

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
June 27, 2016 –9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, Chairman
Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative
Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative

Absent: Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

Others Present: Ken Fox, Executive Director
Mike Fairbanks, Deputy Director
Desirae Stalberger, Recorder

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve with addition, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (6/20/16, 6/23/16, 6/24/16)

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Wild Rice Committee

Leonard Thompson and Jerry Libby were present. There is a problem with outsiders controlling Rice Lake. At a previous meeting Leonard asked if the planks could be left in for water this year and found out after ricing season an individual took the planks out. Leonard went to WE DNR and was told that the ricing committee requested they be taken out. It was stated that the planks would be put in later this week, but now it's too late. It was stated that there is one individual making decisions; reprimand or something needs to be done. Kathy asked how many committee members there were; total of 13. Leonard stated that most of the individuals don't participate. Committee is making decisions but natural resources and conservation are not listening. Terry suggested that the committee be 2 members from each community along with someone from natural resources. Question was asked about water rights, who has control.

Calendar Review

IHS SDS List

Jeff Vivier and Shawn Gant were present. Shawn provided a quick overview of how the program works. Tribal priorities need to be identified as well as Tribal contribution. The SDS list from last year's priority was reviewed. Consensus of Tribal Council was to leave the priority list the same.

Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 10:24 a.m.



Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Land Resolutions

Sarah Bekkerus and Katherine Warren were present. Kathy asked Katherine if there was any backgrounds done for individuals requesting home sites. Kathy stated she has received complaints of an individual that has a meth history and is moving a trailer home in. There needs to be a communication process between WEHA as well as WEPD and land office to help in identifying drug problems/evictions. Suggestion was made to utilize WEPD to do a basic check; Katherine will follow up with Joe Plumer and Mike LaRoque. Katherine was asked to provide an updated list of homesites that have electric/water/sewer and that may be ready to go.

Homesites: Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Service Line Agreements: Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Lakeshore: Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Other



Gus is requesting that Tribe pay for WEFD vehicle and building insurance and to create a line item for payment every year; WEFD will continue to pay heating and electric. Terry stated that Naytahwaush and WE are the two biggest communities on the reservation. Kathy was in agreement because Naytahwaush is being paid for. Consensus was to approve; Ken will follow up with Willie Heisler on cost.

Terry stated he received a call from Clyde Bellecourt regarding a deal with wild rice; Germany sales. Ken will follow up with Michael Neusser and Liz Foster-Anderson.

Adjourn

Motion made by Punk Clark to adjourn meeting at 11:35 a.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer