

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
February 6, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

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

Absent: Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer

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, 3 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (1/24/17)

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

Other

Leah Harper was present to request her right to go to court for civil rights violations. Leah has taken measure in Federal Court. Council stated that they would like to see a response received from the federal side.

Calendar Review

- Gila River Visit (2/24/17)

Land Resolutions

Megan Bakken/Sarah Bekkerus were present.

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

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Dist II, #14 Tabled, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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

Lakeshore: Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, #2 Tabled until payment, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Residential: Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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

Education Department

Mary Otto was present.

Special Education Funding signature request was made for Tribal Certification of Tribal Count under part B&C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Deadline for the reports was yesterday; Mary is waiting to finalize the 0-2 age group numbers and will submit today.

Boys & Girls Club (NMF Funding)

Mary has been working with finance to find out what the budget formula would be. Mary has email information out to get numbers for updating of budget.

There is a NMF endowment fund and capital projects campaign fund that needs to be addressed. [REDACTED] Recommendation would be to transfer into Tribal Finance and close out the accounts. The funding could be utilized for Mahnomen club. The Tribal Council as the board can appoint an assignee to sign off on requests to move funding and close out the accounts; this request will be put together and will be presented at next work session.

Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Roads Department

Jeff Vivier and Mike Bowman were present.

TTIP Plan was reviewed. Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #071-17-002, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

RSA – BIA Agreement

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve Resolution #071-17-003, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Legal Department

Joe Plumer/Lenny Fineday were present.

Rediscovery is non-profit, 501c3, which is being utilized for tax exemption purposes. There are some issues that are taking place that need to be addressed. Joe recommended the errors and omissions insurance to cover the Rediscovery Board members. Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve the Rediscovery Board to be provided with errors and omissions under the Tribe, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

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Enbridge Pipeline

Joe provided an update on the EIS that the State is doing; Joe feels that this EIS is not benefitting the actual depths of damage that could be done to the watersheds that are in the area of the project.

ICW Committee (Family Protection Code)

Lenny presented information to establish the ICW commission.

Resolution – MCT Uniform Curriculum Tribal Education Systems

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve tentative to legal review, Resolution #001-17-009, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Pam Fairbanks is making a request to see audits. Lenny will be meeting with auditors and WEHA next week to finalize the forensic audit.

Other

Cass Lake Legion - documents have been signed and all keys are in hand. Ken will work with Cass Lake Community Council to set up grand opening event. Legal will be drafting a MOU with Legion for basement lease.

Minneapolis Properties

There are four building that are being proposed for purchase. Adam will be asked to tour the buildings if there is interest.

Donation (Nicole Hendrickson Commission)
This will be discussed when there is a full council.

TNEC (Tribal Nations Education Committee)
Consensus of Tribal Council is to appoint Mary Otto to this committee.

Child Care License (Variance-Bartos)
Motion made by Punky Clark to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Adjourn
Motion made by Punky Clark to adjourn meeting at 12:25 p.m., Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts.
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer