

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

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White Earth Reservation Business Committee Balances Budget

WHITE EARTH, MINN. – During a special meeting held today (Monday, Sept. 24), the White Earth Reservation Business Committee (RBC) passed a balanced budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

After four years of deficit spending by the previous administration, strategic decisions have been made to balance a \$12 million general fund budget deficit. Major costs under prior leadership with long-term impacts included \$26 million invested in marginal gaming ventures. These investments have impacted tribal programs and services now and into the future.

The current RBC members, Terrence Tibbetts, Leonard Alan Roy, Eugene Tibbetts, Kathy Goodwin and Raymond Auginaush, were involved in the current budget process and voted 4-0 to approve the FY19 general fund budget. The approved budget of \$20,414,284 supports multiple programs and initiatives, which include the Elderly Nutrition and Assistance Programs, Cultural Programs and Pow Wows, Boys and Girls Clubs, and Public Safety among others.

Key staff worked diligently to identify areas where reductions could be made. At the discretion of Division Directors, cuts as high as 40 percent were made to individual program budgets, which resulted in 25 lay-offs, seven transfers and five employees with a reduction of hours. Considerable cuts were made to line-items, with minimal impact on services to White Earth members.

To re-balance tribal needs and the general fund, two additional grant writers will be hired. The Tribal Council will engage heavily at the Federal and State levels, as well as with non-profits and foundations to secure funding and free-up general fund resources.

The FY19 budget includes a set-aside of \$250,000 for government program audits. A set-aside for other Government Projects has been proposed to include investigations of expenditures related to the Star Lake and Bagley Casino ventures. As of the Quarter 3 financial report delivered at the Sept. 6 Quarterly Meeting, the RBC had \$1.5 million in general fund cash.

The White Earth Reservation Business Committee continues with a positive outlook for the future of White Earth and its members and is committed to moving forward.

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Media: The 2019 Budget has been attached to this email.

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		APPROVED	APPROVED	PROPOSED	PROPOSED		Difference
		REVENUE	EXPENSE	REVENUE	EXPENSE		REVENUE
DPT NAME		BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET		EXPENSE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			8,200		0		(8,200)
LOBBYIST			176,837		176,837		0
PROPERTY TAXES			104,000		154,000		50,000
COMMODITY FOODS IN K		135,000	131,411	204,000	117,599	69,000	(13,812)
INTEREST/BUILDING PAYMENT		100,000	0	100,000	770,000	0	770,000
GET OUT THE VOTE			6,638		0		(6,638)
CAPITAL & PROJECTS			1,352,900		2,350,000		997,100
EDUCATIONAL LICENSES			56,784		36,437		(20,347)
CULTURAL PROGRAM		20,000	388,142	0	265,369		(122,773)
GREEN THUMB			18,418		0		(18,418)
ENERGY ASSISTANCE			11,662		0		(11,662)
TRIBAL COURTS			211,728		0		(211,728)
WILD RICE			119,781		0		(119,781)
SOLAR PROJECT MATCH			49,668		31,482		(18,186)
ELDERS RAMPS			15,000		15,000		0
OLD PINE POINT SCHOO			188,292		186,934		(1,358)
ELDER SNOWPLOWING			101,047		126,344		25,297
ELDERLY NUTRITION SU			105,000		70,000		(35,000)
CASINO DISTRIBUTION		7,516,391		10,325,163		2,808,772	
FIRE PROTECTION			42,321		42,321		0
WATER SYSTEM			921,865		656,587		(265,278)
LODGING & TOBACCO TAXES		154,800	0	135,768	0	(19,032)	
GIWANIKIMIN HOUSING PROJECT			50,000		50,000		0
TRIBAL COLLEGE			600,000		600,000		0
ELDER MOWING			83,104		83,025		(79)
SAVE OUR SPIRIT			27,331		0		(27,331)
FLEET			347,663		100,000		(247,663)
RTC KITCHEN			81,053		80,614		(439)
DREAM CATCHER HOMES			20,000		20,000		0
NAYTAHWAUSH FIRE HALL			16,670		16,577		(93)
WATER SYSTEM CONSTRU			202,797		272,429		69,632
WIND ENERGY			40,656		49,527		8,871
RICE LAKE CENTER			101,772		99,120		(2,652)
BLDING PAYMENTS MOVE TO DIV 0001			725,000		0		(725,000)
MANITOK BUILDING			12,307		11,423		(884)
WHITE EARTH COMMUNITY CENTER		2,000	178,627	0	175,416	(2,000)	(3,211)
BIA COMBINED SERVICES			1,114,170		624,275		(489,895)
RESERVATION TRIBAL C		5,631,575	733,783	5,847,476	1,494,867	215,901	761,084
SECRETARY/TREASURER			190,063		146,266		(43,797)

DIST. 1		164,217		126,887		(37,330)
DIST. 2		166,149		157,811		(8,338)
DIST. 3		153,421		140,991		(12,430)
CHAIRMAN		176,871		161,164		(15,707)
ELECTIONS		154,331		154,331		0
RTC EVENTS & EMPLOYEE IN		72,696		72,672		(24)
MAHNOMEN BUILDING	54,000	162,500	67,500	181,563	13,500	19,063
PLANNING DEPT		523,564		203,878		(319,686)
LEGAL COUNCIL		522,686	12,000	445,322	12,000	(77,364)
ENROLLMENTS	5,520	300,669	5,520	326,340	0	25,671
COMMUNICATIONS		340,279		144,873		(195,406)
TERO	300,000	308,809	281,872	225,960	(18,128)	(82,849)
ARCHIVES		52,440		39,783		(12,657)
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NTW		142,911		120,820		(22,091)
SECURITY		389,609		138,305	0	(251,304)
TRIBAL POLICE	0	2,936,233	0	2,080,837	0	(855,396)
CONSERVATION		190,699		74,391	0	(116,308)
DISPATCH		405,830		411,298		5,468
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		115,670		77,562		(38,108)
REDISCOVERY CENTER		27,485		26,993	0	(492)
LAND DEPARTMENT	39,000	948,386	0	594,574	(39,000)	(353,812)
WILD RICE MANAGER		0		80,113		80,113
MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE		155,664		127,290		(28,374)
VETERANS ASSOCIATION		24,000		24,000		0
CONSTITUENT SERVICES		396,115		334,502		(61,613)
ELDERLY NUTRITION	280,000	1,285,545	360,000	708,328	80,000	(577,217)
AMBULANCE	350,000	350,000	0	0	(350,000)	(350,000)
TRANSIT SYSTEM	46,000	859,594	38,000	862,535	(8,000)	2,941
LITTLE ELBOW LAKE PARK		100,898		46,743		(54,155)
POW-WOW FUNDS	50,000	230,000	193,000	325,000		95,000
CONGREGATE HOUSING		100,000		75,000		(25,000)
MOTOR VEHICLE	150,000	233,675	140,000	196,964	(10,000)	(36,711)
COMPLIANCE DIVISION	0	123,298	0	105,679	0	(17,619)
ROOSEVELT BUILDING	54,264	44,680	53,520	38,080	(744)	(6,600)
PUBLIC RELATION & CO	10,600	272,470	7,500	266,138	(3,100)	(6,332)
INDIRECT SHORTFALL		0		0		0
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ADMINISTRATION		254,427		281,627		27,200
SURVEILLANCE		138,982		42,176		(96,806)
DRUG COURT	0	144,162	0	169,950	0	25,788
GIS		73,160		0		(73,160)
HOMELESS		50,000		50,000	0	0
ELDERLY ADVOCACY PROGRAM		155,625		103,558		(52,067)

DONATIONS		50,000	100,000	90,000	100,000		40,000	0
OGEMA BOY & GIRLS (E.L. prior to 2017)			169,224		163,532			(5,692)
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS			182,617		61,840			(120,777)
CRP LANDS		50,061	349,001	0	238,604		(50,061)	(110,397)
LEECH LAKE OFFICE			183,332		144,979			(38,353)
NAYTAHWAUSH COMPLEX			386,392		377,971			(8,421)
MAHNOMEN POLICE		211,584	239,591	211,584	213,000		0	(26,591)
OLD WHITE EARTH SCHOOL			0		0			0
PINE POINT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB			123,971		98,599			(25,372)
WHITE EARTH FIRE HALL			6,900		5,824			(1,076)
RICE LAKE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB			111,713		94,757			(16,956)
WHITE EARTH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB			128,264		0			(128,264)
PUBLIC WORKS ROAD CREW			103,115		0			(103,115)
CALLAWAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB			118,767		94,196			(24,571)
MAHNOMEN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB			131,459		170,905			39,446
WAUBUN BOY & GIRLS CLUB			107,346		83,590			(23,756)
FROM CARRYOVER 9/30/2012		0	0	0	0		0	0
		15,210,795	24,224,132	18,072,903	20,414,284		2,739,108	(3,809,848)
Budget Shortfall			(9,013,337)		(2,341,381)			
WORK FORCE RE-ENTRY			127,988		116,726.00		0	(11,262)
COMPLIANCE ADJUDICATION		60,000	264,250	164,000	294,187		104,000	29,937
DRUG TESTING		90,000	192,998	125,000	266,454		35,000	73,456
QUALITY ASSURANCE			131,542		0		0	(131,542)
SURVEILLANCE		0	441,879	356,078	356,078			(85,801)
RISK MANAGEMENT		0	161,888	0	0		0	(161,888)
COMPLIANCE		50,000	363,064	70,000	356,470		20,000	(6,594)
		200,000	1,683,609	715,078	1,389,915.00			(293,694)
JOM			81,001		81,001			0
Higher Ed			855,360		842,398			(12,962)
ABE			167,676		166,895	x		(781)
Conservation			402,016		387,654			(14,362)
Tribal Courts			826,578		615,145	x		(211,433)
Forestry			120,225		121,843	x		1,618
Real Estate Services			72,662		72,662			0
Natural Resources			250,065		172,045	x		(78,020)
Water Resources			24,000		22,428	x		(1,572)

Social Services		136,017		129,482	x		(6,535)
Direct Employment		10,000		10,000	x		0
Zoning		223,153		0	x		(223,153)
Fisheries		237,112		196,446	x		(40,666)
		3,405,865		2,817,998			(587,867)
Available revenue		2,291,695		2,193,723			(97,972)
Subsidy needed from general fund		1,114,170		624,275			(489,895)