

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
January 9, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m., roll call was taken with 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: Mike Fairbanks, Deputy Director
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

Agenda Approval

Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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

RTC Meeting Minutes (12/27/16)

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

Calendar Review

Brief discussion was held regarding the Star Lake public meetings that will be held within each community. Discussion was held regarding live stream of these meetings; there is concern with financial information being released - the information should be provided to Tribal members only.

Media blackout was discussed. Leonard Roy was present, he has been doing media for last year and a half. Last TEC meeting the live stream was approved at that level. Leonard was upset that the recent meeting was not allowed to have recording. Tara stated that she believed in transparency. Tara stated that the media blackout was not targeted to any individual for the meeting being referenced. Tara stated that there is information that just belongs to our Tribal members. The Tribal people deserve to have information provided. This process will be ongoing.

Meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

Financial Update

Scott Omlid was present. The statement of revenues and expenditures was presented for review. Scott stated that everything is in line with budget. Tara requested a meeting be held with [REDACTED] in regards to credit card form and travel authorizations. Tara is asking about capital expense budget meeting which is to be held; Scott was asked to set up a meeting. Operating, emergency, projected expenses need to be looked at.

Umsy Tibbetts entered meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Brief discussion was held regarding eifs (exterior insulation and finish system) Naytahwaush building; will not be covered by insurance. Kathy stated that the heating/cooling system needs to be looked at; replacement is needed.

Enrollment Resolutions

Shannon Heisler and Kim Obrien were present.

Eligible's

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-010, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin.
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Ineligibles

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #020-17-011, Seconded by Tara Mason.
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Relinquishment (Spirit Lake)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-012, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts.
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Band Transfer (Leech Lake)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #020-17-013, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts.
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Band Transfer (Leech Lake)

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #020-17-014, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts.
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

BDC

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #020-17-015, Seconded by Tara Mason.
Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Discussion needs to be held regarding enrollment uniformity within all reservations to make the enrollment process a lot easier.

Personnel issue was discussed. Suggestion was made to check with vocational rehab for placement opportunities; program pays wage.

CTAS Grant (Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation)

Pam Keezer/Michael Neusser/Jeremy Cossette/Mike LaRoque were present. The 2017 CTAS grant was presented for review. There are 9 purpose areas; purpose areas that can be applied for were reviewed. Direction is needed on purpose area #4, expansion of existing facility. Question was asked on how many applications are submitted, competition. It was stated that 2-4 awards are approved; this is a very competitive grant. Grant is due February 20th.

Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Kathy Goodwin reentered meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:19 p.m.

Workman's Comp

Joe Plumer was rescheduled for next week.

Other

Resolution – IRB Code (Internal Review Board)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-17-008, Seconded by Punky Clark.

Motion carried, 3 for, 1 against.

Child Care License Renewal [REDACTED]

Motion made by Punky to approve child care license renewals, Seconded by Tara Mason.

Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Business License Renewals

[REDACTED]
Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve business license renewals, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

LLC for Winona LaDuke was brought up; hemp related. Will be discussed when legal counsel is present.

SSC Tribal Rate Request (Joe LaGarde – Niibi Center Meeting)

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

OPOS Tours & Travel (Sonja Tanner)

Tara made request to Table for further review.

Urban MOMS/MAT Programs (Additional Property)

Terry suggested that Joe Plumer review to see if purchase can be done through LLC. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to move forward, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Referendum Ordinance

Motion made by Tara Mason to establish/develop referendum ordinance, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Terry requested discussion be held. Ordinance would be on how to bring forth to membership and how to proceed. Terry stated it would have to be designed to fit Tribal Council's needs. Tara stated legal counsel will draft. Terry requested the ordinance be drafted and written and he requested input from all the Tribal Council. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 against. Umsy stated more discussion is needed.

Legislative Committee

Tara discussed two different models. Terry stated the directors should be approached; he asked if another person will be hired to assist or will the Tribal Council divide legislative issues. Punky stated the Tribal Council should address legislative issues. Tara has requested legislative issues from directors and managers; a day should be scheduled for discussion of legislative issues. Terry stated that the Council should all sit down together to discuss legislative agenda items amongst themselves as well.

Conduct & Decorum Policy

Tabled until next work session.

Budgets

Tara sent email to all Tribal Council January 5th; she is requesting decision on how to address the budget requests. Tara stated this should only be Tribal member business. Tara is wanting to provide a special addition as to financials; has to find time to do quarterly reports. Schedule and format needs to be determined. Tara is asking how to handle individual requests and what information should be provided, in which timeline. Terry wants all Tribal Council to sit down to review requests; same information would then be provided if approached.

WEHA Director

Terry heard there is a new director; Steve Howard. Terry requested he be brought to meet with Tribal Council at next work session. Issues, concerns, priorities needs to be discussed.

Resolution - MNDOT

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #071-17-001, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tribal Drivers License

Tara would like to research this idea. Kathy would like to see information as to individual statistics, reasons why license was revoked.

Compliance Ordinance

Tara is requesting to move forward with implementing a compliance ordinance on governmental side.

Pipeline Meeting

Tara is requesting public meeting in regards to pipeline issues; where we're at, where we want to go, steps that need to be taken to address issues. Public meeting will be coordinated for February 10th at 6 p.m. in Rice Lake.

Elder Advocates

Two new individuals have started today; will be working reservation wide. These positions need to be under same program as geriatric worker.

Tara Mason left meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Consensus was that Kathy would sit down with Ben Bement to address issues; supervisory decision needs to be made.

SOS

There is concern of funding for community events, some larger than others. Mike Fairbanks was asked to get a report from the committee on where they are at.

Snowplowing

Kathy has received requests from handicap individuals that need snowplowing; some individuals are descendants and some not elder. Umsy stated that an application needs to be completed at public works for plowing.

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Terry stated elders are upset that smoking was eliminated from apartments. Mike Fairbanks will follow up with Chad Nelson.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 1:41 p.m., Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer