

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

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Vice Chairman Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.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  
Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative

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

**Agenda Approval**

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

**RTC Meeting Minutes (4/18/16, 4/25/16)**

Minutes for 4/18/16 Tabled for further review/corrections. Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Calendar Review**

- Child Protection Code (May 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) - Other Potential dates needed.

**Financial Update**

Scott Omlid was present. Discussion was held regarding payroll direct deposits as well as API payments for ICW. Review of statements of revenues and expenditures was done. Individual accounts for Tribal Council were reviewed. Government insurance renewal is upcoming; may be 15% increase. Bids are being worked on for hail damage replacement on RTC buildings. Scott and Zenas will be making the trip to Pennsylvania next week for Medure follow up.

**Land Resolutions**

Sarah Bekkerus was present.

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

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

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

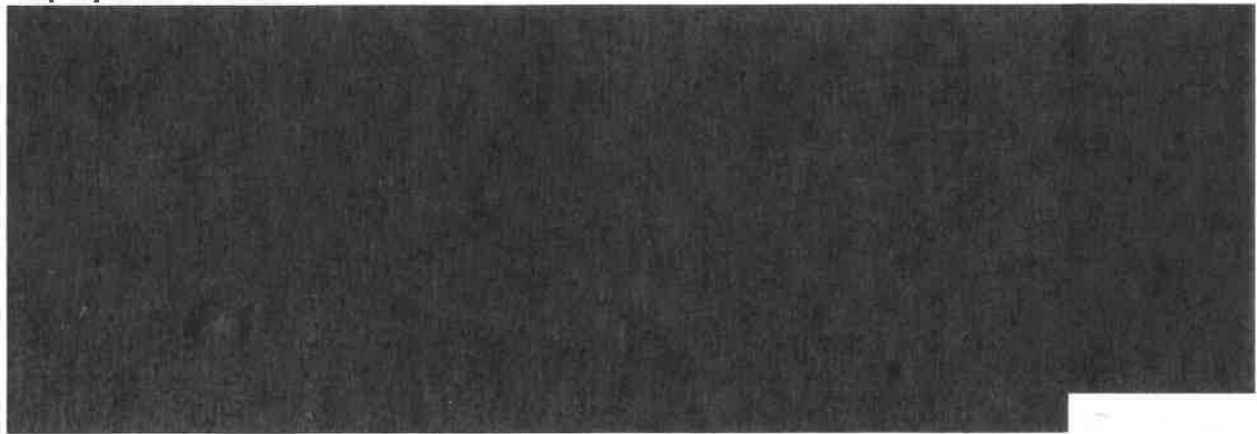
Lakeshore: Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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

*Meeting recessed for 10:20 a.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 10:38 a.m.*

**Employment Contract**



Information was provided on the trailer home issue in Mahnomon, as well as information on tax credit five issues. WEHA retreat is taking place June 21-23, 2016, at Shooting Star - policies and procedures need to be reviewed and revised.



**Chippewa Ranch Lagoon Project**

Jeff Vivier was present to give an update. Bid opening was last Friday; funding update as well as resources update will be given. Tara asked if Jeff he has had discussion with Liz Foster-Anderson or Joe Plumer



Jeff gave brief update on gravel and top soil; short on top soil - material needs to be utilized for projects in place.

### **SSC Education Scholarships**

Joan LaVoy was present. On behalf of review committee, Joan presented list of applications that were received and reviewed; all are eligible except for one applicant (school is not on list of eligible schools). To date \$38,000 has been raised for this year's golf tournament, there is \$40,000 carry over in scholarship fund. It was stated that Ada School needs to be added to the list of eligible schools. Suggestion was made to modify the service area to include schools that are not on the list. Punky suggested utilizing the 1855 Treaty area to identify service area. There are White Earth descendants that are enrolled in other Tribes. Suggestion was made to modify the guideline; White Earth enrolled or White Earth descendent not enrolled in another Tribe. Consensus of Tribal Council was to approve all applicants.

*Meeting recessed for break at 12:00 p.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 12:14 p.m.*

*Gus Bevins absent.*

### **ICDBG Grant**

Michael Neusser was present. Brief discussion was held regarding scoring and rankings for projects. Consensus was to apply for Headstart option; a housing plan should be in place for next year's application process. Suggestion was made to allocate funding for roundhouse, Pow-wow grounds, and buildings to the planning department for coordination [REDACTED]

Discussion was held regarding re-entry program; Michael will follow up.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-16-015, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

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

### **Personnel Policy 311 (Appeal for Termination)**

Gail Marsh was present.

Discussion was held regarding a personnel issue.

There are some upcoming appeals that will be taking place. Gail is requesting a language change to the policy to include that the appealing employee will not be eligible to receive their final payroll check or PTO until after the appeals process is complete; any 401k requests will be placed on hold until the appeal process is complete. No decision made for this request at this time.

**Joe Plumer**

**Child Support Code Amendment**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution # 019-16-001, Seconded by Tara Mason.  
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

**Resolution – OST Funds**

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-16-015, Seconded by Kathy. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #001-16-014, OST Authority, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

**Resolution – Nelson Act Monies**

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-16-013, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin.  
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against

**MCT Liquor License Request ( [REDACTED] )**

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

**Other**

**Resolution – DOT FTA Tribal Transit Program Grant**

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-16-014, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin.  
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

**Resolution – NAM Grant (Ojibwe Language)**

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-16-017, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin.  
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Alan Roy was present to give a legislative update and provided draft letters for review and approval. The strategic plan and calendar was reviewed. Brief discussion was held regarding approaching the opinion leaders (election candidates) for ideas and suggestions that were received while in communities; could be utilized in community working groups. Press release will be made for special edition paper, video will be posted on social media.

**Child Care Licensing ( [REDACTED] )**

Tabled

**Descendency/Enrollment Office**

Propose change of fee to \$25. Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Kathy.  
Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Brief discussion was held regarding green cards/descendent cards; fee should be higher if continued. Motion made by Tara Mason to no longer allow descendent id card issuance, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to no longer allow land access permit to hunt licensing, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Consensus of Tribal Council was that elders will be allowed one free identification card.

#### **Naytahwaush Clinic**

Punky was contacted, there was a tile that fell from ceiling - there is serious health issue due to bat droppings. Facility is closed for a few weeks.

Kathy asked Ken to follow up on Families First; Mahnomen and Waubun were not included. It was also stated that the smaller communities are receiving the same amount as the larger communities; funding should be pro-rated - add more funding.



#### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 3:40 p.m., Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer