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White Earth Reservation Business Committee Members:

This letter is to inform you that effective December 15, 2017, at 8:00 am, all official business of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee shall be conducted in conformity with Ordinance No. 1-65 (Revised), the duly enacted bylaws of the White Earth RBC. As required by the bylaws, regular meetings of the RBC shall be held on the first Thursday of each March, June, September and December. The bylaws do not authorize any further regular meetings of the RBC.

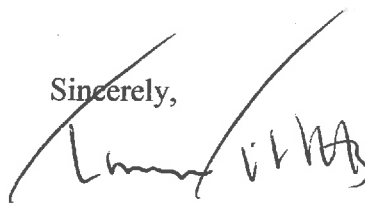
Any meetings beyond the mandatory regular meetings are special meetings, and any special meeting shall be conducted in conformity with Ordinance No. 1-65 (Revised). Also, special meetings may be initiated only by one of the following methods: at any time by the Chairman; upon the request of at least three RBC members; or upon receipt of a petition supported by the signatures of no less than 20% of the resident eligible voters of the Band. Ordinance No. 1-65 further limits the circumstances in which a special meeting may be requested: "Special meetings may be requested only if a delay until the next regular meeting would involve the loss of life, benefits, or property". The threshold for requesting the Chairman to schedule a special meeting is high, and the Chairman will schedule a special meeting only if one of the permitted reasons has been met in a request.

Because Ordinance No. 1-65 mandates that the Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the RBC, except those meetings considering charges against the Chairman pursuant to Article X of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution, any request for a special meeting that does not involve Article X issues must be presented to the Chairman. Ordinance No. 1-65 authorizes the Chairman alone to determine whether one of the limited circumstances for scheduling a special meeting has been met. If the Chairman finds that a particular request for a special meeting does meet the threshold specified in Article II, Section 2, no special meeting will be scheduled.

No special meeting of the RBC shall take place unless the requirements of Ordinance No. 1-65 have been met; and any RBC meeting that may take place without complying with the requirements of the ordinance will subject the participants to the removal provisions of Article X of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution.

The prior RBC practice of holding special meetings virtually every week is not in conformity with Ordinance No. 1-65, and future special meetings will be permitted only if the requirements of the ordinance are met. It is my hope that the structured methods of conducting the business of the White Earth tribal government included in the duly enacted bylaws will require us to focus on our responsibilities to the people who have elected us to these positions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terrence Tibbetts", written over a large, sweeping diagonal line that extends from the top right towards the center of the page.

Terrence Tibbetts
Chairman