

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council**  
**Special Meeting**  
**January 4, 2016 –9:00 a.m.**  
**White Earth, MN**

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Vice Chair Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:12 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

**Agenda Approval**

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

**RTC Meeting Minutes (12/21/15 & 12/28/15)**

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

**Calendar Review**

**Strategic Planning**

Michael Neusser was present to give an overview of the White Earth Strategic Plan, vision, mission, and objectives. Tara stated that accountability for departments involved in objectives needs to be identified; Michael stated that that piece is being worked on and will be identified. Brief discussion was held regarding drug related crimes; where would it fall within the strategic plan - suggestion made under public safety. Goals and objectives needs to be identified for land base increase percentage - suggestion 15%; planning committee should be approached for recommendations as to percentage - land use plan should also identify increase.

***Meeting adjourned for break at 10:36 a.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 10:49 a.m.***

Governance objective was discussed and reviewed. Michael will provide a revised copy for Tribal Council review at next work session meeting.

## **Land Resolutions**

Megan Bakken/Doug McArthur

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

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

Program Lease Fees: There is an agreement for gravel pits for WEDOT; lease was changed to \$0 somehow. There needs to be a decision to continue to charge a fee. Fee schedule has not been generated at this point; would like to maybe look at a onetime lease fee. Megan was asked to provide a breakdown of fees and to also have it reviewed with legal.

## **Ag/CRP Map**

Doug reviewed the tract areas. There are 2 contracts that need a decision to renew or not. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve the lease renewals, Contract 2905 Roy Lake Softball Field, Contract 2044B South of Mahkonce, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

## **Other**

Resolution – WECARE Program Mandate

Tabled

Business License Renewal (SSC Star Mart)

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

Tobacco License Renewals (SSC Star Mart/SSC Gift Shop)

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

Censure Hearing Date

Tara asked if January 22nd would work. Brief discussion was held regarding who can attend - any MCT member can attend. Gus asked if it could be moved out to February. Motion made by Tara Mason to approve January 22, 2016, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to appoint Joe Plumer as the censure hearing presiding official, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Election Board

Tabled - Schedule Monica Hedstrom for next meeting.

Special Edition (Tribal Newspaper)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to a special edition in Tribal paper in regards to what's happening, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

WEHA

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve a forensic audit to be done at WEHA, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

***Meeting recessed at 11:53 a.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 12:19 p.m.***

Resolution – Money Follows the Person Tribal Initiative

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve Resolution #064-16-002, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

### **Legal Department**

Lenny Fineday was present and Joe Plumer were present to discuss the Gaming Ordinance and changes that were made. Lenny stated he had not had a chance to discuss any changes or issues with Gus Bevins. Once approval is made the document can be sent to NIGC for review and approval; may take anywhere from 60 days to 6 months. This timeline would allow for a transition process to make necessary announcements and processes for implementations. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 1 silent.

Land Office (Consultant Contracts – Bob Shimek/Janice Rock/Bob Howard)

Monica and Kathryn are trying to work on putting together a team to work on fee to trust applications; discretionary process would be utilized. Brief discussion was held regarding Bob Howard contract and purpose for initial contract; results have not been identified. Lenny stated that is where the roadblocks came in; Bob was not able to access information needed to complete. Joe stated Bob Shimek is familiar with sub marginal land issues.

Consensus of Tribal Council was to deny consultant contract for Bob Howard.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve consultant contracts for Janice Rock and Bob Shimek for a 6 month timeframe, Seconded by Gus Bevins to approve. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against. Confidentiality clause should be added.

### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Gus Bevins to adjourn meeting at 1:01 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer