

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
August 23, 2016 –12:00 p.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 12:26 p.m., roll call was taken with a 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 Kathy Goodwin to approve with additions, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (8/15/16)

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

Calendar Review

- MN Department of Commerce Meeting Request (September 2nd/Afternoon?)
- Doyle Turner/Brian Klabunde (Dist. 2B Candidate)

Land Resolutions

Sarah Bekkerus was present.

Homesite: Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Service Line Agreement: Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Residential: Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Lakeshore: Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against. Kathy Goodwin requested an update on renewals for mutual help homes (North Twin Lake).

Homeless Grant

Ben Bement was present. A complaint regarding MHFA grant funds that were missed out on was discussed; Ben provided documentation and provided a response. The money was not missed out on; the services are already in place and being utilized, no benefit to apply.

Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Fall Netting

Will Bement was present and provided an overview of the prior changes that were made. There is some worry to some of the smaller lakes with hurting the resource in smaller lakes. Will put together some options.

Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Will provided documentation with '15 changes that were made. Options were discussed. Option 1: move netting dates back to original timeline; grant money was received for Creole count. Option 2: keep it as it is now with minor change to #6; check every 24 hours. Option 3: move netting dates back to original timeline and put rotation on current lakes. Goal is to keep treaty rights in tact but also keep resources in mind. It was mentioned that at time of license purchase to provide a comment card on whether or not netting will be taking place. Umsy suggested to moving fall netting back to original dates; Punky disagreed. Exploring capacity building for two additional drainable ponds. Wills recommendation would be to move back to original date, add few more lakes, and still continue with Creole count.

Other

Mary Otto was present to discuss Boys & Girls Club funding opportunity. [REDACTED]

Strategic Affairs

Alan Roy was present. Brief discussion was held regarding Brian Klabunde; recommendation is to avoid public endorsement of candidates. Updates were provided on other candidates as well. Opioid summit planning meetings will be every Monday until fall; recommendation is to send Mike LaRoque, Jeri Jasken, Alan Roy, and Merlin Deegan.

Tara Mason left meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Tara Mason entered meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Other

Child Care Licensing [REDACTED]

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Elder Survey - Title VI Grant Renewal

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #064-16-019, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – AFA Modification to Services

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #064-16-018, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Maintenance Funds (Mod Squad/Cass Lake)

Discussion was held regarding Oshki's maintenance reserve ([REDACTED] could it be utilized for projects and for construction of a new building.

Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Tara raised question as to supervision and coordinator for the program. Discussion was held regarding day labor option, moving revenue back into reserve, and also the revenue from Bagley site - percentage could be obligated to put back into reserve.

Motion made Umsy to approve maintenance funds be utilized, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against. Pilot trial run.

Donation Request (4 deer/Big Drum)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

[REDACTED]

Update - Naytahwaush Pow-wow/Sports Complex
Tabled

Update - Rice Lake Expansion

Project was supposed to start once Bagley casino was complete; has not started. Bid procurement process was put out for bid on 8/18/16.

Discussion was held regarding WE Business Enterprises, Ojibwe Building Supply/Office Supply. Liz will be asked to provide a financial update at least twice per year. Ken will follow up with Liz to provide financials for all.

IT Department

Tara would like to look at cost savings by combining RTC/SSC IT departments; look at it for next year's budget; there is duplication of services.

Grant Writer (WEHA)

Tabled - WEHA Board was asked to meet with individual to make their decision [REDACTED] they would have to pay expenses to bring individual on.

Standing Rock Support Letter

Call to action for Indigenous People asking for support for opposition to pipeline issues. Suggestion was made to have Joe Plumer review. Terry stated he is all for supporting the cause. Punky stated anything for pipeline support should be supported.

MIGA

Seeking sponsorship for event taking place in September/October. Question is what is benefit of MIGA membership. Tara will participate in upcoming event.

[REDACTED]

Discussion was held regarding on reservation treatment program and land acquisition issues.

[REDACTED] There were transitions that were needed; some of the items were brought up and discussed. When Barb Rohde is present next week she can provide an update on the work that has been done on legislation for programs that are in place; there have been ongoing issues that the new council stepped into as well. Land office needs legal service, more staffing for land acquisition and land into trust process. Discussion was held regarding budget revisions; should land office provide budget for four more staff and potential attorney.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 4:49 p.m. Seconded by Tara Mason.
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer