

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
September 21, 2015 –9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Vice Chair Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:13 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 Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (9/14/15)

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

Calendar Review

City of Mahnomen

Mitch Berg, City Administration of Mahnomen, was present to reintroduce himself to the new Tribal Council members.; has been involved with city administration for the past 10 -15 years. Mitch stated he would like to work with Michael Neusser regarding economic development; Mahnomen City council was asked to put together a strategic plan with goals; number one goal was public safety - there is a good working relationship with WE public safety, would like to look at expand public safety for communities. Would like to work on a joint public safety facility with ambulance service, Mahnomen Sheriff, and WEPD; has individuals that can come in to help put together a plan for legislative funding options. Senator Skoe will be in Mahnomen to meet with City and County Commissioners October 7th; one topic will be hospital issues. Downtown enhancements was another goal, as well as drawing jobs and housing to grow the community, and recreation - Mitch was previously on the Boys & Girls Club board. City council meets typically the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

IHS Update

Pat Butler, Todd Scofield, and Laura Madigan were present to discuss Indian Health Service Unit funding overview report.

Brief discussion was held regarding bed bugs and cockroaches; it was stated there needs to be a department in place to address issues. Individuals need to hold some responsibility for clean up and addressing these types of issues.

Land Resolutions

Megan Bakken was present.

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

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

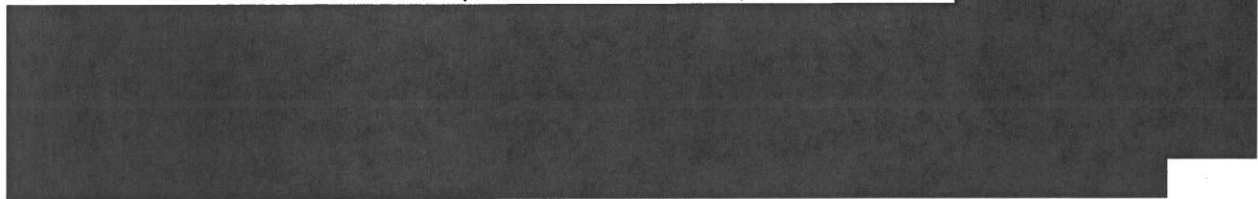
Residential Leases: Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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

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

Tribal Finance

Scott Omlid and Gail Marsh were present to discuss a personnel issue



Cost of Living Increase
Tabled until next meeting.

Other

Resolution – AIMHAC Appointment (Martha Williams)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #064-15-009, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Purchasing Policy (Fixed Assets)

Minimum dollar amount is currently at \$100 for tagging; suggestion is to move it to \$500. Motion made by Gus Bevins to set fixed asset amount to \$500, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Donation Request

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve 10 lbs wild rice to Community Empowerment & Wellness Conference, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Letter of Support (Waubun City Council)

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

THPO/Sacred Items

Brief discussion was held regarding sacred items that should be returned to WE. A proposed contract and budget is being requested for review prior to approving.

Signature Authority (Tribal Council Travel/Mileage)

Gus would like to see that it remain that the executive director sign as it has always been. Tara stated that her initial motion was for Tara. Tara's concern is that there is a lot of money being spent on mileage and travel, should be held a little more accountable, as secretary/treasurer she should have some insight into it. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin that Secretary/Treasurer is primary signer and Executive Director will be secondary signer, chain of command to follow if either are unavailable, (Deputy Director, CFO), Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 12:03 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Meeting called back in to session at 12:06 p.m.

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve Child Care License for Annie Stordahl, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn at 12:08 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer