

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
May 23, 2016 –9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Vice-Chairman Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:12 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 with additions, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (5/16/16)

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

Calendar Review

Strategic Affairs

Alan Roy was present and gave a legislative update of results; Bill Haas was present via conference call. This was an overall good legislative session for White Earth. Alan will be drafting a press release for distribution.

Strategic Plan - Alan has received a lot of response for the June 4th event that will be taking place; Rediscovery Center starting at noon.

Court of Appeals [REDACTED]

Lenny Fineday was present. A recommendation is being made for [REDACTED] to be appointed to the appellate panel. Per the judicial code Tribal Council approval is needed. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Lenny gave an update on a Cass Lake property that is for sale. The building is not salvageable, location is good. There may be some delinquency on property tax. Suggestion was made to make an offer to purchase the building for \$15,000; White Earth will pay the tax delinquency.

Brief update was given on WEHA and tenant lease documents.

Lenny provided an update on the codes and revisions that are taking place; he would like to schedule time for review and approval of the Tribal Council.

Meeting recessed at 11:42 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:07 p.m.

Other

Business License Renewal [REDACTED]

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

Tribal Health Substance Abuse Treatment Program License [REDACTED]

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

Resolution – Reimbursement Certain Capital Expenditures

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-16-016, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Resolution – Naloxone Hydrochloride for Administration (WE Public Health)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #064-16-010, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Resolution – IHS Planning Grant

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-16-018, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Indian Child Welfare

There are issues and complaints that need to be addressed, as well as the court order process. Different ways and options were discussed. Compliance division, internal auditor, should create a review board. CD has an ethics review board; external reviewers. Tara would like to see the external review committee address the complaint that was received; would be a test run to see if the external review board process would work for instances such as this. Consensus was to allow for this instance, at this point in time. Details can be identified through this process, as well as changes needed. Jeri and RaeAnn will work out details on how the process would work; RaeAnn can review and coordinate changes needed for establishment of compliance review board based off this model.



Renewable Energy Payment Request

\$21, 531.18 - Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Computer Software - Economic Development Request (Local Government Aid) - Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, \$4,000, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Elders Constituents

Kathy is requesting an update on the constituent service policies. Ben Bement and Tony Wadena will be scheduled for next work session.

Garden Tilling

Consensus was to have WEHA and Natural Resources department coordinate garden tilling; elders free of charge, individuals \$15.

Meeting recessed at 12:51 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

Hemp


Topic will be scheduled for discussion on June 6th.

Gaming Commission

A request is being made to retract gaming ordinance to NIGC; sections are incomplete. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to withdraw gaming ordinance, rescind resolution #090-16-003, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against. Resolution needs to be drafted to rescind. Changes need to be resubmitted.

Kathy made a motion to expend \$5 million for expansion in Rice Lake, Naytahwaush Pow-wow ground and round house, to include repairs to the old school in Pine Point, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Lengby property was briefly discussed; individual wants an old piece of equipment from there. Suggestion was made to have Monica Hedstrom draft up inventory paperwork.



Motion made by Tara Mason to contract with someone to develop an elders program, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Pilot program effective October 1st for drug diversion drug court with Clearwater and Mahanomen counties. Consensus was to move forward.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 1:24 p.m., Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer