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Update on Proposed Shooting Star Casino (SSC) – SRF Consulting Review

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.

On 1/26/16 the OTC Commissioners approved a proposal by the SRF Consulting Group out of Mpls., to complete a review and assessment of the proposed Star Lake Resort & Casino development. This assessment will look at all aspects of potential infrastructure needs and assign projected costs, involved stakeholders, etc.. It will be comprehensive in nature.

The White Earth Nation (WEN) has reportedly provided verbal agreement to share the cost of the study. SRF Consulting has previously done work for OTC (most recently the 2040 Transportation Plan), as well as the WEN. SLT Supervisor, Lee Mindemann, was a member of the Project Steering Committee for the OTC Transportation Plan and attests that SRF is a very professional and competent firm; and feels they are a good choice for this work.

According to OTC Public Works Director, Rick West, a Project Management Team (PMT) will be formed to work with SRF Consulting during this assessment. Mr. West feels this work will begin in about six weeks, and will likely take up to 4 months to complete. The PMT will include representatives from SRF, OTC, Star Lake Twp. (possibly Dead Lake Twp.), the Star Lake Property Owners Association, and others deemed necessary.

The SLT Board remains committed to providing timely updates on this proposed project as new & confirmed information becomes available.

Respectfully,

Star Lake Township Board