

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
August 24, 2015 –9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman (Via Conference Call)
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer
Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative
Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative

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

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve agenda, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (8/13/15 & 8/18/15)

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review



Tara stated the housing board needs to step up and take some action. It was also stated that housing board needs support.

Erma left meeting at 9:25 a.m., Punky will chair the remainder of the meeting.

Elder Concerns

Marilyn Goodwin/Lynn Tibbetts/Mike LaRoque were present. There have been many issues with evictions within the community and addicts are moving in to elder homes; there are issues with elders using and selling drugs. Kathy went to elder meeting in White Earth on Saturday. Mike stated the tip line will be in effect today. Brief discussion was held regarding the PCA's within the community; Lynn stated the PCA does not drug test its employees - there are issues with PCA and elder splitting the paychecks. Kathy stated that the legal department is working

on the establishment of the Tribe licensing of PCA workers. Elder codes have been passed. Taskforce needs to be established to address the drug and elder issues and to come up with a plan to protect the elders. Mike LaRoque stated it would be a great idea to identify the elder homes and to have more patrolling in those areas. Lynn stated that there is a lack of guardians for the elders. Mike LaRoque stated that he and Merlin could identify a taskforce from the program individuals that attend the drug taskforce meetings.

Economic Development

Economic Development Structure Tabled - reschedule for next meeting.

Michael Neusser was present to discuss the Callaway Industrial Park. Brief discussion was held regarding the land development piece needed. Michael is seeking authorization to secure grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Economic Development and Employment (DEED) and MNDOT programs to complete the estimated \$1 million in infrastructure costs, with estimated \$500,000 in matching funds from the general fund, reserves, or other eligible grant sources.

Workforce development issue with paperwork not being submitted properly and on time; clarification was needed to resolve the issue with Shakopee. The Otto Bremer and Shakopee money is tied into renovation, not new construction. There are serious issues with the congregate building.

Motion made by Tara Mason to pay \$2.00 per lb for green rice, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 against.

Other

Business License (Minwanijige Café – Bob Shimek)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 against.

Credit Card Policy (Tabled)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to allow Ron Beaupre be grandfathered in to exempt him from the GED requirement for employment in his current position, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 10:55 a.m., Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer