

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
December 7, 2015 –9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Vice Chair Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative (Vice-Chair)  
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative  
Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative

Absent: Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman  
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer

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, 2 for, 0 against.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (11/30/15)**

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

**Calendar Review**

**Economic Development**

Michael Neusser was present to give brief overview of wheel weight business. Frank Pemberton wanted to relocate his business from the Twin Cities area to the reservation to allow shipping of wheel weights only. Frank also distributes other automotive accessories and has looked at a small business location in Callaway for potential relocation of small business and potential job opportunity for 2 individuals. Question is what the State is going to do according to law. Kathy asked how this would benefit the Tribe; Michael stated employment opportunity and potential rental income for utilizing a Tribal property. Kathy stated previous consensus was to not allow.

White Earth Energy Solutions was created to establish a loan through MMCDC; is not functional. Additional time is needed to incubate and transform this into a viable business entity to commit more grant dollars toward achieving a higher ratio of renewable energy

solutions such as wind, solar, biomass, geo thermal, etc. If approved WERES will be worked into the overall Tribal strategic plan and add additional maintenance/technician via contract in lieu of adding a sustainability specialist which was previously approved. Michael would like to follow up in a couple of month with a revised budget; turbine income will be worked in.

**Other**

IT Security Officer - Mike Fairbanks will follow up with Larry Olson on overall function of the department; positions may be able to absorb some of the function.

Education Travel Assistance Application/Guidelines - FYI

WE Veterans Funding

Consensus was to follow up with finance to see how the fund could be set up through the finance department.

Gaming Ordinance - Tabled until next meeting.

**Foster Care Licensing**

Tribal Foster Care - Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

New Tribal Foster Care - Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Tribal Relative Foster Care - Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Brief discussion was held regarding children in ICW foster care; 288-295. Kathy stated she would like to something developed for the grandparents that are caring for their grandchildren; respite is encouraged.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Gus Bevins to adjourn meeting at 10:10 a.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer