

White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
May 11, 2015 –9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN

Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer
Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

Absent: Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director
Michael Fairbanks, Deputy Director

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (5/4/15)

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

Calendar Review

Elder Safety

Randy Goodwin and Lucille Silk were present. There are elder concerns of safety issues and trying to get a response from public safety. There needs to be a relationship between officers and elders; need officer attendance at elder meetings - hasn't been any presence for a year. Randy will coordinate to have an officer assigned to attending the meetings; every 1st Monday of each month. There are concerns of officers and high speed on roadways. Kathy is asking for some type of system for back up if needed. Camera system project is being worked on for congregate, roundhouse, and within communities. Question was asked about working relationship with the counties for rotation with safety within districts. Tara informed Lucille that there is work and updates being done on the elder codes. Lucille is asking about the mobile units at COL; elders are supposed to be receiving one. Lucille is requesting tickets for Native Comedy on May 28th for elders. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve 15 tickets, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against. Ken will follow up with RaeAnn regarding this request.

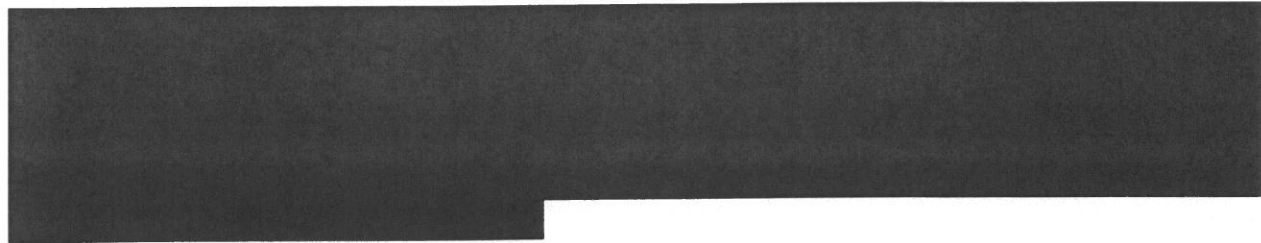
Elderly Nutrition Program

Pat Butler and LaVon Larson were present. Proposal for full time and part time positions, as well as ENP site staff and meal count numbers were presented and reviewed. Suggestion was made to look into on the job training at ENP sites; work with Ben Bement and Doreen Stone, and Gloria LaFriniere for program resources to assist with wages/training.

Congregate Issues - there is remodeling that will be taking place, will ENP site be relocated for elder meals is the question. Could old COL kitchen be utilized; advance notice would be ideal due to delivery of groceries, cooking equipment, advance notice to elders for transportation. Ken was asked to follow up on utilizing the old COL kitchen.

Shooting Star Casino

Bill Marsh was present to give an update on bingo hall issues and thorough investigation that is being done; HR will be providing recommendations. Question was asked whether or not bingo being onsite would remedy situations that are taking place; it was stated that it would.



Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #001-15-016, authorizing letters to Commissioner of Health, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #001-15-018 , designation of lower Rice Lake as traditional Tribal cultural property, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #016-15-010, to apply for USDA RBDG aquaponics Grant, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #016-15-011, to apply for USDA RBDG FTZ Grant, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Human Resources

Lois Edwards was present to discuss/review policy updates.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve additions to Policy #504 - Drug Free Workplace, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve additions to Policy #104 - Personal Computers, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve additions to Policy #311 - Appeal for Termination, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Other

Resolution – Designation of Signature Authority (FTA)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-15-06, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Business License (New-Timothy Bloom Ernie's Auto Repair)

Tabled

WE Digital Tribal Museum Proposal

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

Adjourn

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 12:30 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer