

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
February 28, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:11 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
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative

Absent: Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

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

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (2/21/17)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review

- Potlatch Lands Meeting (3/17/17)

Tabled Business

Child Care Licensing [REDACTED]

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve licensing, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

A request has been made for a foster care child care facility; Ken will follow up with ICW.

Community Council Stipends (Off Reservation)

Tabled

Carsonville Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve \$6,000, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

[REDACTED]
Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Election Ordinance

TEC/Legislative ADHOC committee will be established for review of election ordinance; suggestion made to have one Tribal Council member and few community band members on committee. Terry would like to see election reform and will bring it up at the next TEC meeting. Terry does not want to see any special interest individuals/groups involved; each Tribal Council member will be able to appoint one person. Legal will be involved to meet with band member selected at least once per month, and should sit on committee as well. Request is being made to have legal involved with a discussion regarding this committee. Tabled until next work session.

Lobbyist - Tabled until next week

Wisdom Steps Thank You

Bev Karsten was present and provided a thank you for the support.

Meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

Joint Venture Update

Pat Butler/Alan Fogarty/Liz Foster-Anderson/Pete Hartman/Scott Omlid were present. Presentation as well as facility schematic was provided for review. Out of 34 Tribes the Naytahwaush joint venture project is the first approved project for the Bemidji area. There were a total of 7 projects approved across the nation; Naytahwaush is ranked at #4 project. A background of the project was given, as well as project concept at site selection. Project status update was given [REDACTED]. The project budget and return on investment was reviewed, as well as the project financing scenarios and the estimated project timeline. Project decisions need to be made. Tara requested further breakdown of project schedule.

Arctic IT Follow Up

Jesse Fain/Scott Omlid/Tracy Lhotka were present to provide follow up information in regards to the software project. More information is needed as to how the software program will be paid for. Jolyn Donnell needs to be scheduled for the next meeting to discuss software issues.

Meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:44 p.m.

Education Department

Mary Otto was present. Charter – JOM was discussed. Mary has requested detailed information from all sites for file creation. [REDACTED]

Motion made by Tara Mason to separate Naytahwaush Charter School JOM from Mahnomen JOM Charter, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tribal Council has capacity to revise WE JOM Guidelines at any time. Mary provided progress be provided. Request was made for ABE update. Division meetings will be every second Thursday of the month, prior to changes they were not meeting monthly; site rotation for meetings.

NMF Component Fund Revision

Mary provided an update that is needed for the funds grant distribution. The document for NMF Component Fund Confidentiality Policy Compliance Statement was signed by Terry and Tara. Motion made by Tara Mason to close out fund 0650, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Long Range Transportation Plan

Jeff Vivier and Mike Bowman were present to review the LRTP plan.

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #071-17-004, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

IHS would like to test White Earth Reservation wells for arsenic issue in ground water contamination. There is no current concern, this is only to start preventive care.

Foster Care Licensing

Tribal Relative Foster Care Licensing

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

New Tribal Foster Care Licensing

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve [REDACTED] Tabled, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tribal Foster Care

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Other

Resolution – '17 DOJ CTAS Grant

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-17-004, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts.
Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #019-17-002, Seconded by Punky Clark.
Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Donation Request – Dementia Conference (Karen Bedeau)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve \$1,000 donation from donation committee, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Pet Clinic Donation Request

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve \$1,585 donation from donation committee, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Letter of Support (Honor the Earth)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve letter of support, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Meeting recessed at 2:29

Meeting reconvened at 2:43 p.m.

Travel Update

Terry provided update on NCAI meeting; were a lot of good speakers. Made legislative visits to capital with Barb Rohde as well. Tara provided an update on her Washington visits as well as the MCT Legislative dinner and MIAC meetings which were held in St Paul. Suggestion was made that MCT have a legislative agenda prepared and readily available; Phil Brodeen could be utilized for this. Mike Fairbanks provided an update on the Gila River site visit.

WEDO

There are some serious concerns that need to be addressed; not project manager. There needs to be communication of projects within the committee. Tara is requesting a meeting with the committee to identify purpose. Request was made for any ordinances or governing documents of WEDO committee that are in place.



Self Governance

[REDACTED] It was stated that all directors are to be responsible for their program BIA funding sources. Mike Fairbanks is responsible for self governance and should be gathering information needed. Terry wants all programs with bureau funding be looked at and have a summary provided for Tribal Council review.

After Hours Meetings

Terry received a call from dispatch of individuals punching into administration doors after hours. There is a policy in place for after hours entrance of the building. If there are going to be after hours meetings all Tribal Council should be in attendance. Tara is requesting clarification on meetings with membership. Tara is requesting the discussion be tabled until next week for time to review the policy.

Constitution Discussion

Tabled until next week.

Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting 4:00 p.m., Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer