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Update on Proposed Shooting Star Casino (SSC) - LREC

This provides an update regarding the Shooting Star Casino (SSC) development scheduled for construction in 2016 in Star Lake Township (SLT). To date SLT is not aware of any new filings of land transactions on behalf of the White Earth Nation (WEN) or the SSC with the Otter Tail County (OTC) Records Office. The WEN is the owner/operator of the Shooting Star Casino and its subsidiaries.

Executives with Lake Region Electrical Cooperative (LREC) and Great River Energy (GRE) attended the 11/12/15 meeting of the SLT Board of Supervisors. Attending were Tim Johnson - CEO of LREC, Al Fasio - VP of Engineering for LREC, and Rick Heuring - Sr. Field Representative of GRE. Great River Energy is the wholesale supplier of electricity for LREC, plus 27 other electrical cooperatives in Minnesota.

Tim Johnson outlined the following points:

- a. An overview of the size and geographical limits of LREC and GRE (see attachments),
- b. This meeting was an initial step to open communications with SLT regarding the potential construction of electrical infrastructure on/along road-right-of ways,
- c. Confirmed the known timeline at this point, remains for construction to begin in 2016 with start of SSC operations in 2017.
- d. A new electrical substation would be located at/near the SSC location, and this would be fed by the existing Maine substation.
 - o GRE would be responsible for construction of the high voltage feeder lines to the SSC substation, and this would be an overhead installation of 65' above ground,
 - o LREC would be responsible of construction of on-site lines for SSC and expected new residential service in the area,
 - o The Maine, Erhard, Dent, and Dora substations would each shed some of their customers to the new SSC substation, thereby increasing the capacity for each, as well as improved service for existing customers,
- e. The group indicated that they have met with SSC maintenance & electrical personnel to gather some preliminary information regarding the potential needs. Of note, during this discussion SSC indicated they would be utilizing state of the art fixtures &



- equipment to enable efficiency, and to minimize the potential for light pollution; possibly outdoor LED lighting focused downward.
- f. The group indicated that they expected the WEN to subsidize in some way the costs associated with the expansion of service, but had no details on what that might be at this time.
 - g. Lastly, the group asked the Board if they could use the town hall as a meeting location for future public meetings. These meetings would provide township residents additional information as it becomes available. The Board has approved that request.

At their 11/10/15 meeting the OTC Commission approved a letter to the WEN requesting a meeting with them to begin discussions on a “limited” comprehensive plan, as well as suggesting that SRF Consulting be retained to begin work on more specific plans. SRF is consulting firm that has been used both by OTC and the WEN on previous projects.

The SLT board has requested that it be included in any future discussions with the WEN. The township as the road authority for 380th Street, as well as LREC/GRE and other utility service providers will need to be involved very early in the construction process.

As previously stated, the Star Lake Township Board remains committed to sharing factual information as it becomes available, with its citizens on this very significant project.

Respectfully,

Star Lake Township Board