

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Special Meeting

July 12, 2023

White Earth MN

Chairman Michael Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

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

Others Present: Laurie York, Executive Director
Curtis Rogers, Deputy Director
Ayecia Kemp, Recorder
Antonio Solorzano, General Counsel

Agenda

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve agenda with additions; second by Henry Fox.
Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

RBC Meeting Minutes (No Meeting Minutes for Approval)

New Business

Antonio Solorzano is present.

Proposed Adult-Use Cannabis Code

Antonio gave brief update on a proposed adult use cannabis code; the RBC recently amended the medicinal cannabis code and in the process of opening a dispensary for medicinal and this would be for adult use. This is the first time we’re considering the code and requested that RBC provisionally approves the code and to set it out for public comment to receive feedback from the communities. There is a concern on who will regulate adult use within the reservation and off the reservation. The current medicinal cannabis control commission is the appropriate agency use and we’re going to assign those responsibility for adult use to the medicinal cannabis control commission. Brief discussion held on the Minnesota Bill that was passed and if the RBC would want to decide on what tax would be implemented on or imposed on adult cannabis transaction. The Public Comment will be out for seven days, and the public comment period will lapse next Wednesday so that community members will have a week to submit their comments.

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve Proposed Adult-Use Cannabis Code; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Band to Elect to Receive Homeless Prevention Aid for 2024

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve Letter; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

White Earth Community Council Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow Shooting Star Casino Donation

Request was tabled and Mike LaRoque said they can reach out to Sue Heisler for the \$5,000.00

Consent Agenda/ Signatory Request with Ratifications

There are concerns on Binesi Retro Tech Mining and to have this tabled for further discussion.

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve Consent Agenda/ Signatory Request with Ratifications with one tabled signatory request second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque for meeting go in executive session at 1:43 p.m.; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Pat Butler Signatory Request Contract Support Reconciliation for FY 2018

Antonio gave a brief update that received an overpayment of \$32,574.00 and there is a resolution from 2018 and it's a request for an expenditure and to authorize Pat Butler, Mike Fairbanks or Mike LaRoque to sign.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve overpayment for \$32,745.00; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Representation Agreement – Hogen Adams

Brief discussion held on trespassing on two different lakes, Reggie brown is represented by native regional defense and Joseph Thompson missed court and has a warrant out for his arrest. Regional Defense will be the ones to defend them.

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

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Motion made by Eugene Sommers to adjourn meeting at 2:38 p.m.; second by Henry Fox . Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer