

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
February 17, 2016 –9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Vice-Chairman Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. , roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative (Vice-Chairman)
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer
Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

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

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (1/25/16, 2/1/16, 2/10/16)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review

WE Election Board

Monica Hedstrom was present.

Election Board Appointments - Monica Hedstrom, Vernie Hisgun, Carol "Jeanne" McDougall, Toni Vizenor. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve WE Election Board members, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Automated Election Services Agreement - this service is utilized for tabulating election results. Brief discussion was held regarding polling sight at Beaulieu - location may need to be changed or eliminated. There is a total of 15 polling places that are utilized. Brief discussion was held regarding the use of hand ballots; question was asked when discussion should take place for next election process. Monica has been in discussion with Gary Frazer as to the process and what would need to be done. Gus stated that there were changes in families voting districts from a long time ago that have not been changed back. Monica stated that the district changes need to be addressed at the MCT level to be corrected for all MCT bands. Motion made by

Kathy Goodwin to approve Automated Election Services Agreement, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

DNR/USDA Commissioner Visits - There will be technical staff meetings held; March 15 will be with DNR. Tribal Council is invited to attend.

Economic Development

Tom Ferrarello was present to give an overview of the program; if approved this would require a 10 year project commitment. Benefits of the Promise Zone would be establishment of a stronger partnership between federal agencies, preference for certain competitive federal programs and technical assistance, a federal liaison to help navigate and utilize the array of federal programs and resources available, and potential access to AmeriCorps vista workers to help build capacity.

Resolution – Promise Zone

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-16-005, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Meeting recessed for break at 10:04 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

Other

Resolution – RSA FY'16 Roads Projects

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve Resolution #071-16-005, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – ACF Family Violence Grant (DOVE)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #064-16-005, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – CTAS Grant

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-16-004, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for 0 against.

Resolution – NDSU ACEs Project

Tabled - this resolution will require communication and input from Mental Health Program.

Business License Renewal - Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve renewals for EZ One Stop, Strawberry Lake Store, Pappy's Café, Bevins Repair, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Child Care Licensing ([REDACTED])

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve license renewal for [REDACTED], Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve new license for [REDACTED], Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

[REDACTED]

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Brief discussion was held regarding Leg sub-committee meeting and the January 20th email that Olby sent regarding draft policy coming into effect immediately that staff will no longer have access to the records at the BIA. The records belong to the reservations and Olby should be talking to Gary Frazer and Norm; the information was not provided to all reservations as to this policy change. Changes are being made to policy without consultation with individual reservations.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #001-16-010, Landy Buy Back Program (Cobell), Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Meeting recessed at 12:06 for break
Meeting reconvened at 12:24 p.m.

HR Policy 307

Gail Marsh was present. Discussion was held regarding part time employees and the performance evaluations. If policy change was made there would need to be an effective date in place. [REDACTED]

WEHA (Tax Credits) - Tabled

IT Discussion - Tabled

Mental Health Discussion - Tabled

Pet Clinics (Pine Point/Rice Lake)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve room request for SSC and Whaley's Resort, and donations to community councils for meals, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Deer Request ([REDACTED]) - more information needed, paper products approved - no deer.

[REDACTED]

Promo Event – Fargo Police

Staff can work directly with the SSC for coordination of this event directly.

COLA Space @ SSC

There is Tri-School Moccasin game upcoming, suggestion made to have on elders day in May and right before Mother's day Pow-wow. It could be an open community event. White Fish is the host drum. Request is being made for 4 hotel rooms for TZ and head staff; Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against. Space costs for the room will be discussed at next gaming commission.

Decorum Policy presented for review.

Community Council Stipend Approval (Off Reservation)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve [REDACTED] for off reservation community council stipends, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

[REDACTED]

Adjourn

Motion made by Gus Bevins to adjourn meeting at 1:11 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer