

GAAGIGE-MIKWENDAAGOZIWAG REWARD FUND BOARD MEETING

April 11th, 2024
9:00am-10:30am

Board Members:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Matthews- Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Selena Garza | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rene Ann Goodrich |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merlin Deegan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caroline Palmer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ana Negrete |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Seat | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest _____ | |

Minutes: Notes indicated in Bold Print

9:00 to 9:05 Welcome

- Chair was unable to attend due to technical difficulties.

9:05 to 10:00 Final Review and approval of purposed policy/ procedure

- Board approved draft policy, feedback from board members were incorporated and draft was revised to reflect the purposed changes.

10:10-10:15 General Business

- Formal engagement with Crime Stoppers-
- No questions, engagement with crime stoppers approved.
- Transfer of Funds from original board, balance, and process
- Tabled for now, per RG, funds remain with original organization. They are in the process of dissolving but have not done so currently.
- Initial Requests
 - Billboards- Leech Lake Area
 - Rewards for Unsolved Homicide Cases
 - Awareness Campaigns
- Board notified of the early asks that are coming into the office outlined above. Board in agreement that these requests fit within the scope of what the reward fund will be able to support in the future.
- Request Form will need to be created in order for official requests to come into MMIR and reward fund board.

10:15-10:20 Next Step for Approval

- MMIR Director
- Director has reviewed the draft and does not have any questions or concerns.
- General Council
- Ana will set meeting with general board contact sometime in May and review results with the board.

10:25-10:30 Action Items: Awareness: Upon Approval from GC

- Press Release
- MIAC
- Radio
- Other Media
- Suggestions for where we can announce the rollout of funding and availability. WRLN – Red Lake Nation- John Roberts, Niji Radio- Margret Rosso, Native Roots Radio, Indian Country Today, KFAI- Community Radio, Social Media, MTC- MN Chippawa Tribes- meet quarterly, will need to get on the agenda Chair Chavers is the contact.

Notes: Need to have Selena approve the policy.

- [Approved by Selena, previously approved by other board members via email.](#)

Question from Ana to Selena, do you have the contact information for the K-9 team that you mentioned that is tribal?

- [Amanda Wadena is the dog handler out of White Earth. Ana is familiar with this K-9 team and will reach out for collaboration.](#)

Other Notes: Board Member RG referred a family to MMIR Office for request for support.