

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
August 15, 2016 –9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. , roll call was taken with quorum present.

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

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

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (8/8/16)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Motion carried,
4 for, 0 against.

Brief discussion was held regarding [REDACTED]. Consensus of Tribal Council was to provide temporary assistance with hotel and meals from general fund; housing will be approached for available units.

Calendar Review

B & G Club (Communication)

Jeep Roberts and Mary Otto were present. Terry commented on B&G club numbers and attendance at on reservation clubs; Jeep held brief discussion regarding attendance and hiring/firing process. Mary stated the numbers are compiled from annual report. Tara stated there should be quality programming for attendance and to help in accommodating our kids and families. Transportation was discussed; buses could be purchased but the board has concerns with ongoing upkeep and insurance. Jeep stated the Tribe is contributing to the program financially, there should be more being done for the kids with funding that is in place.

Terry asked about after school tutoring to assist with kids; Mary stated service unit leads are supposed to be assisting - certified staff are needed. Staff have been asked to provide monthly calendars for activities. Jeep stated the board would like to have more input on employee/personnel issues. The last Boys & Girls Club board meeting there was a resolution passed to hire a grant writer specifically for the program. Discussion was held regarding lack of consistency within clubs; programming and reporting. Mary stated that Rice Lake was the only site that had a filing system and scheduling calendar in place; there are some issues that need to be addressed with programming and cosmetic issues in some of the clubs.

Meeting recessed for break at 10:46 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m.

Other

[REDACTED]

Transfer Stations

Umsy has been receiving complaints about the transfer stations not being cleaned or emptied. The issues have been addressed with Dean Bishop but nothing is being done. The staff at the transfer station offices are not assisting individuals with separation of garbage items being brought in, not coming out of the offices. Ken was asked to follow up with Liz Foster-Anderson [REDACTED] Discussion was held regarding the TV's that were picked up from WEHA cleanup; they are still sitting at transfer station sites - these have to be taken to hazardous waste site.

WEPD

Mike LaRoque was present. An update was given in regards to Mahnomen homicide in Mahnomen County. The reports of incidents leading up to incident was never reported to WEPD; Mahnomen County failed to act on reports.

Meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

MCT Update

Tara provided a copy of the DOI letter regarding OST accounts. An MCT update was provided; legislative subcommittee conversation was held regarding a letter from native nations. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There are some issues with communication between all MCT TEC members as to correspondence regarding issues and providing information to the membership. Tara has requested agenda items be added to the upcoming MCT TEC meeting in September. Terry asked if the 55,000

acre land transfer was discussed at the MCT meetings; it was stated that it was not. There was some discussion held regarding TEC and change that is needed.

Urban Council Request

Fundraising is starting; they would like to receive venison for Thanksgiving and Christmas events. Council previously approved, Monica was to gather more information as to numbers and what was needed.

Casino Staffing

There was previously a Tribal Ombudsperson for Shooting Star associates; Paul Schultz was previous individual. There are departments needing attention. There has been issue with not having staff to clean rooms at the casino hotel. There was brief discussion held regarding day labor positions for individuals constantly seeking assistance; there are areas that would need to be addressed to safeguard assets. The 477 plan could be changed and utilized to assist in a different way.

Public Comment Process

Motion made by Tara Mason to rescind the Public Comment Resolution on Child/Family Protection Code, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Meeting recessed at 2:52 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 3:12 p.m.

Tara provided information regarding Star Lake; further discussion will be held at next meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 3:32 p.m., Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer