

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
May 16, 2016 –9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Vice-Chairman Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative (Vice-Chairman)
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

Absent: Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative

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

Agenda Approval

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

RTC Meeting Minutes (5/9/16)

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

Calendar Review

- Wisdom Steps Conference (6/14/16) RSVP Requested

Other

Child Care Licensing [REDACTED]

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

MCT Liquor License [REDACTED]

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

Vern LaPlante

Vern LaPlante, Christine Davis, Brian Ambuehl, Alisha Smith, Jeri Jasken and Adam ? were present. Vern gave an update engagements that are taking place with White Earth; would like to spend some time on GRH opportunities to access housing support for members of White Earth. There was transferring of services, three phases, phase three has not been completed due to funding. Vern is trying to get a better idea of transfers from Counties; Pat and Ben have been working with Vern. ■

[REDACTED]

Question was asked on how Mille Lacs is doing the process; Vern stated intakes are being sent. Intake did not work well with White Earth and county system. Vern will be meeting with County today and will identify a process that will work. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Reports could be useful in the long run, it would identify how much funding has been provided and paid out for services; MOU's could be identified for funding to come through. How do Tribal services vs non - Tribal members compare; can needed services be identified - Vern stated it could.

Under transfer snap there was an agreement that the state would pick up the cost of those in three positions, according to agreement effective July 1st White Earth would be picking up the cost; would have to renegotiate the contract. Suggestion was made to meet with commissioner. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Group Residential Housing program overview was given. Program has expanded to individuals in their own home, not group setting. Tribes are now authorized to access this program.

Other

White Earth Housing - discussion was held regarding individual in apartments with felony, individual cannot live there because of head start being in facility. Housing rule is individual would be eligible after 3 years. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kathy would like to see how the other on reservation housing is addressing drug policies. Tara stated that the policy at apartments would be headstart federal policy not WEHA. Tribe just received notice of clean headstart review; does Tribe want to make the decision to jeopardize future reviews. Housing director or housing board could take the initiative to change. Tara asked Kathy if the headstart policy should be changed. Punky suggested that the policies for both housing and headstart be reviewed prior to any change.

Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 11:36 a.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer