White Earth Reservation Tribal Council Special Meeting December 19, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. White Earth, MN

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:22 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 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 agenda with additions, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (12/13/16 & 12/14/16)

Motion made by Tara Mason to accept meeting minutes with changes/additions, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Calendar Review

Tabled Business

Strategic Planning/Legislative

Brief discussion was held regarding strategic planning; there was some opposition. A decision needs to be made whether or not to move forward so that the position can be posted. Terry mentioned previous strategic plans in place; Tara stated there are timeframes on plans and they need to updated for grant writing. Kathy stated she has been receiving complaints of elders and individuals from Cass Lake. Tara is asking if there are suggestions in regards to strategic plan. Kathy stated she'd like to see the position posted, can't move forward without a plan. Directors were told to move forward on their own with strategic plan. Tara stated that the plan would hold accountability to get things accomplished and done. Terry asked how far we are with current strategic plan; Kathy stated that the process is about half complete. Tara stated that other plans have been completed and placed on a shelf with no one utilizing it. Tara stated that Tribal Council needs to have their own strategic planning session to identify

plan/needs. Terry stated that the individual that was hired was put into a position that was overwhelmed with legislative needs besides. Tara stated that the Tribe has lobbyists in place and it is their job to identify when/where Tribal Council should meet/testify if needed; Tribal Council should be testifying and addressing needs. Umsy asked how far along the directors were in the process. Ken and Mike were asked to go back to the directors for follow up. Terry is requesting a legislative committee be organized as well as meeting be held with Council and lobbyists prior to any scheduling of meetings to be on same page. Tara is asking what would be the best way is to hold the meetings; breakfast with the directors or at Tribal Council table. Terry suggested bringing the directors in to meet with Council. Meeting should be held every two weeks for updates and a plan with new US Presidency. Position description for strategic affairs will be reviewed for changes and placed on next work session agenda.

Motion made by Tara Mason to organize a legislative committee, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Discussion was held regarding WEHA Crime Prevention Money and community council meeting stipends. Punky stated the housing wanted to utilize the money to purchase fire extinguishers; it was asked how this purchase would relate to crime prevention. Tara stated that the funding cannot be utilized for anything outside of the regulations. The purchase would be misappropriation of funds. Punky stated the board approved the use of funding in their meeting. Kathy stated the board has enough applicants for the WEHA director position and will be scheduling interviews. Joe Plumer will be asked to look at some of the policies and to look at crime prevention funding as well.

Meeting recessed at 10:24 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

IHS Self Governance Planning

Mike Fairbanks/Pat Butler/Alan Fogarty/Laura DeGroat were present. Pat provided an update on 638 planning grant for self governance. Meetings have been held monthly since August. Grant runs through spring, will need council decision on direction in June. The media process with Tom Bement will be starting. Brief discussion was held regarding the stipends for the two committee individuals that were written in to the grant. Question was asked about the elder representative and whether or not the stipend would be paid; Pat stated that this was not written into the grant but was brought to the attention of the elder representative that there would be no stipend associated with participation. Scope of the project will need to be identified and plan in place on how to proceed needs to be determined prior to June. Tara has a recommendation of providing an agenda of topics for discussion for the meetings, if there is anything financial she will try to work it into her schedule for attendance. Terry asked that all Tribal Council be copied in on correspondence regarding this project.

Interfaces and data collection was briefly discussed. Jesse Fain should be approached to include IHS in on conversation regarding the panorama project that is taking place.

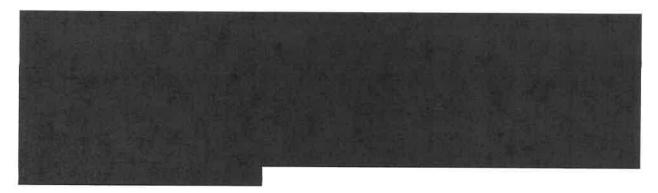
Consensus of Tribal Council was to assist IHS with room request of one week for upcoming internship opportunity; potential of 3 -4 between now and spring. Mike Fairbanks will be point of contact for assisting with setting up of rooms.

