

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
July 7, 2016 –9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, Chairman  
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

Absent: Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director  
Mike Fairbanks, Deputy Director  
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder  
Joe Plumer, Legal Counsel  
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

**Swearing In – Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative**

Motion made by Tara Mason to swear in Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against. Joe Plumer was present to do the swearing in and oath of office for Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (6/27/16)**

Brief discussion was held regarding the water rights question presented at last meeting. Joe stated the Tribe should take the position of control and let the State respond.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve meeting minutes, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

***Umsy Tibbetts left meeting at 9:28 a.m.***

***Umsy Tibbetts reentered meeting at 9:32 a.m.***

Calendar Review

### **Legislative Trip**

Alan Roy was present and provided a draft agenda and meeting outline for the Washington DC trip for next week. Topics for discussion will be Seventh Fire Film, TLOA, SNAP, Rural Development, Bureau of Land Management funding. Meetings will be held with Karen Diver, Senator Franken, Senator Klobuchar, Representative McCollum, Director Tracy Toulou, Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Department of Interior, and USDA.

***Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 10:17 a.m.***

Alan provided a brief update on strategic planning process; timely process - currently meeting with staff.

***Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 10:24 a.m.***

### **Panorama Update**

Jesse Fain, William Baumann, and Kevin Bretz were present to provide an update on the Panorama project. Jesse provided an overview of how the project came about. The organizational readiness assessment and key findings was reviewed; strengths and opportunities. Benefits of the project will be organization continuous improvement, reduction of systems and data entry, availability of information, key performance indicators, constituent reporting (single source), improved data reliability, grant management, procurement, and asset management. The project timeline was reviewed. Jesse stated this is a collaboration with Shooting Star as well; will benefit by savings with software costs. A suggestion was made that Jesse approach the WEHA board to get involvement of the housing program as well; it was stated that there are 400+ housing units which include the Tribes families and with the homelessness rate being at 33% is important.

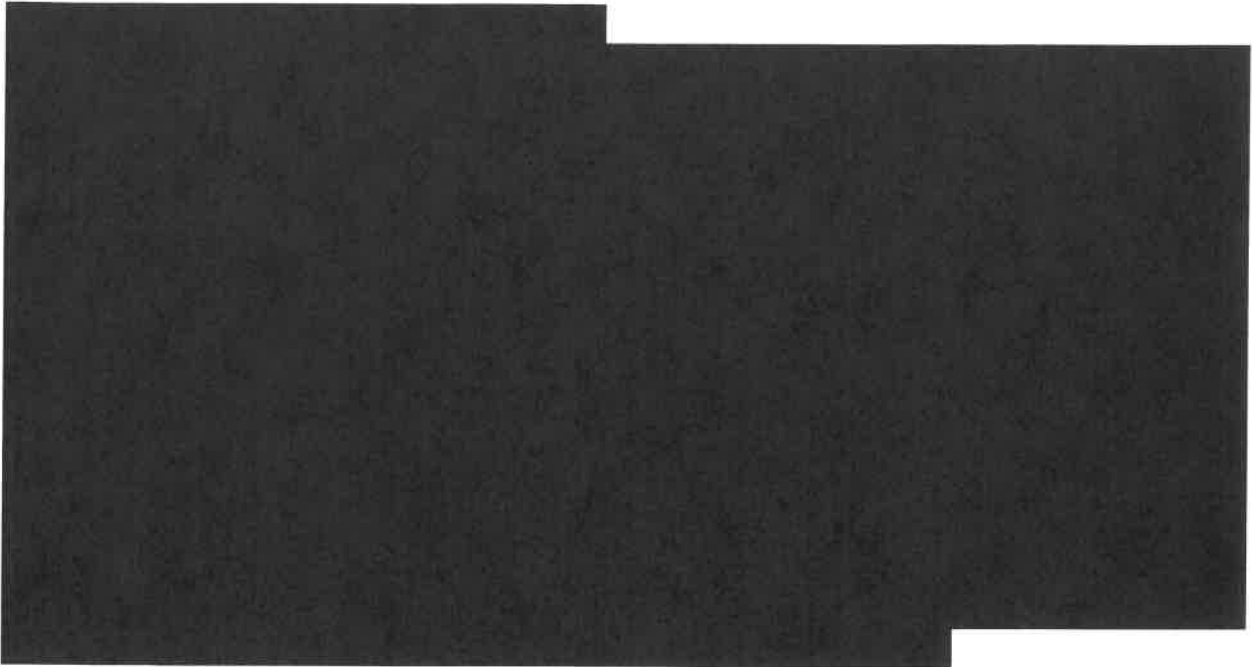
***Meeting recessed for break at 11:26 a.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 11:44 a.m.***

### **'17 Indian Housing Plan**

Donna Fairbanks was present to seek approval on the '17 Indian Housing Plan. Terry asked about the arrearages that housing is facing; what is being done to address the issue. Donna stated there are people who owe substantial amounts and are not paying. Donna stated the WEHA board needs to sit down and address this issue; repayment agreements are not working. There is a meeting scheduled this month to address the housing code to assist in enforcement of housing policy.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve the '17 IHP, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.



*Meeting recessed at 12:49 p.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 1:02 p.m.*

**Boys & Girls Club Board (Working Relationship)**

Terri Darco, Peggy Chisolm, and Jeep Roberts were present. Terri provides brief update of grants that are utilized for programming. Jeep stated there is [REDACTED] in a fundraising account. There are 7 clubs on the reservation; Jeep would like to see leagues established between the clubs. It was stated that transportation has always been an issue. When youth rec and boys and girls club was merged, there was an MOU that was put in place. Where has the relationship and communication gone. Question was asked on whether or not boys and girls club has a strategic plan. The articles of incorporation and bylaws needs to be changed to allow for access to the fundraising account funds to be utilized for activities. Terri is spending 80% of her time catching up on reporting to boys and girls club of America. The Tribe pays 70% of budget, 30% from boys and girls club of America. Tara asked which of the clubs is chartered. It was stated that the Tribe could be requesting funding as a Tribe vs requesting funding from boys and girls club of America. There is a need to have a club for the Waubun/Ogema area. Terry gave a brief overview of the merger and what its purpose was when it was established. The next board meeting is July 29th. Tara is requesting a strategic plan as well as a financial plan be put into place. The MOU needs to be revisited, as well as the charter and bylaws. The communication between the treasurer and the CPO needs to be in place and how information is being shared. Jeep stated there is a need to hire someone to assist Terri in the work that she is doing; initially was a three person job but is being done by one person.

**Other**

Resolution – IHS Forced Account

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-16-019, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin.  
Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – IHS Services  
Tabled until next meeting. Legal review.

Resolution – Title VI Grant Renewal  
Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #064-16-012, Seconded by Tara Mason.  
Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Title VI Elder Survey  
Tabled.

Resolution – '17 IHS Funding (Health Division)  
Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #064-16-011, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin.  
Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara stated that in the past the 638 funds have been under the health division but include behavioral health dollars, there was some carry over funds that should have been distributed to CD. Pat was asked to invest the funds back into the programs.

SSC Gaming Coupon (Inauguration)  
Consensus was to approve \$20.

Support Letter (Seven Teachings – John Gonzalez)  
Consensus was to approve the letter as presented.

Drug Court Update  
Looking at sustainable drug court; Tara will have a budget and proposal together for further review.

Language  
This has been under education in the past; would like to have a meeting to identify where language is at and to put a plan together. Ricky White is a fluent speaker, Naabik, Rob, Kim, Gabe will be asked to participate. Kathy suggested elders should be included as well. Tribe should assist in funding and doing things differently to offer communities, members, villages, internally language opportunities.

Land Update  
Land department held meeting to identify areas of concern. BLM funding was identified; office has been relocated to a different region. It's important to have own surveyors to survey lands. Brief discussion was held regarding issues of accessing information from Diane Rosen and Patricia Olby offices; requests will be documented in stages.

Vendor License [REDACTED]

Tabled until Monday. RaeAnn should schedule a special meeting to approve.

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**Golf Sponsorship**

MN Indian Bar Association tournament coming up Thursday July 21st at Mystic Lake. A request is being made for sponsorship. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve sponsorship of \$450, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Discussion was held regarding [REDACTED] property (MCT). Kathy will recommend that the issue go through probate process.

**Office Space**

There are 40 individuals in a small room; moms program and mats program were combined. The old Naytahwaush community center will be utilized.

Consensus of Tribal Council was to approve the Shakopee letter of request for the Naytahwaush Pow-wow grounds. Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-16-022, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 3:52 p.m., Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer