

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
October 25, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
Mahnomen, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:17 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
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

Agenda Approval

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

RTC Meeting Minutes (10/9/17)

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

Calendar Review

- November Gaming Commission Meeting – Reschedule
- Save the Date – Tribal/Urban/IHS Directors Retreat (Nov. 8)
- BSU Native Nations Night (Terry – Nov. 11)
- Wild Rice Advisory Meeting (Terry – Nov. 17)
- RTC/Mahnomen County Meeting (Nov. 15, 28, 29, 30)
- Save the Date – Bemidji Area FY'20 Budget Formulation (Nov. 28-30)

Land Resolutions

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Land Department/Economic Development


Monica Hedstrom/Katherine Warren/Michael Neusser/Dawn Sherk

A copy of the Draft White Earth Land Use Plan was provided. Brief discussion was held regarding mapping within the document. Question was asked on potential land purchases and how it will be identified on mapping. Monica stated that a budget needs to be identified. Tara asked of the  was identified and priorities that need to be identified. Conservation piece should be identified and included in document as well. Forestry should be informed of where the preservation areas are. The Land Use Plan requires a few minor changes and has been brought to different programs/directors; Monica stated they want to make sure all the divisions have seen the information. The strategic plan is being referenced; not sure where it is at or how the document will reference the changes. Tara asked about projections on population, within districts, as well as projections for growth and housing needs; human services and constituents services programs could be utilized for assistance in identifying. Terry stated aggregate lands/areas need to be identified.

Economic Development Business Plan

Michael stated a property management plan was requested awhile ago. Blue Stone Group has been contracted to assist with certain areas; there will be some expense to holding sessions with Blue Stone - departments could assist with funds to help offset some of the cost.

Tara Mason left meeting at 10:40 a.m.

 was briefly discussed; potential for some RV sites.

Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Code Follow Up (OFP Code)

Lori Thompson/Ben Bement were present. Lori provided an overview of the proposed Order for Protection Code. Brief discussion was held regarding family or household member definition; specifically partners who are not legally married. Civil penalties was briefly discussed; are or will criminal codes be in place. Question was asked about definition of respondent; authority needs to be identified. Question was asked about territorial jurisdiction, needs to be addressed in the code - request was made to follow up with legal on this. Changes to code will need to go through public comment process.

Child Support Budget Modification

Ben Bement provided overview of previous issue of human service staff being underpaid; restructure was done with HR. When child support came under the human service division, budgets and in-kind was looked at. There was categorical change made; individual has same title. Question was asked about job description; were changes made - Ben stated no changes were made. There is an issue with HR not having consistency throughout the organization. What qualifies, director, manager, coordinator, supervisory positions. HR director needs to fix the issues. Tribal Council needs to make decision on whether or not there's going to be consistency organization wide.

Terry Tibbetts left meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:04 p.m.

Tara suggested that the pay increase, if any, be modified until the HR director reviews and makes necessary changes.

██████████ needs to be decided upon. Motion made by Tara Mason that behavioral health move forward with purchase of property, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.

Other

Resolution ██████████

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-18-001, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Shakopee Support Letter ██████████

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

Signature Authority (Secretary/Treasurer)

Tara has concerns that the secretary/treasurer position has no back up or signature stamp for signature authority. Business to be conducted would come to stop if removal takes place. Tribal Council needs to consider what would happen or who would sign. Terry stated legal opinion would be needed, Tara asked why a legal opinion would be needed. Tara stated according to I-65 the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer signatures are needed. Joe Plumer joined the meeting via phone. Terry asked Joe who would legally have authority to sign for Secretary/Treasurer in absence; what happens if there is no other person authorized. Joe stated according to I-65 a decision would need to be made by resolution. Tara is trying to prepare the body in case of her removal. Joe stated a formal resolution needs to be done according to I-65. Terry suggested it be brought to next meeting and have Joe draft the resolution; Tara stated it is a little premature at this point in time.

Referendum Vote

Motion made by Tara Mason to rescind the referendum vote to be held in January, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 against.

Will ask that another vote be held regarding the referendum vote be held during primary election.

Motion made by Tara Mason for referendum election be held in concurrent with primary election in April, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Umsy stated the referendum vote should be separate. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 against.

Outstanding Business

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CAC Funds

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HIP

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Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 12:49 p.m., Seconded Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer