

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

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:13 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

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

Agenda Approval

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

RTC Meeting Minutes (1/17/17)

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

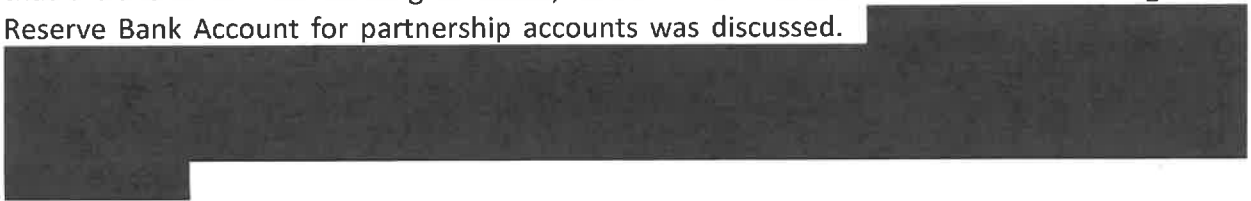
Calendar Review

Kathy requested that someone be sent to check the Veteran's building; no hot water, electrical issues. Responsibility is with housing. Community council is asking for access to the building; a key.

MCT has approved a new attorney, Brodeen was selected.

Tribal Finance

Scott Omlid was present to discuss the HAP Fund; tax credit projects.. Auditing requirement is that a transfer for HAP funding be made; funds will be transferred back the following week. Reserve Bank Account for partnership accounts was discussed.



Consensus of Tribal Council was to authorize the HAP Payment. Motion was made by Tara Mason to approve the reserve funds amount, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Other

Business License [REDACTED]

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

Job creation should be added to the business license application; are jobs for Tribal members being created, how many.

Nijii Radio Broadcast Request

Consensus was to start March; schedule starting with Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, District Representatives.

Travel Updates

Terry provided an update on the Trump Transition meeting last week. Also met with Barb Rohde on some of the impacts that may have. Terry would like to see participation at the upcoming MAST event. There were 360 Tribes represented; issues/concerns were documented but no questions were answered. There were a lot of the same issues from other Tribes. TEC should be approached to keep Tribe unified on 5 specific topics.

Meeting recessed for break at 10:23 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve \$1,000 donation from donation committee fund for the Rice Lake Fishing Derby, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

ICW

ICWA compliance is down in State of MN; unable to follow up with noncompliance issues. Discussion should be held at MCT education/human services subcommittee meeting.

Pine Point Elder Bus (Licensing/Program)

Suggestion was made to put under Ben Bement's elder program for insurance/licensing purpose.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to allocate Class II Gaming on floor for quarterly budget of \$5,000 to be managed by Human Service Elders program for Elders Committee, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Compliance (Building Properties Minneapolis)

The concrete issued was noted on purchase agreement; compliance was established after the agreement.

Seki Request (Economic Development Team)

Request is being made to reconvene the TED committee to seek partnership projects. Mike Fairbanks will follow up with Michael Neusser to coordinate an upcoming meeting with the Tribal Councils. Michael should be approached in regards to the food services numbers as well.

Legislative Committee

Request was sent out to the directors, Ken stated he has been receiving some of the directors legislative issues. Tribal Council will schedule meeting with directors for February 2nd.

Meeting recessed at 11:43 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:51 a.m.

Mary Otto was present to provide an update on the education department. Request was made to have monthly meetings with managers under the department.

Star Lake Finances (Public Information)

Statement needs to be made and there is a need to be serious that these numbers/financials are for Tribal members only. There is a need to be respectful and the numbers should be for Tribal members. Umsy stated that once the financials are out it doesn't mean that the numbers will get out to public. Tara is requesting direction on what the Tribal Council wants to do/provide.

Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 12:17 p.m.

An update was provided on the contest Pow-wow for the upcoming weekend.

Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 12:28 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer