



STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP E - BULLETIN # 23

SUBJECT: The Star Lake Casino is officially **CANCELLED!**

DATE: 9/7/18

The proposed Star Lake Resort & Casino project announced by the White Earth Nation (WEN) nearly three years ago, was officially cancelled by the White Earth Business Committee during a special meeting Friday, August 31, 2018. See attached links for an official copy of the White Earth News Release and local newspaper articles which provide more details/perspectives of the decision.

White Earth Reservation Business Committee– News Release (see page 2 attached)
Proposed Star Lake casino dead after three years of fighting – [InForum](#) | [Perham Focus](#)
White Earth Nation cancels proposed Otter Tail County casino – [StarTribune](#)

The Star Lake Township board is pleased with this decision by the new leadership of the WEN. We acknowledge the challenges they now face regarding the 255 acres of fee land acquired for the project. We look forward to working with the WEN as they pursue alternative uses for their Star Lake property that are more consistent with the environmental and cultural preservation objectives expressed by their membership.

The numerous environmental challenges detailed in the public discourse over the past three years, as well as the corresponding social, public safety, and economic factors that normally accompany such a development were of great concern to the board and this community. The board offers sincere thanks and appreciation to the Star Lake Concerned Citizens Group & their supporters. Their very comprehensive and professional research/analysis, and objective communications were instrumental in achieving this result. Thank You.

Star Lake residents should understand the fee land acquired remains legal property of the WEN, as well as on the tax rolls of Otter Tail County. The Star Lake Board welcomes our new neighbor and constituent and look forward to building a productive and respectful relationship.

Respectfully,

Star Lake Township Board



White Earth Reservation Business Committee

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White Earth Reservation Business Committee Rescinds Star Lake Resolution

WHITE EARTH, MINN. – The White Earth Reservation Business Committee (RBC) held a special meeting Friday, Aug. 31. During this meeting, RBC members voted to rescind Resolution No. 001-16-004 by a unanimous vote, 4-0. This resolution had given tribal leadership the ability to pursue economic endeavors on Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT) trust land near Dent, Minn. This project was also known as the Star Lake Casino.

Resolution No. 001-16-004 was originally drafted by previous RBC members in 2015 and was adopted by a vote of 3 for, 0 against, 0 silent with the intent to construct a satellite Shooting Star Casino entity on Star Lake. The proposed Star Lake project was to include gaming and resort amenities such as a hotel, marina, event center and various dining options.

The RBC continues to invest in its current gaming facilities located in Mahnomon and Bagley.

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