

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
April 25, 2016 –9:00 a.m.  
Mahnomen, MN**

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Vice-Chairman Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

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

**Absent:** Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative

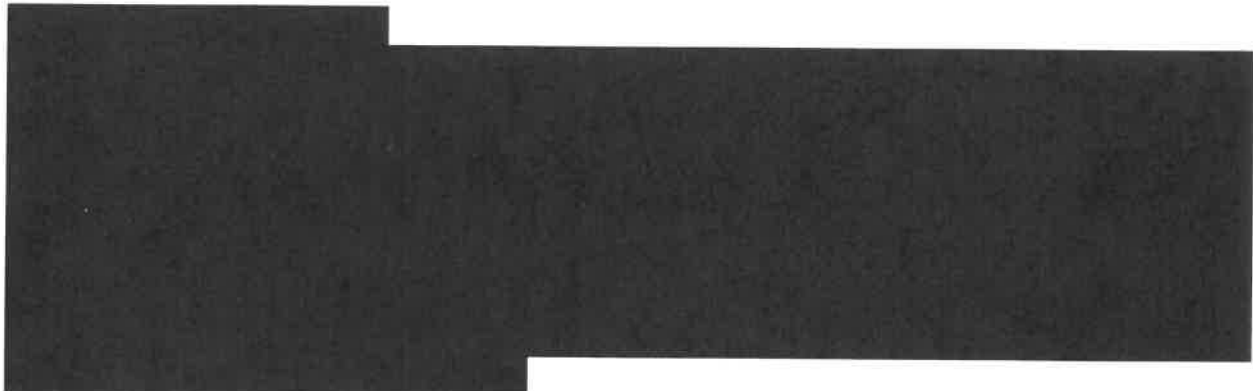
**Others Present:** Ken Fox, Executive Director  
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

**Calendar Review**

- Proposed Rural Impact Visit to White Earth (May 23, 2016)



**Enrollment Resolutions**

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Shannon Heisler and Tony ~~Auginash~~ were present.

Question was asked if there are open adoptions why are enrollments for adoptions confidential. There has to be adoption decree with application.

Eligible for Enrollment - Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-16-010, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Ineligible for Enrollment - Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #020-16-011 ,  
Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

No Parent - Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-16-012, Seconded by  
Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Band Transfer - Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #020-16-013, Seconded  
by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Band Transfer - Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #020-16-014, Seconded  
by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Band Transfer - Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-16-015, Seconded by  
Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Band Transfer - Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-16-016, Seconded  
Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Band Transfer - Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #020-16-017, Seconded  
by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Blood Degree Correction - Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #020-16-018,  
Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Blood Degree Correction - Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-16-019,  
Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

#### Descendants Processing Fee

Discussion was held regarding the enrollment office receiving many requests from WE  
descendents for verification letter for IHS services, scholarship applications, and Obama health  
care to name a few. A request is being made to charge a \$20 processing fee for each request  
for descendent verifications. It takes time to perform research and to go back through family  
tree's. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve \$20 processing fee, Seconded by Tara  
Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against. Consensus of Tribal Council is to research back to  
second generation (grandparents).

#### **Tribal Finance**

Scott Omlid was present.

Medure Settlement Update - Scott and Zenas have been working together and Medure wants  
to make some movement. [REDACTED]

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Partial payment from the hail damage claim has been received.

Nelson Act Money - Joe Plumer is working on resolution and paperwork to get the funding back. Roger Heger sent information regarding additional funds that could be returned with proper paperwork.

***Meeting recessed for break at 2:43 p.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 2:54 p.m.***

### **Education Travel Assistance Guidelines**

Joan LaVoy was present. Discussion was held regarding the options. Add #8 any school trips must comply with donation committee and are not eligible for individual education assistance requests. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, with changes, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

A subcommittee has been established to reevaluate donations that are being done organization wide. Two class II gaming floor machines have been designated to elders and youth.

### **Employment & Training Program Update**

Doreen Stone was present. Right track 477 computer program, workforce one computer programs are being utilized. Doreen met with panorama to review applications/programs being utilized. There is a need to work with the State to utilize up to date programs. Direct employment guidelines allows for \$100 in assistance; 477 case manager manages this fund. Qualification of 477 are low income (household 6 mos), unemployed, under employed, needs assistance with job search. Are there guidelines that create barriers for individuals to utilize the program. There may be changes made to the reentry program. TERO program has a lot of work that needs to be done to improve. Policies and procedures needs to be updated. There is concern that the TERO program could be offering more training opportunities; partnering with WETCC and workforce development center. TERO's shortfall is fees in last year; looks good for this year. Once strategic plan moves forward there should be more training provided. There is still opportunity to send individuals to the CDL class being held in June; details have not been provided as of yet. There are currently 10 workers in the temporary program; shooting star is not using the program as they used to. There are 10 current workers at the new casino work location. There are currently 89 participants in the 477 program, and 77 individuals in the reentry program. Working with WETCC on training ideas; health field has been most in demand (CNA).

### **Mahnomen Chip Factory**

Michael Neusser was present. The plan is to still move food distribution to the location, White Earth wild rice will have a location, Boys & Girls Club back up option. Michael is currently working with a pizza making company that could lease the entire facility. Determination should be within two weeks.

**Other**

FYI – Rice Lake Landing Improvements (Cancellation)

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 4:23 p.m., Seconded by Tara Mason.  
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer