

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
August 29, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, Chairman  
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer  
Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative  
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative

Absent: Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director  
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

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

**RTC Meeting Minutes (8/23/16)**

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Calendar Review**

- State Conservationist – MN NRCS Visit to White Earth (Nov.)
- NEWE Cass Lake Community Council Agenda Request (new bldg.)
- Drug Task Force Appreciation Gathering (Sept. 30) 9-12 @ Rediscovery

**Employee Benefits/Health Insurance Renewal**

Scott Omlid was present. Clarification regarding Tribal Council budgets was presented for review and discussion; statement of operations year to date was also reviewed. Employee health benefits and insurance claims paid was presented and reviewed. RaeAnn Smith is working on finding a broker that may assist other umbrella organizations with pricing as well. Health insurance renewal is approaching; October 1st. CCS, Preferred One, Federal Health Plan are options for our area. There are downfalls to Federal Health Plan: no flexibility, one sign up for plan each year - cannot be added at any time, it is a higher cost to other two options, Tribe will no longer have access to health information. Benefits committee recommendation is to not pursue Federal Health Plan at this time; remain with other two options. Brokers want to work on overall health, blood pressure checks, diabetes, cholesterol, smoking cessation. Benefits committee's recommendation would be to move to CCS effective October 1st; good company, premiums are less, willing to work with Tribe - incentive has been given if approved this week [REDACTED] Same broker and insurance company is utilized for Shooting Star. Scott is seeking approval for the move to CCS for the next

year, effective October 1st. Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**District 2B Candidate**

Alan Roy/Bryan Klabunde/Doyle Turner were present. Bryan gave a brief history and background of his efforts. Bryan is seeking the Tribes endorsement and approval for posting of campaign signs on Tribal properties. Terry welcomed Bryan and thanked him for his information. Bryan was asked where he stood with Tribes first right on purchasing lands within reservation boundaries; Bryan stated he would support this. Tara mentioned payments in lieu of taxes. Other projects were briefly discussed. There is a fundraiser taking place for Bryan Wednesday evening at 6 p.m., Tulaby Lake.

***Meeting recessed at 11:04 am.***

***Meeting reconvened at 11:13 a.m.***

**Lobbyist Updates (SNAP, BLM, TLOA)**

Alan Roy/Barb Rohde were present. There is potential for BIA reprogram money for surveying; through September year end. Director Toulou is delaying announcements for TLOA. There may not be anything for SNAP until after year end. There may be a need for language to be submitted to legislation if nothing is approved by year end. Barb stated Senator Franken's office would like to utilize the 7th Fire Movie to promote new facilities on the reservation.

***Tara Mason left meeting at 11:20 a.m.***

Alan stated the film will be provided for viewing September 8th. Tara stated she would like to have IMD's looked into; additional beds could be added to Oshki.

**New COLA Buses**

Ricky White was present. Calendar school year information was provided for review. First Friday of every month will be COLA spirit day, 1/2 day. Student count to date is at 180. Expansion of COLA is needed to accommodate staff and needs.

**Maintenance Update**

Bernie Soyring was present. Brief update was given regarding efis at complex. Pictures of Callaway Boys & Girls Club safety issues were reviewed; issues need to be resolved. Mary Otto was asked to get estimate/bids for bus purchase and club repair.



**Other**

Resolution – TZD Enforcement Grant

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #016-16-024, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Resolution – FY '17 5311(c) Transit Operating Budget

Resolution – MOU Joint Statistical Project MNDOT

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve Resolution #071-16-007, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Standing Rock Opposition

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #001-16-023, along with 10 lbs rice and use of Tribal flag, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Eminence Credential [REDACTED]

Tabled

Donation Request – Deer (Urban Area Event)

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve, see if filets are available, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

MIGA

[REDACTED]

HEP C Summit

Request was made to schedule Clinton Alexander for next work session.

Liquor License Modification [REDACTED]

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Council Retreat

WE R Fur Donation Request (Wild Rice Camp)

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve \$250, have donation committee match \$250, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Wisdom Steps Golf Sponsorship

Umsy will follow up with Shooting Star. Motion made by Punky to approve, all RTC members have a team Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to adjourn meeting at 1:51 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer