the council would like her to bring to the BIA Restructure meeting. Tara stated that a discussion regarding the structure will be as follows:

- Federal Level
- OMB
- BIA
- Self Governance

Terry stated looking into money for surveying and be proactive getting our MCT back for white Earth trust.

Brief discussion on Cass Lake HIP Money. Tara stated all they need are the estimates and White Earth expanded the services area.

Housing

Brief discussion on [REDACTED] FEMA trailer home. [REDACTED] bought a home and moved to another tribal lot and the FEMA trailer home was giving to another family member. [REDACTED] wants the trailer home back, due to him being the original tenant, he also wants the tribal lot the trailer home is on. [REDACTED] has made recent payments to housing, however, Tara stated [REDACTED] renovated the trailer home with her own money. Discussion on who owns the FEMA trailer homes. Terry will follow up with Joe Plumer on who owns these trailer homes.

Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn at 2:25 p.m., Seconded by Steven Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer