

September 8, 2017

TO: Michael Johnson  
Senior Legal Counsel  
State Court Administration  
125H Minnesota Judicial Center  
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am writing this letter to you per the Public Notice Detail published January 24, 2017, Advisory Committee to Hold Public Hearing on Recognition of Tribal Court Orders and Judgments. I respectfully request to provide this brief statement to the committee.

As a White Earth Reservation Band Member, I would like to address the following:

1. Evidence that a Tribal Judge was terminated from employment at the direction of Secretary-Treasurer Tara Mason which violated Resolution No. 019-04-002
2. Evidence that White Earth Tribal Judge Robert Blaeser carried out this directive thereby violating Resolution No. 019-04-002
3. Evidence that White Earth Tribal Courts deferred a court hearing at the request of Secretary-Treasurer Tara Mason and White Earth Executive Director Ken Fox as they were subjects of an official court subpoena
4. Demonstration that White Earth Reservation Tribal Courts are not independent of Tribal Council authority due to violations related to Resolution No. 019-04-002

Altogether this evidence demonstrates that White Earth Tribal Courts are not independent from the Tribal Council, and remain unconstitutional per my statement issued on March 28, 2017 to the Advisory Committee (Roy, 2017). The following sections are summaries of relevant resolutions and activities that support this claim.

**Resolution No. 019-04-002**

Passed June 28, 2004, Resolution No. 019-04-002 (White Earth Tribal Council, 2004) established precedence that the Tribal Council would “provide stable, efficient, and equitable systems of governance that includes a separation of powers; and the Tribal Council determined that an independent Tribal Court is an essential component of an effective tribal government, free from interference by the Tribal Council; and the Tribal Court should be utilized for the resolution of disputes that may arise from time to time in the various programs and divisions administered by the Tribal Government...”

The resolution resolved that the, “White Earth Tribal Court shall operate an independent branch of Tribal Government within the authority included in the Tribal Judicial Code, without interference by the Tribal Council...and that upon expiration of

such terms the Judges of the Tribal Trial Court shall be evaluated by the panel of Tribal Appellate Court Judges for reappointment to a subsequent term...”

Resolution 019-11-002 further supports this precedence that Tribal Courts are to remain independent from Tribal Government (White Earth Tribal Council, 2011).

### **Tribal Judge Termination**

During the summer months of 2017, Associate Judge BJ Jones was terminated by Chief Judge Robert Blaeser for ordering Secretary-Treasurer Tara Mason and Executive Director Ken Fox to provide depositions related to the wrongful termination of a Tribal employee. Because the Tribe has waived sovereign immunity related to employment issues, Associate Judge Jones claimed, “that the tribe waived sovereign immunity” (White Earth Tribal Council (a), 2017; p. 3). This challenged the Executive authority and power associated with the Tribal Council.

This became problematic for the Tribal Judiciary since there exists no separation of powers. In fact, White Earth Tribal Attorney Joe Plummer is on record as saying, “there is no structure in the constitution regarding separation of powers” (White Earth Tribal Council (b), 2017; p. 3). By challenging the authority of the Tribal Council—specifically, Secretary-Treasurer Mason—Associate Judge Jones made himself a target of political infighting. If there existed a separation of powers at White Earth, Associate Judge Jones would have been shielded from Executive powers and would still be a judge.

When asked why he was terminated, a message from Associate Judge Jones indicated that he was terminated at the direction of the Tribal Council. His message reads, “the only thing I know about my removal as Associate Judge at White Earth was that the Chief Judge [Robert Blaeser] communicated to me that the Council no longer desired that I be a Judge there and asked the Chief Judge [Robert Blaeser] to replace me” (Jones, 2017).

Before Associate Judge Jones termination, Secretary-Treasurer Mason attempted to invoke sovereign immunity so she wouldn’t have to provide a deposition (White Earth Tribal Council (a), 2017). The reasoning for this action is unclear. However, her request was granted by the Tribal Court. Why?

### **Politically Dependent Courts**

The answer is simple: the White Earth Reservation Court and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Courts are not independent. In summary:

- If a Tribal Judge can be terminated for ordering a Tribal Official to provide a deposition, the Court is not independent.
- If a Tribal Official attempts to invoke sovereign immunity—despite established Resolutions—from the Tribal Court so they don’t have to provide a deposition, the Court is not independent.

- If a Tribal Official can strong arm a judiciary into delaying their deposition, which would never be granted to an ordinary Band member, the Court is not independent.
- If the Tribal Attorney openly admits there is no separation of powers, the Court is not independent.

White Earth Tribal Court and other Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Courts remain unconstitutional. A Constitutional Convention is underway, which will hopefully create a separation of powers. I strongly recommend the committee delays or denies the petition under consideration for full recognition until these issues are addressed.

Thank you for considering this statement. You can reach me at 218-983-9917, 218-401-3230, or by email at [leonard.roy56@gmail.com](mailto:leonard.roy56@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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## APPENDIX

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
A/K/A WHITE EARTH BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

**Resolution No. 019-04-002**

- WHEREAS, The White Earth Reservation Tribal Council is duly empowered as the governing body for the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended March 3, 1964; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council is committed to establishing a stable, efficient and equitable system of tribal government that includes a separation of the various powers of government; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has previously established the White Earth Tribal Court through the enactment of the Tribal Judicial Code; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has determined that an independent Tribal Court is an essential component of an effective tribal government, free from interference by the Tribal Council; and
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- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has determined that in addition to the general civil jurisdiction now exercised, the Tribal Court should be utilized for the resolution of disputes that may arise from time to time in the various programs and divisions administered by the Tribal Government; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council has determined that the stability of the Tribal Court will be furthered by the appointment of the judges of the Tribal Court for an initial term of five years with reappointment to occur at regular four year terms thereafter. Upon expiration of such terms, the Judges of Tribal Court will be evaluated by the panel of appellate Tribal Court Judges for reappointment to a subsequent term; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Council is satisfied that Judge Anita Fineday has served the White Earth Tribe admirably over the past seven years through her service as the Chief Judge of the White Earth Tribal Court.

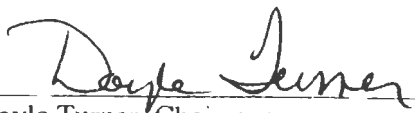
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council declares that the White Earth Tribal Court shall operate as an independent branch of Tribal Government within the authority included in the Tribal Judicial Code, without interference by the Tribal Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authority of the Tribal Court shall be extended to the resolution of disputes arising through the administration of the various programs and divisions of tribal government, and the policies of the various programs and divisions shall be amended to reflect the authority of the Tribal Court declared in this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Court Judges for the trial court level and appellate court level shall be for an initial term of five years, with subsequent reappointments to occur at regular four year terms thereafter; and that upon expiration of such terms the Judges of the Tribal Trial Court shall be evaluated by the panel of Tribal Appellate Court Judges for reappointment to a subsequent term; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Judge Anita Fineday is hereby appointed to a five year term as Chief Judge of the White Earth Tribal Court.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly acted upon by a vote of 3 for, 1 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a meeting held June, 28 2004, at White Earth, Minnesota.

  
Doyle Turner, Chairman

  
Franklin Heisler, Secretary/Treasurer

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
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WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

Resolution No. 019-11-002

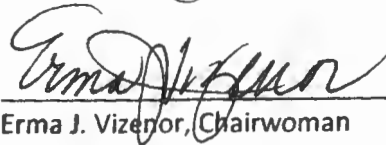
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, of the revised constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council, also known as the White Earth Reservation Business Committee, is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS:** the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council, as the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation has the power under the constitution and by-laws to promulgate resolutions governing the conduct of business on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is committed to establishing a stable, efficient and equitable system of tribal government that includes a separation of the various powers of government; and, and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council established the White Earth Tribal Court through enactment of the Tribal Judicial Code in 1997, and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has determined that an independent Tribal Court is an essential component of an effective tribal government, free from interference by the Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has determined that the Tribal Court should be empowered to hear all civil, criminal and administrative matters, and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has determined that the stability of the tribal Court will be furthered by the appointment of the judges of the Tribal Court for terms of four years with nomination by the Chairperson of the White Earth Tribal Council and a confirmation vote by the members of the White Earth Tribal Council, and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council is satisfied that Judge Anita Fineday has served the White Earth Tribe admirably over the past 13 years through her service as the Chief Judge of the White Earth Tribal Court.



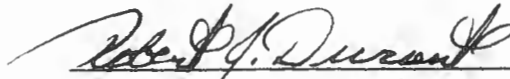
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council declares that the White Earth Tribal Court shall continue to operate as an independent branch of the Tribal Government within the authority included in the Tribal Judicial Code, without interference by the White Earth Tribal Council, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council hereby confirms that Judge Anita Fineday has been acting as the Chief Judge of the White Earth Tribal Court, and she shall remain in that position as a full time Judge of the Tribal Court until replaced pursuant to the White Earth Judicial Code.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a special meeting of the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council held on January 3, 2011 in White Earth Minnesota.



Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman



Robert J. Durant, Secretary/Treasurer

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
July 5, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:17 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 with additions, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (6/26/17)**

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**Calendar Review**

**WEHA Indian Housing Plan**

Steve Howard was present to review the plan.

Kathy asked if rules or regulations could be set for Riverland Apartments stating that they had to be students or employed. Tara stated that it is a tax credit project and this was not identified in the plan; initially people thought it was supposed to be for these types of tenants.

***Tara Mason left meeting at 10:11 a.m.***

***Tara Mason entered meeting at 10:14 a.m.***

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve the plan as presented, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against

***Meeting recessed at 10:18 a.m.***

**Meeting reconvened at 10:33 a.m.**

**IT Department Follow Up**

Jesse Fain was present and provided an update on enterprise wide costs for implementation of new software; yearly cost and user per month costs were identified. Some of the costs may be able to be charged under indirect, will need to be budgeted. Jesse provided an overview of an agency that can come in to the department to go through security system and to help write policies and procedures

Jesse has been working with casino compliance on security and software as well. A meeting with the security team will be held next week. Jesse was asked to follow up on the position being created at casino and its ability to utilize for both entities. Question was asked about the website; Jesse stated they are looking for a website developer/designer position to be added to the budget. Tara stated there is [REDACTED] allocated and Jesse was asked to follow up with Tom Bement to see if he is willing to utilize the funds for this position.

**Other**

Resolution – Bus Purchase (5310 MNDOT Grant)

Motion made by Tara Mason to rescind Resolution #071-17-005, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #071-17-006, Bus Purchase - 5310 MNDOT Grant, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Resolution – MN Department CFL (Elders Meals)

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve Resolution #064-17-009, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for; 0 against.

Resolution – Headstart/Early Headstart COLA Approval

Tabled - HR and legal review needed. How does the 1% work within the Tribes COLA and HR system. Is the increase based on scale or wages.

Tribal Health Substance Abuse Program License

[REDACTED]  
Motion made by Tara Mason to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Tara provided an enterprise update on the meeting that was held the end of last week. Roy has 15 projects. Lisa is reconstructing the contracts. Jessica stated that the accounting system is not working; quick books is being entered into then being sent to casino - billing is hard to reconcile. Scott was asked to meet with Nick on accounting systems to identify the best course of action. Tara requested an organizational flow chart and how the projects will get done. Jessica will be signing off on time cards for Ojibwa and sanitation and Roy will sign off on her

timecard. The enterprise board needs to be restructured; Joe Plumer drafted current bylaws and articles that are in place. Roy should be asked to provide an update on the projects that are in place; schedule for upcoming meeting.

***Meeting recessed at 11:33 a.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 11:44 a.m.***

### **Legal Department**

#### **Tobacco License Request [REDACTED]**

Joe Plumer was present and provided an overview of the tobacco licensing requests. Tax ordinance was discussed as well as dispute with MN Revenue regarding tobacco tax. There is no benefit to the individuals requesting tobacco licensing. Brief discussion was held regarding the Tribe being licensed to sell tobacco. Request was made for Joe to provide the tax agreement for review; as well as the tobacco addendum.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve [REDACTED] license, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to approve tobacco license for [REDACTED], Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

***Terry Tibbetts left meeting at 12:13 p.m.***

***Terry Tibbetts entered meeting at 12:17 p.m.***

### **Judge Firing**

Joe Plumer was present. Statement was made by an individual that Tara, Kathy, Punky fired a previous judge. Joe stated there is no structure in the constitution regarding separation of powers. There was previous discussion regarding waving sovereign immunity; which was discussed but never acted upon. There is blame being placed for firing of a judge which never happened. Joe stated there needs to be clarification made. Tara stated that she has no individual authority to terminate a judge. There was agreement on the sovereign immunity discussion that was held at the time; never any action to approve firing.

Motion made by Tara Mason to go into executive session at 12:39 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Tara Mason to leave executive session at 1:17 p.m., Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Punky Clark left meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to go into regular session, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

**Tara Mason left meeting at 1:17 p.m.**



Brief discussion was held regarding potlatch land purchase of 1,319 acres. Motion made by Punky Clark to purchase the land, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

Brief discussion was held regarding MCT lands be returned to respective reservations; should be discussed at TEC level.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 2:07 p.m., Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer

**White Earth Reservation Tribal Council  
Special Meeting  
July 12, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.  
White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 9:15 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 Kathy Goodwin to approve with additions, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**RTC Meeting Minutes (7/5/17 & 7/7/17)**

Motion made by Umsy Tibbetts to approve, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**Calendar Review**

- RTC Quarterly/Elder Picnic (7/21/17)

**Mahnomen Child Care/SSC Subsidy**

Mary Otto and Barb Fabre were present. Discussion was held regarding the follow up budget request for the Mahnomen Child Care Early Learning Center in Mahnomen. Barb gave a brief overview/history of Mahnomen child care. Currently there is 5 staff and 18-25 children. Question came from GM of casino regarding subsidy of \$120,000 for child care; there are a number of shifts not covered for child care services so there is question regarding the subsidy. A survey day will be set up for casino employees; Tara stated she would provide a few door prizes if needed. Tara had questions regarding statement of operations; 508 should be moved back into 501 and/or 502. Rental/lease of the building is billed by WETCC; have not received billing for this year yet. Mahnomen site will also be a wrap around service location. Question was asked about justifying the subsidy when there are other communities that have major child care needs as well. Barb stated that they're continually working on child care issues in all communities. A request was made to do community wide survey; newspaper. Tara would like

to see projections for Mahnomen site wrap around program. Brief discussion was held regarding other child care sites and whether or not child care program could establish a program in each community (Naytahwaush, Rice Lake, Pine Point).

A request is being made to move forward with modular proposal for White Earth location. There is funding that needs to be utilized before September 30th. Cost will be \$161,000 for building, water/sewer will need to be hooked up, footings are needed. Consensus of Tribal Council is to move forward with this proposal. Barb stated that they are not sure what the next years funding would be, but if there is an increase there is a hope to put a facility in Naytahwaush for child care.

**Meeting recessed at 10:42 a.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 11:04 a.m.**

#### **Other**

THPO Appointment - Consensus of Tribal Council was to appoint Monica Hedstrom until position is filled.

Child Care License [REDACTED] - Tabled

Requires legal counsel review, compliance inspections should be considered for licensing.

Joe reviewed the child care license information.

Motion made by Punky Clark to deny the license until conditions are met, seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

Business License [REDACTED]

There are concerns with insurance issues and nature of business, liability. Tabled until legal counsel provides recommendations. Consensus was to deny until insurance information is provided.

#### **Wild Rice – Elder Sales**

Elders meeting concerns of not being able to purchase wild rice. Rice was purchased from Leech Lake to accommodate wild rice sales. There needs to be a way to identify processed rice. There are concerns with ENP coordinator not addressing the elder needs; job description was requested for review. Brief discussion was held regarding WE Council of Elders; are bylaws being followed. A request should be made for meeting minutes prior to any funding being disbursed.

#### **Oshki Manidoo Maintenance Fund**

A request is being made to utilize and reallocate the \$100,000 Oshki Manidoo maintenance fund for Mahnomen Boys & Girls Club. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against. Any unforeseen maintenance issues the program has funding to cover.

#### Wellstone Building

The WETCC is not willing to allow use of small parcel of land for Boys & Girls Club development, stating reason due to future college development. A formal letter/document needs to be drafted to the WETCC regarding land use for Boys & Girls Club program.

Discussion was held regarding barn removal; asbestos in shingles a concern. Ken will follow up on whether or not there could be controlled burn. Funding allocated for ranch can be reallocated for removal of Wellstone building.

#### Cass Lake Legion

Decision needs to be made on how facility should be renovated to accommodate programs. A request is being made for Tribal Council to tour facility. There is a room that constituents staff can utilize for time being.

***Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m.***

***Meeting reconvened at 12:27 p.m.***

Brief discussion was held regarding counselor positions and wage scale; there are individuals who have training and have passed UMICAD testing but do not have the 4 year degree requirement, non Tribal member who has not

#### Tribal Court

There is situation with Tribe's sovereign immunity. Tara would like to have discussion and request to postpone deposition scheduled for today; legal review and conversation with membership is needed. The court order waiving sovereign immunity in the case needs to be presented and reviewed. A request is being made to have outside agency or legal review come in regarding sovereign immunity issue. In the court case because of policy and handbook the Tribe waived sovereign immunity, there was never any action taken by the Tribal Council to waive any sovereign immunity. BJ Jones stated that the Tribe waived sovereign immunity.

Motion made by Tara Mason to create a judicial review oversight committee, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against. Legal department will be asked to coordinate and provide recommendations. Suggestion was made to have information put out to the community for involvement of Tribal individuals that would be interested in being on the committee. It was also stated that there needs to be involvement of Tribal departments/Tribal employees. There may be option to stipend the non-employee individuals who participate on the committee.

A request is being made to postpone the deposition to allow for outside review. Motion made by Tara Mason to postpone any further court action regarding the issue until the legal review is conducted within 30 days, Seconded by Punky Clark. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 silent.



## Budgets

Discussion needs to be held regarding program needs and additions needed to the budget. A request was made to have designation of maintenance personnel (2) for assisting of elders within the communities. Homeless program funding needs to be discussed; additional funding has been allocated but individuals are not being assisted. A request is being made to allocate \$10,000 to Human Services for reinstatement fees; could be micro-loan option for repayment-would replenish fund.

## Donations - via Payroll Deduction

Would it be acceptable to offer an option to employees to donate for a said cause and have amounts paid via payroll deduction. On gaming commission side a percentage tax could be in place for donations. There was question as to tax and the program receiving the donation and the need for legal review.

**Meeting recessed at 1:40 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 1:55 p.m.**

Brief discussion was held regarding employee issue; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There needs to be non-disclosure policy in place for employees of programs. [REDACTED]

## WEHA Community Council Funding

Indian Housing Plan would determine use of funding; OMB may be what's being referenced for limitations for use of funding.

**Punky Clark left meeting at 2:39 p.m.**

**Punky Clark entered meeting at 2:44 p.m.**

## Work Session Location

Pine Point July 17th at 9:00 a.m.; new school location.

Tribal Code permits for waivers of advocates that are not law licensed and are Tribal members. Individual didn't pass the bar exam; will be retaking in February. Waiver is being requested for individual to continue to represent the agency as well as traffic and conservation programs. Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to allow 9 month waiver for Barbara Olds, Seconded by Tara Mason. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

**Meeting recessed at 3:10 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 3:24 p.m.**

**Meetings/Open Door Policies**

Clarification needed. Band member at TEC meeting stated that Tara closed the door on a meeting; it is Chairman's call to close the meetings.

**Financial Information Request**

A request from Natalie McArthur is being made for additional financial information. Tabled until next week.

**Bugger McArthur (Casino Property)**

There are promotions of \$1.4 million that was taken from casino; should be Tribal Court or Mahnomen County Attorney for repayment. Another issue that should be addressed is previous roads manager issue. Charles LaDue has information/letter regarding McArthur misappropriations. Joe should be asked to compile McArthur information for review.

ICWA - Tabled

Tribal Council Rumors - Tabled

**Pine Point Pow-Wow Donation**

Requesting \$25,000 for this year's Pow-wow, paper products, and 25# wild rice.

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to approve \$25,000, 500 paper products, and #25 wild rice for Pine Point Pow-wow and Naytahwaush Harvest Fest Pow-wow, Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 3 for, 1 against.

**Christian Retreat**

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Kathy Goodwin to adjourn meeting at 4:04 p.m., Seconded by Umsy Tibbetts. Motion carried, 4 for, 0 against.

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Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer

**Subject: Re: Termination**

Morning Donna - sorry for the delay in responding. As we talked about on the phone the only thing I know about my removal as Associate Judge at White Earth was that the Chief Judge communicated to me that the Council no longer desired that I be a Judge there and asked the Chief Judge to replace me. I am not aware of why or who was involved in this decision.

Thanks so much and have a most pleasant day. BJ Jones