

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
May 4, 2015 –9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Chairwoman Erma J. Vizenor called the meeting to order at 9:05, 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 (entered at 9:06 a.m.)

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director  
Michael Fairbanks, Deputy Director  
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (4/27/15)**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review

**Land Resolutions**

Sarah Bekkerus was present.

Homesites: Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Service Line Agreements: Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Lakeshore Lease: Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**Other**

Business License Renewal (Rick Cogger – Little Sugar Bush Resort)

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

#### Shooting Star Donation Requests (Urban Office/DOVE)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve up to \$150, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

#### Lakes Country Co-op

\$77,500 cost at COLA; request being made to not renew contract. Motion made by Kathy to Deny Seconded by Punky. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

#### Rediscovery Center

Notified that there is no one living or in charge of rediscovery. Suggestion made to contact Merce Parisian or Rediscovery board.

#### FYI - Mother's Day Pow-wow (SSC \$42,000)

Casino budgeted the funding for this event; Tribal Council will only have to pick up approx. \$6,000.

#### Editorial Censure

There are articles are being submitted; Erma would like to see an editorial board/committee to oversee articles before being printed. Erma stated that until censure is lifted there should be no editorials printed. Motion made by Tara Mason to approve establishment of a review committee for editorial board, 3 person panel with recommendations from individuals with journalism experience, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to calculate interest and pay back to minor individuals who have received their Nelson Act payment, interest to be determined, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve minor individual fund of \$364,494.21 back to the DOI, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Brief discussion was held regarding the all community council meetings; Donna Fairbanks and Pam Fairbanks will be notified to coordinate future meetings. Kathy would also like to present the Profile Program to our human resource department to follow up on program and cost.

██████████ is requesting donation of ██████████. Motion made by Tara Mason to ██████████ ██████████, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Funds through US Department of Education for grants up to \$400,0000 coordinate with COL, WETCC, Headstart, and Math & Science with Joe LaGarde. Michael Neusser will coordinate the meeting.

Public Utilities Commission (Enbridge) - Donation Request

One bus only, one meal. A budget is being worked on; funds needs to be accounted for. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve \$2,500, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Gus Bevins to adjourn meeting at 10:14 a.m., Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer