

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
May 31, 2016 –9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Vice-Chairman Steven "Punky" Clark called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative (Vice-Chairman)  
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kenneth "Gus" Bevins, District III Representative

Absent: Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative

***Kathy Goodwin entered meeting at 9:09 a.m.***

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (5/23/16)**

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

Calendar Review

**Land Resolutions**

Sarah Bekkerus was present.

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

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

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

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

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

**Constituent Service Policy Update**

Ben Bement and Tony Wadena were present.

Consensus of Tribal Council was to approve leave donation request for [REDACTED], up to 40 hours.

Question was asked about the constituent service budget; Tony stated it has not been reviewed for this month as of yet, Ben stated that billing is two months behind with State so it is hard to analyze. Tara stated a working group should be put together to discuss billing. Discussion was held regarding MA reimbursements and eligibility. It was stated life necessity for elders has been utilized mainly for electric/heat bills; food vouchers are allowed for twice per year. Kathy's question was if elders could utilize the \$100 life necessity for food; there are individual elders that could use it for food. Sanction list was briefly discussed; individuals can easily remedy. Constituent service program is seeing anywhere from 15-60 individuals per day. Consensus of Tribal Council was to allow emergency food option for elders be allowed for life necessity - individuals should have an option to utilize life necessity or food voucher option, not both.

[REDACTED]

Question was asked about the constituent phone; calls are not being answered.

***Meeting recessed at 10:28 a.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 10:36 a.m.***

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

***Kathy Goodwin left meeting at 11:01 a.m.***

**Other**

Business License Renewals [REDACTED]

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Gus Bevins. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Tribal Health Substance Abuse Treatment Program License

[REDACTED]

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

Child Care Licensing (Variances)

[REDACTED]

Motion made by Gus Bevins to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Gus Bevins to adjourn meeting at 11:37 a.m., Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 2 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer