

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
December 14, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 2:19 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
Michael Fairbanks, Deputy Director
Tabitha Chilton, Recorder

Agenda Approval

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

Tabled Business

Child Care License [REDACTED]

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

MCT Liquor License Request [REDACTED]

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

Deer Request (Anishinaabe Nutrition Curriculum)

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

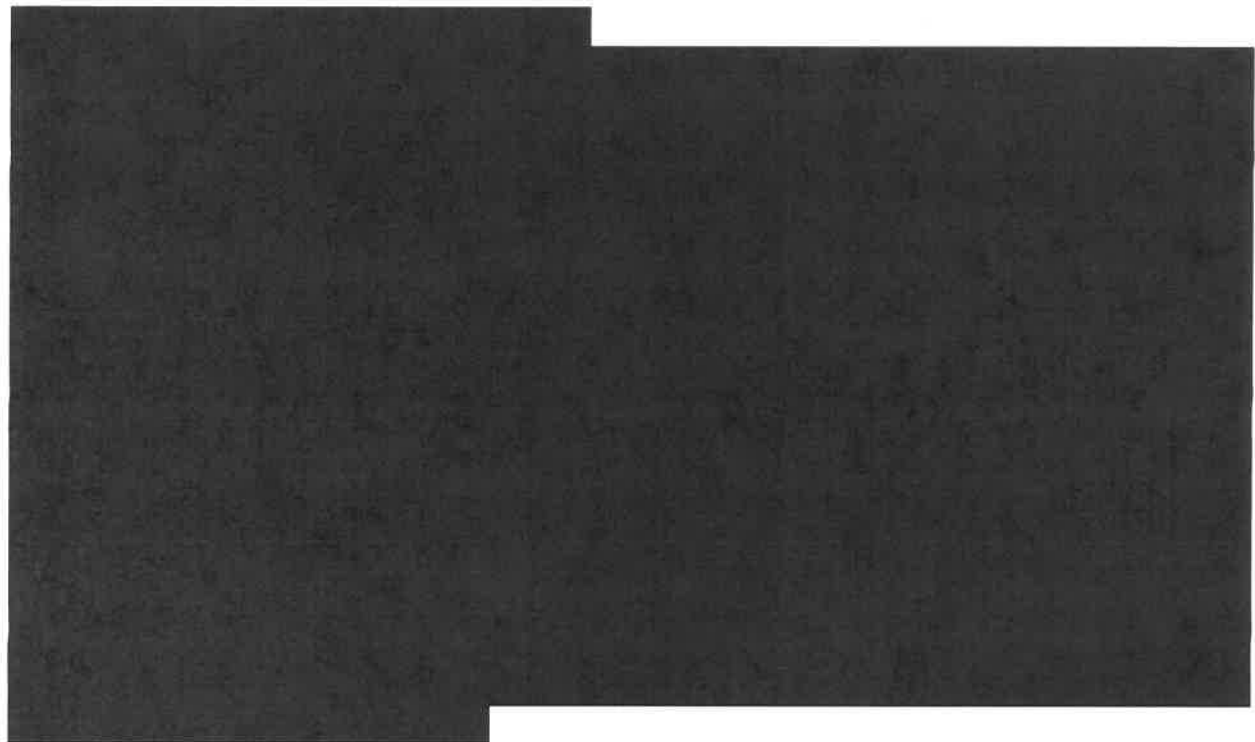
Cass Lake Legion Building

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to obtain Cass Lake Legion Building, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Shake Tent

Tara stated that she has concerns about a rumor of her and her husband Tom Mason bringing Canadians down for Shake Tent and paid Jay Bird \$25,000. She stated that did not bring him

down, it was through ICW and a grant. Terry stated that he asked if there was an actual contract and that lodge holders were talking about using their own lodges on the reservation. There are no shake tent's on White Earth but there are M'doodooswan. There are concerns of Jay Bird arriving in with an escalade and shake tent express on the side. Tara stated that there is a dollar amount in the community and there are concerns about where they are hearing it from. She would like to discuss compliance division and investigations. Harry Windego was brought in for the scrolls. Shake tent should not be conducted through social media, but by tobacco. There were good things heard about shake tent getting their clans or naming. Dave wants to use own lodges from the reservation, there are a lot of good people trying. Mom's, Acute care, Oshki and others all have lodges. Three year grant for \$600,000. Tara stated she wants to talk to Scott Omlid with the support of Tribal Council.



Kathy Goodwin left at 2:39 p.m.
Kathy Goodwin returned at 2:41 p.m.

Compliance Division (Issuing of Investigations)



Motion made by Tara to bring any future investigations or audits to the table for consensus discussion, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Update – Current Public Works

Kathy stated that there is a four inch rule for snowplowing. Umsy stated that the price is around \$85,000 a year to plow for elders. Terry stated that Betsy, from Public Works, stated they are in need of people to plow. Umsy stated there are many elders in Strawberry Lake that haven't got their driveways plowed yet. Hard for ENP to be delivered. Umsy stated that housing should have had the plows fixed weeks ago to have ready for the now. He also stated that anybody on dialysis or emergency medical reasons can call plows right away and be reimbursed. Terry stated that Nakoa Graff was talking about having employees under different hours or salaries, at least during the winter. Michael stated that Roads has been getting broken into and possibly have the security guard from Congregate make rotations. Discussion was held regarding reimbursement for loss of Terry Burnette's vehicle, it's been two years. Umsy's tools and jack were taken as well.

Punky Clark left meeting at 3:02 p.m.

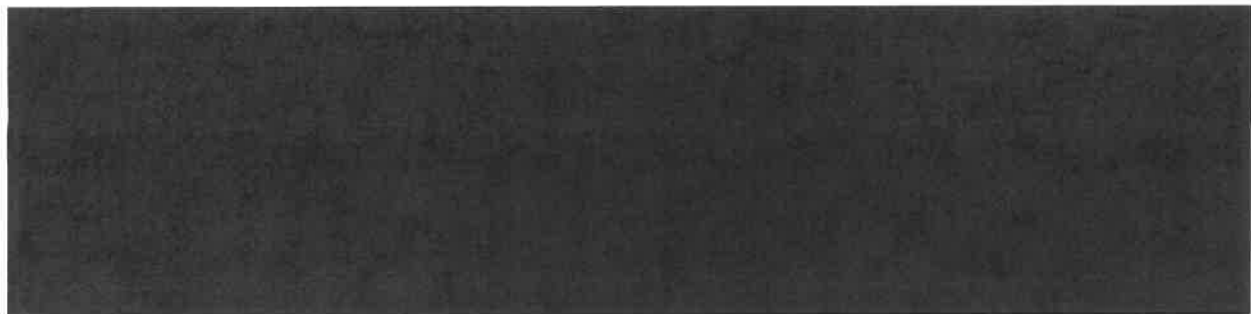
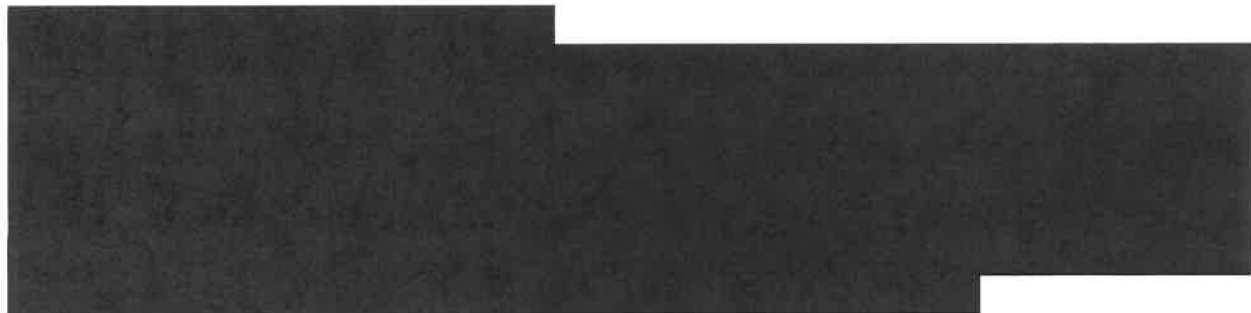
Punky returned to meeting at 3:05 p.m.

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

Tara Mason returned to meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Meeting recessed for break at 3:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 3:27 p.m.



Misinterpretation of HUD laws and policies, some are not federal law. Joe Plumer joined work session at 3:42 p.m. to state that with Housing, they need to follow ICRA (Indian Civil Rights Act) laws. No lease can be written to conflict a contract of adhesion. Terry stated that at the Housing meeting, there was a unanimous vote to pre-screen applicants, as well as random testing. Tara stated that it is legal to test. With testing, there are more risks of homelessness and losing their children. Joe stated that with housing issues, people have been kicked out for small amounts of marijuana and got to stay with large amounts of methamphetamine. Umsy stated that when it happens, the word gets out into the community through other community members. Housing is shortcutting tribal court to take care of everything in house. Veronica Newcomer is the new legal help for W.E. Housing. Tara stated that White Earth Housing Board is only limited to certain decisions according to bylaws. HUD will investigate decisions made by Tribal Council or the Housing Committee unless if it is to the extreme. Housing is creating homelessness by kicking out people because of people who aren't members of the home. Tara stated that there is freedom of speech but not speaking accurately will affect programs and services. Joe stated that there should be no response.

Tara thinks that there should be a discussion on violations of I 8-94 and separation of powers. The body makes discussions with the Chair executing. Terry stated that there are different interpretations of the bylaws by different people. Tara stated that people going to the Interior will affect BIA programs. Discussion was held regarding service delivery when coming into ICW.

Punky Clark left meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Punky Clark returned to meeting at 4:11 p.m.

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Kathy stated that she wanted a request for Community Council to pay fuel costs from 331. Estimated cost is around \$300.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve fuel costs of around \$300, Seconded by Punky. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Terry stated to let Mike Smith attend the logger meeting and they are still waiting for a development plan.

Tabled Strategic Planning/Legislative, WEHA and WELSA for Monday, December 19th work session

Adjourn

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to adjourn meeting at 4:40 p.m., Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 silent.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer