

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
WHITE EARTH BAND OF MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE**

Resolution No. 057-24-002

- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, of the revised constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee established the White Earth Division of Natural Resources to protect, restore and regulate the natural resources on the White Earth Reservation in order to ensure human health, spiritual, cultural, and economic sustainability of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS,** tribal members depend on natural resources within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation to support the exercise of their federal hunting, fishing, and gathering property rights, and
- WHEREAS,** chronic wasting disease has become an imminent threat to the White Earth Reservations white-tailed deer population, the most common source of protein for subsistence living tribal members, and
- WHEREAS,** The White Earth Division of Natural Resources is in their fourth year of chronic wasting disease surveillance, with zero detections within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Reservation to date, and
- WHEREAS,** The White Earth Division of Natural Resources receives data from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on multiple chronic wasting disease positive white-tailed deer directly adjacent to the White Earth Reservation boundaries, within the 1855 ceded territory, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Division of Natural Resources and the University of Minnesota, Veterinary Population Medicine Department wishes to collaborate and form a Hunter-Based Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Program, to educate and provide training to tribal members, now
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the White Earth Business Committee accepts, from the University of Minnesota, the amount of fifty-two thousand seven hundred dollars to plan and implement the Hunter-Based Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that James Uran Jr enter into contract with the White Earth Reservation Business Committee to fulfill the requirements of the Hunter-Based Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Program and report any and all information to the White Earth Division of Natural Resources.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a regular meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on October 31, 2023 in Mahnomen, Minnesota.



Michael Fairbanks, Chairman



Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer