

**White Earth Reservation Business Committee**

**Special Meeting**

**July 1, 2024**

**White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Michael A. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 9:15 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  
District III Representative

Absent:

Others Present: Laurie York, Executive Director  
Curtis Rogers, Deputy Director  
Andrea Kingbird, General Counsel  
Ayecia Kemp, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Maria Bevins, Recorder

**Agenda Approval**

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve with additions; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against.

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

**Calendar**

Calendar items were discussed.

Swearing in of District III Representative, Laura Lee Erickson.

*Eugene Left meeting at 9:22 a.m.*

**Old Business**

No old Business

**New Business**

No old Business

*Eugene Returned to meeting at 9:24 a.m.*

*Motion made by Michael LaRoque to go into Executive Session at 9:24 a.m.; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.*

**Tabled Signatory Requests**

New LLC Request, Hustle Squad, LLC – David Bower Jr.:

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve with completion of the application; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Contract Becker County/White Earth Mobile Mental Health Services and Children’s Mental Health Services ~ Table

**Land**

Megan Bakken and Sarah LaFriniere are present for tabled items.

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Homesites; District III [Redacted]

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to deny the Homesite; second by Laura Lee Erickson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Lakeshore; District III – 3 Sites:

Motion made by Laura Lee Erickson to approve, second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

[Redacted]

**8<sup>th</sup> Fire Solar ~ Letter of Support**

Recommendation from Legal Counsel to not move on the letter of support at this time. A brief discussion held on the grant. They want RBC to own it. Based on confidential information that Andrea received. She recommends not to move on the letter. Table for further information. Recommendation to speak to Jerry Chilton.

Concerns were brought forward regarding Honor the Earth on mismanagement of funding.

*Meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 10:19 a.m.*

**Shooting Star Team Member Incentive & Wage**

Nakoa Graff provided a brief overview of the Team Member Incentive and Wage Adjustment.

- One-Time Team Member Incentive
- Pay Increase Options - \$19/hr minimum

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

Grade 1 -14 – Cost of Living will apply:

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

**Shooting Star Casino Solar Project**

Nathan Matthews, TUC is present and provided a brief overview of the Solar Project for the Shooting Star Casino, in Mahnomon, MN and site plan. Awarded the announcement 2023, and the grant will be awarded 2024. A brief discussion was held on the site plan and the project. Concerns brought forward regarding space at the Shooting Star Casino. The Shooting Star Casino did not get notified of the project up until 3 months ago. What are the benefits and costs? The costs will be covered in the grant awarded.

A brief discussion was on the Shooting Star Casino being land locked. A brief discussion was held on the grassy field in back of the Shooting Star Casino as an option for this project. A brief discussion was held on Waabigwan Mashkiki and WETCC workplan/project site.

***Eugene Sommers Left meeting at 10:58 a.m.***

Mr. Matthews provided a brief overview of the past completion of the grant before he began assisting with the grant.

***Eugene Sommers Returned to meeting at 11:03 a.m.***

A brief discussion was held on moving the project for the Shooting Star Casino or stopping the project. Recommendation to have Mr. Matthews to come back on Monday with other plan/options for the project site; however, move forward with Waabigwan Mashkiki and WETCC. ~ Move into the debriefing meeting on Monday.

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Motion made by Henry Fox to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.; second by Laura Lee Erickson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

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Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer