

**Executive Council of Trustees Meeting
7/28/2015 4:45 p.m. Admin Building**

Present: Joan, Dean, Joy.

Others present: Terry, Deb, Gary, Landa.

Recorded by: Patty S.

The purpose of this meeting was WETCC seeking board approval of the Construction Bid Award to Gordon Construction for \$2,735,178.88.

Discussion took place regarding financing, Bremer Bank requires a loan guarantee from the Tribe; White Earth Investment Initiative is being explored as an alternative lender option.

Dean and Joan disclosed they are both board members for White Earth Investment Initiative.

Deb will send the legal title opinion for Phase I, performed by David DeGroat, to Julia.

Landa is running projections.

Joan voiced concerns regarding the requirement of a Tribal guarantee for the loan vs. autonomy, and with 2 WETCC COT members being seated on the White Earth Investment Initiative Board.

Terry, Landa and Deb are scheduled to meet with MMCDC, Audra Highelk, and Kevin Shipley on 7/29/15.

Terry has met with Scott Omlid and Erma Vizenor. They have requested more information, including projections.

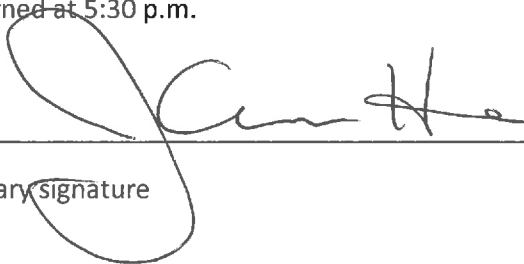
Motion was made by Dean to accept Gordon Construction as the lowest bidder. Motion was denied 3 times. Discussion took place regarding concerns of negative contractor reviews, Gary explained that the quality issues are being corrected, and explained possible reasons for the large difference in contractors' bid amounts. Joan called for a vote to accept Gordon Construction as the lowest bidder; 3 ayes, (1 with concerns in mind), 0 nays; approved by consensus.

Gary left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

COT is to be included on email updates regarding construction and financing.

Executive COT Committee is in consensus that we start construction as soon as possible if approved for early start.

Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Secretary signature

11/16/2015

date