Legal Counsel

Joe Plumer was present to review a draft resolution regarding the MCT Attorney position. Tara stated that White Earth needs to be on MCT record regarding the MCT attorney position; no one attorney should solely represent a RBC and be legal counsel for MCT.

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #001-17-005, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to bring forth a resolution to MCT that no MCT attorney can solely represent a RBC and be Legal Counsel for MCT, Resolution #001-17-006, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.



Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Terry requested that discussion points be added for discussion. There is concern with cost and how the figures changed.

Tara stated that when it came to financing Tara had to call the meeting to discuss. Tara stated that the Tribal Council needs to meet for more than 1/2 hour; Tara requested at least 4 hour meeting. Terry stated that there will be a public meeting to answer questions; Umsy agreed.

Terry stated that there is an upcoming gaming commission meeting scheduled; the Tribal Council will meet regarding Star Lake following gaming. Joe Plumer, Bill Marsh, Scott Omlid, and Nick Valentine need to be present.

Gordon Construction is asking for arbitration regarding the WE Lake septic system project. Joe is asking the Tribal Council on how to proceed; recommendation is to resolve the issue. Joe

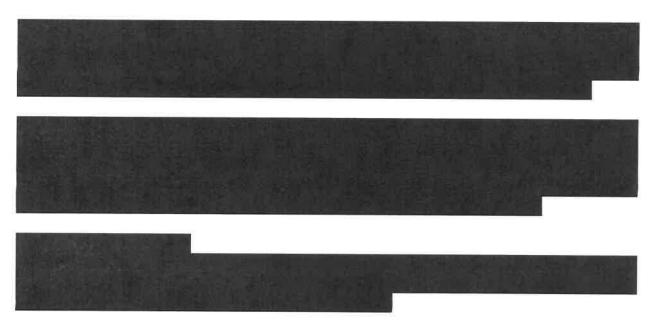
stated if Council is in agreement with arbitration Joe will lay out cost for one system and what's been paid for.





Tara requested a break to compile policy for review and discussion.

Meeting recessed at 1:03 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m.



Point of Clarification

Policies are being overturned; waivers are being presented. Tara is asking if Tribal Council is going to accept these types of items on the agenda, or do they need to be submitted in writing.

Brief discussion was held regarding chain of command. Nakoa stated that HR is not a part of the chain of command, all issues can be brought to their attention if needed. Tara is asking for point of clarification of whether or not employee issues should be placed on RTC agendas, should complaints be submitted in writing prior to being placed on an agenda - names have to be included. It was agreed that employees will follow proper chain of command.

Child Care Licensing

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

WELSA

Department will have upcoming IT issues. There will be some legislative issues and upcoming changes needed. Tara and Kathy visited the office last week. WE annuity ledgers are in Kansas, we need to get those back. Tara would like to have approval to find out what the process is to get them back. Part of the strategic plan is to include a museum; could hold documents.

HIP Program

There is approximately \$48,000 left in funding; what should be done with funding. Terry stated he would like to see it be used as a fix up fund. Tara stated there is an elder individual that really needs house repair done, Terry was in agreement that this individual needed the work done. The current funding should be spent down.

Punky Clark left meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Question was asked on who should administer the HIP program; it was stated that housing should administer the program the Tribe would administer the funding.

Punky Clark entered meeting at 2:15 p.m

WE Website

There are issues with putting information onto the website; there will be cost for KK Bold to move the website to a different server for us to access the information. Why would we pay for this to be done then have to rebuild when the panorama project is implemented.

\M/FHA	Forensic	Audit.	(Direction)

Tara stated she would bring it to the council for decision. Punky stated that it should be brought to legal to see what should be done. Council will make a decision once the final audit is received.

Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 2:29 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer