

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
March 28, 2016 –9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Vice-Chairman Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:04 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

Absent: Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

Others Present: Mike Fairbanks, Deputy Director
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (3/21/16)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review

- Headstart Monitoring Review (week of 4/18/16)
- Safe Harbor Tribal Summit (5/24-25/16)
- Formal Pipeline Scoping Meeting Request
- Star Lake Town Hall Meeting (3/30/16)

Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Annual Headstart Program Governance

Angela Soyring/Joan LaVoy/Mary Otto were present. Angela gave an overview of the WE Headstart Programs and its mission. The management team and support team was reviewed, as well as organizational chart. Angela reviewed the headstart governance and management responsibilities with the Tribal Council; Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative, serves as the Council's liaison in which information is provided to regarding the programs. Angela gave a brief update as to the number of children that could be served through the headstart programs. Tara asked if consultation is being done with the Tribe for proposed changes; Angela stated that consultation is being done. Tara stated that a compliance division is in the process of being

implemented; the information that is being shared and used by governing bodies and policy councils would be of interest for this division. Angela gave a brief overview of how last year's monitoring review was put together and its results.

Tara suggested having a breakfast with the council for departments and programs to give updates.

Other

Pow-wow Grounds - Henry Fox was present. Rice Lake had the wiring from the Pow-wow grounds stolen. A request is being made for replacement to allow for their upcoming events to take place. Kathy made mention of the funding that is donated to community Pow-wows; will it be used specifically for the Pow-wow. Mike stated that there will be some upcoming training for Pow-wow committees. Kathy stated that there has been no follow-up to financials for Pow-wows. Mike was asked to follow up with maintenance as to replacement and costs; Henry said if cost was not extensive it could be paid for with Pow-wow budget. Tara also suggested the crime prevention funding received from housing.

Meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m. for break

Meeting reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

Economic Development

Michael Neusser, Tom Bement, and Alan Roy were present.

WEDO - building assessment update was discussed; risk assessment will also be compiled with this information. Project approval form was reviewed.

Discussion about Motion made by Tara Mason to approve [REDACTED] for roof repair on little shed by wind turbine, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Integrated Power Services payment of [REDACTED] for assessment, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

AMC/HAC/Dispensary

There is an individual of interest for hemp that was discussed; Kathy stated she gave Ken the business card for follow up. Michael stated initially this would be a pilot project.

Tara stated she would like to move forward with AMC; more research is needed as to ownership. Deregulating needs to be addressed; internal and legality.

Darlene Rivera (Mahnomen Co Attorney)

The County Board is requesting a meeting with the Tribal Council regarding issues plaguing communities; heroin issues and others. With TLOA there is a perfect opportunity to address issues. Tara requested that Joe Plumer and the forfeiture code be scheduled for the next meeting.

Other

Callaway Emergency Response (LaRoque/Snetsinger)

An overview of the Callaway incident and evacuation process was given. Emergency management contract needs to be addressed with Mahnommen County Commissioners. Tara suggested Ed, Mike, and Greg Blue get together. Suggestion was made to create a subcommittee and come back with a recommendation as to the emergency management position and what direction it should be going; if or where it should be organization wise.

WEB Projects Update

Liz Foster-Anderson/Scott Omlid/Lenny Fineday were present. Liz gave an update on the WEB projects for work force development center, giwanakimin supportive housing, tax credit 5 rehab, Waubun transfer station, congregate housing renovation, wind turbine project, WE enterprise building expansion, Naytahwaush health clinic, WETCC. A discussion was held regarding the transfer station project. The project would require attorney concurrence as well as Tribal Council concurrence to award the contract and move forward. Joe's recommendation was to initiate a contractors performance report for probationary notice. This project is 85% grant funded; project has been ongoing for 9 years and would like to finalize so that funding is not lost. Tribal Council requested a schedule of grants and deadlines prior to any decision being made. Brief update was given as to congregate housing renovation; brief discussion was held regarding phase II challenge funds that are being looked into by MHP follow up with MHFA.

Request was made to have Liz rescheduled for transfer station project follow up.

Other

Elder Abuse Case - request for thorough investigation needs to be done; discussion was held. Lenny gave an overview of the incident. Procedures need to be in place for future instances.



Election Board Grievance

A formal complaint has been made from Diana King regarding the election board; violation of section 1.7 E. Lenny's recommendation would be to follow up with election board to make sure they are going by the ordinance that is in place. Tara will move forward with investigation of the grievance.

Meeting recessed for break at 1:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

Resolution – Behavioral Health DHS-ADAD

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-16-010, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Donation Request – Two Gift Baskets (Child Support)

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

Donation Request – 10lbs Wild Rice (Cass Lake Office)

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tribal Health Substance Abuse Treatment License (Oshki)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

SAMSHA TAP Update

Tara provided an update of meetings held in Washington.

Panorama (Jesse Fain)

Jesse was present to provide an estimate of costs for the system. Arctic IT can provide a plan or path, Panorama finds out what is needed overall. Panorama should be approached to lower the costs. Consensus was to move forward with process.

Alan Roy was present to give a summary of the strategic affairs progress to date. Alan attended 7th Fire film; met with Karen Diver and asked why WE was not invited to the event - reply was she did not know that was the case.

Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 3:18 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer