

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
November 14, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, Chairman  
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer  
Steven "Punky" Clark, District I Representative  
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III Representative

Absent: 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, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (10/31/16)**

Brief discussion was held regarding solar energy projects; Rainy River & Red Lake have projects that are up and running. Michael Neusser will be requested to look into this, set up tour. Tara stated that there are some Federal tax credits that could be utilized for 5 year project to include training.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Calendar Review**

- Chris Knopf Closing Request (Dec. 1) - Approved, place on calendar.

**Land Resolutions**

Megan Bakken and Sarah LaFriniere were present.

Homesite: Motion made by Punky to approve #1-#7, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve #8-#14, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, #25 denied, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against. Paperwork for #24 was first to be submitted; individual has 90 days to put home on water/sewer site.

Service Line Agreement: Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Agricultural: Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Residential: Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Other: Brief discussion was held regarding private property being posted but individuals wanting to cross Tribal property. Motion made by Punky Clark to deny, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Business: Brief discussion was held regarding maintaining and grooming of trails; clubs are responsible. Question was asked whether or not conservation has any sort of agreement with clubs; trails are monitored to a point - snowmobile access only. Motion made by Tara Mason to approve #1, #2-#4 Tabled, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Conservation will be asked to attend next meeting to discuss snowmobile permitting.

### **Strategic Affairs Update**

Alan Roy was present. Union President Mtg Request was brought to the Tribal Council's attention; requesting to be in discussion to allow union in upcoming projects - worker recruitment. TERO has had previous relationship with union, suggested that the request be run through TERO program. Individuals should be allowed to make their own decisions as to training or joining of union.

WE Human Services Agenda (Dec 6 & 7) was reviewed; Alan stated that this is an aggressive agenda with recent elections that have taken place.

Tribal Policy Group - discussion was held; this came about following Opioid Summit. Strategic goal is to evaluate and develop policy and common objectives. Tara asked what is Tribe's position, strategic plan goals and agenda's. There needs to be a plan and holistic approach.



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*Meeting recessed at 10:40 a.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 10:52 a.m.*

**Other**

Child Care Licensing [REDACTED]

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Donation Request (Sobriety Pow-wow)

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Financial Update**

Scott Omlid was present and provided an overview of the general fund budget. Brief discussion was held regarding the MHFA site visit last week. Request is being made to do a transfer to the enterprise fund for one month. Tara requested that information be provided in timely manner for internal audits to proceed.

**Other**

Donation Request (WE Employee Christmas)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

MCT Update (Special Meeting)

The MCT TEC Tabled resolution was not passed; there is an opportunity to submit letter. MCT TEC honorariums are back in budget.

Motion made by Punky Clark to approve Resolution #001-17-003, Ceded Territories USACR Permitting and requiring joint MCT Federal EIS, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 11:50 a.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

Motion made by Tara Mason to transfer \$50,000 from the NW MN Foundation to the finance department for the Boys & Girls Club improvements and needs, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara to adjourn at 11:56 a.m., Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer