

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
December 14, 2015 –9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Vice Chair Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

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

Absent: Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman

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 (12/7/15)**

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

Calendar Review

**Other**

Child Care Licensing (Oshki/WECCLC)

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

Resolution – Callaway Business Park (Shakopee Request)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-15-003, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Request was made to have Michael Neusser provide a project update/list with matching requirements for review.

PTO Leave Donation Request ██████████

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve up to 24 hours, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Solar Panel Project (Winona) - Tabled, schedule Weatherization Program for next meeting.

Mike LaRoque was preset to give an update on an incident within the Naytahwaush community this past weekend.

**Ben Bement/Ada Milton**

National Baseline Study – Site Visit

Overall goal of the NBS is to understand the experiences American Indian and Alaska Native women have with crime and violence, their opinions about health and safety issues in their communities, and their access to community support and services in Tribal communities. White Earth was randomly selected for participation; governmental approval is required. Direction and guidance would be needed on selection of participants. Training will be provided for women within the communities to be interviewers for the project; 1 site coordinator and 2 interviewers. The Tribe can have access to the collective data, there is a process. Public service announcements can be created for radio or press release information to inform communities that this project is happening.

***Meeting recessed for break at 10:47 a.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 11:03 a.m.***

**Liz Foster-Anderson/Pat Butler/Todd Scofield/Al Folgerty**

CEO Introduction was given. Family practice providers and patient wait time is being worked on. Tara mentioned that there are previous doctors that are willing to return to the facility if issues are addressed; Al stated he is willing to have conversations needed. There are issues with not having consistency in providers and care needed for patients. CHS is also an issue; referrals are not being paid out which in turn medical bills are being sent to collections affecting individual credit. Kathy stated the Tribe is willing to help in any way to improve services for our members.

**Joint Venture Project**

Liz Foster-Anderson gave an overview of the project and where it is at. Funding will need to be identified, secured and finalized before the project moves forward to the next phase. Brief discussion was held regarding construction process and timeline presented. Kathy stated there is definite need for lab and xray to be included. The project team meets every second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Tara had question as to new facility and staffing; 638 needs to be researched and discussed. Pat gave an update as to requests sent to IHS for numbers needed for Tribal Council review; information has not been provided. Projection was requested for complete 638 of entire

facility; information has not been provided - reason being a letter of intent has not been generated. Pat will contact Keith Longie again for another request.

**Bill Marsh/Joe Plumer**

Tim Horton's construction started this morning; 3 week project. Bill Marsh also had a job description that requires approval; quick serve manager for deli/Tim Horton's. If franchise was expanded to another area would this position be able to manage the facility; Bill stated a manager for each location would be needed.

Loeffler Contract (Ebro Casino) - Joe stated he would have the contract in hand this afternoon for signature. Preliminary site work is being done.

Gaming Ordinance draft was reviewed. Page 6 & 7, 13 & 14 changed, inclusive of Star Lake facility, restructuring of gaming commission removing appointment.

Discussion was held regarding personnel issues. WEHA audit report in 2013; second audit - is there a report or was it brought back to the Tribal Council. Concerns were addressed with email correspondence regarding the audit being referenced. HAP agreements are an issue and needs to be addressed. [REDACTED]

Discussion was held regarding interim position, employee is making higher wage. As part of HR policy decision needs to be made after 6 months to hire/promote as permanent. Financial and budgets needs to be worked on. Bill is in support of promoting individual; [REDACTED]

**Megan Bakken/Doug McArthur**

Ag/CRP Map - Tabled until next meeting.

**Other**

Volunteer Recognition (Joe Fairbanks)

Consensus was that an annual volunteer recognition event be planned in the future.

Wild Rice Donation Request (Scroll Ceremony)

Consensus was to approve request for purchase.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 1:43 p.m., Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer