

**White Earth Reservation Business Committee**

**Special Meeting**

**June 12, 2024**

**White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Michael A. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 10:13 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  
Cheryl "Annie" Jackson, District III Representative ~ Via Teams

Absent:

Others Present: Andrea Kingbird, General Counsel  
Ayecia Kemp, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Maria Bevins, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

**Additions:**

- **Consent Agenda / Signatory Requests for June 12, 2024**

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

**RBC Meeting Minutes (No Meeting Minutes)**

**Calendar**

Calendar items were discussed.

**Old Business**

No old Business

**New Business**

No old Business

**Consent Agenda / Signatory Requests for June 12, 2024**

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

*Motion made by Michael LaRoque to go into Executive Session at 10:18 a.m.; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.*

**SWCA Agreement & Resolution**

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve Resolution No. 001-24-050; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

**Grant Distribution Agreement**

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

**Consent Agreement**

Michael LaRoque referenced the agreement to the Tribal Council.

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

**Resolution Human Services – Contract with Optima for Property Management & Management Agreement:**

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve Resolution No. 064-24-080; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

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**Resolution – Authorization for Signing State Agency Consultation Letters**

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve Resolution No. 001-24-051; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Cheryl “Annie” Jackson was silent.

**Resolution – WEDNR Scientific Study and Coordination, Water Protection Ordinance**

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve Resolution No. 057-24-030; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Cheryl “Annie” Jackson was silent.

**Resolution – WEDNR Water Resources Internal Directives**

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Cheryl “Annie” Jackson was silent.

Revisits with changes Amend to coordinate with the Tribal Utilities Commission. Any other appropriate agency or departments.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to Rescind his motion; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Cheryl “Annie” Jackson was silent.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to Amend Resolution with changes; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Cheryl “Annie” Jackson was silent.

**Resolution – WEDNR- BIA Water Resources Program Funding Application**

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve Resolution No. 057-24-031; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Jim Terry provided a brief overview of the Citizen Update  
A Step Forward for Protection Water Resources

New Measures Passed by RBC

- Increase Enforcement of New Water Source Permitting
- Expand White Earth DNR Regulatory Enforcement Capacity
- Expand Scientific Research
- Expand to Regional Approach
- Expand Focus to Include Water Quality

A brief discussion held on wanting RDO to voluntary dismissing the case.

*Eugene Sommers left meeting at 11:34 a.m.*

Release of the Citizen update: RBC in consensus to release. Recommendation for Cory and Jim to reach out to RDO today.

*Eugene Sommers returned to the meeting at 11:36 a.m.*

*Executive Session ended at 11:36 a.m.*

Motion made by Henry Fox to adjourn meeting at 11:36 a.m.; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

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Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer