

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Special Meeting

April 19, 2024

White Earth, MN

Chairman Michael A. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Present: Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman
Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer
Henry Fox, District I Representative
Eugene Sommers, District II Representative ~ Via Teams
Cheryl "Annie" Jackson, District III Representative ~ Via Teams

Absent:

Others Present: Laurie York, Executive Director
Andrea Kingbird, General Counsel
Maria Bevins, Recorder

Agenda Approval

Additions:

- **Election Two Items ~ New Business**
- **Temporary Absentee Voting Location Letters ~ New Business**
- **Indigenous Food Labs is requesting to purchase 300 pounds of wild rice for \$16.00 per pound ~ New Business**

Motion made by Henry Fox to approve with additions; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

RBC Meeting Minutes

No meeting minutes.

Calendar Review

Calendar items were discussed.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Political Activity Memo:

The memo authorizes Laurie York, Executive Director to provide to all directors and employees. Secretary/Treasurer LaRoque referenced the Memo to the RBC. RBC in consensus to send to RBC employees.

Tribal Council Formal Code of Ethics on Election:

Secretary/Treasurer LaRoque referenced the Memo to the RBC. Brief discussion held on using RBC mailing address for campaigning such as campaign items.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve with the amendment to the memo, second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, Eugene is silent.

Temporary Absentee Voting Location Letters:

Lori Thompson is the authorized representative for the Tribe to work with the Recorder's Office's in Mahnomon, Clearwater, and Becker Counties in coordinating for the temporary absentee voting locations for the November elections.

- Temporary Absentee Voting Location Letter ~ Naytahwaush Fire Hall
- Temporary Absentee Voting Location Letter ~ Rice Lake Community Center
- Temporary Absentee Voting Location Letter ~ White Earth Fire Hall

Motion made by Henry Fox to approve; second by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Indigenous Food Labs Request:

Indigenous Food Labs is requesting to purchase 300 pounds of wild rice at \$16.00 per pound. Recommendation to discuss in the RBC debriefing. Representative Sommers stated that he brought this to the Tribal Council's attention 2 months ago. Brief discussion held on the purchase of the wild rice. The Indigenous Food Labs would like for White Earth to be their vendor. To move forward, they need to be setup as a vendor with the White Earth Finance Department's assistance. Ken Fox will submit a formal proposal for the request for 300 pounds of wild rice at \$16.00 per pound. Recommendation to wait for the formal request from Ken to move forward on the approval.

Consent Agenda /Signatory Requests for April 19, 2024:

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, Eugene is silent.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque adjourn the meeting at 11:31a.m.; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer