

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Special Meeting
September 19, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
White Earth, MN**

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:12 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
Kathy Goodwin, District II Representative
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts, District III 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 Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

RTC Meeting Minutes (9/6/16 & 9/9/16)

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

Calendar Review

- Annual Tribal State Agreement Meeting – ICW Issues (9/29/16 1-4 pm)

Jodan Rousu was present to address the issue of the 7th Fire movie which had two showings in Wadena at Whiskey Creek Film Festival over the weekend. Tribal Council needs to prevent this movie and negative impacts it is having on our communities. Terry stated that the Tribal Council was at the Pine Point viewing; Pine Point Community Council is preparing a press release for distribution. Tara stated that the issue is also under discussion with the Drug Taskforce Committee. There is ongoing discussion and a response will be prepared.

OST Accounts

Roger Heger - Not Present. Reschedule.

Other

Standing Rock Request

Leonard Roy was present to discuss recent efforts for donations purchased for Standing Rock. Tara stated that a matching cash donation of \$700 raised in Naytahwaush. A request is also being made to pay expense of a charter bus, approx. \$2,500. Motion made by Tara Mason to provide a financial

donation of \$3,200 for Standing Rock efforts, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Netting Season

Monica Hedstrom/Will Bement were present. Brief discussion was held regarding wild rice. Follow up was given and decision needs to be made regarding the netting season. Water temperatures in past years were reviewed. Will is requesting any feedback from Tribal Council. As it stands at this point there is no netting season in place. Comment was made by Terry that based on historic water temperatures the season could be moved out in the fall and extend season during winter. Umsy's recommendation would also be to move season back to original dates. Punky wants to leave the dates at September 15 - December 31. To reach middle ground on a decision a suggestion was made to have opening date set for October 8 (two weeks early) and extend at the end of the season. Tara suggested a special permit for elders who want to start earlier, this will help in identifying who is out netting (elder needs to be present).

Motion made by Punky Clark to keep the netting season at option #2, Motion dead to lack of a second.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #057-16-008, move netting date to October 1 with special permit for elders prior to, with and extension at end of season, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 against. Will and Monica will draft the resolution for signature.

Senate Candidate

Alan Roy/Candy Sina were present. Candy provided a brief overview of her candidacy; she is also a WE descendent.

Meeting recessed at 11:16 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

White House Tribal Nations Conference (9/26/16 – Washington, DC)

Alan Roy was present. An update was given on meeting being held with MDHR tomorrow. There is an MOU that is being put together for Tribal Council approval. Tara would like to see post secondary tuition waiver for WE students; run through civil rights department. Terry suggested presenting this issue to the MIAC as well. Brief discussion was held regarding upcoming White House Tribal Nations conference; an outline was presented for review.

Legal Counsel

Joe Plumer was present.

Moore Engineering (Star Lake) - Joe provided a brief overview of the contracts and changes that were requested; provided for information.

Resolution – WELSA Funds

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #001-16-025, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Resolution Sisseton Class Action Lawsuit - Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #001-16-024, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Other

Child Care Licensing [REDACTED]

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

MN Historical Society (Joe LaGarde)

Terry spoke to Joe, Cayla Olson will remain as appointee. Laura can proceed with letter to historical society.

FYI – Health Care Reform in Indian Country (Mike Fairbanks)

Mike Fairbanks provided a brief overview. Suggestion was made to coordinate a meeting with other Tribes regarding this information. Mike stated Pat Butler's program has funding to assist with coordination. Consensus was to move forward.

White Earth Housing

There is a need to replace 40 furnaces in housing units, approx. replacement cost of \$132,000 , also \$11,400 in funding for fire extinguishers is needed (279 homes). Tara suggested combining requests for grant request to be submitted to Shakopee. Consensus of Council was to move forward with combining requests for one grant request.

Kathy stated there are many issues taking place with employee turnover; suggestion made to utilize WE HR to assist. It was stated that the request has to be a board decision.

Water/Sewer

Something needs to be done with room requests from individuals. Public works is behind on work, they are limited with staff.

Resolution - City Agreement (Mahnomen Lighting)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve Resolution #016-16-025, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for,0 against.

Licensing - MAT Program (Urban Area)

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Adjourn

Motion made by Tara Mason to adjourn meeting at 1:34 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer