

**White Earth Reservation Business Committee**  
**Special Executive Finance Meeting**

**July 26, 2023**

**Mahnomen, MN**

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Chairman Michael Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

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

Others Present: Curtis Rogers, Deputy Director  
Ayecia Kemp, Recorder  
Maria Bevins, Executive Coordinator  
Antonio Solorzano, General Counsel  
Scott Stevens, Casino General Manager  
Nick Valentine, Casino CFO

**Agenda**

Motion made by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson to approve agenda; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

**RBC Meeting Minutes (05/25/2023)**

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

**Calendar Review**

Calendar items were discussed.

**Old Business**

White Earth Community Council Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow Budget  
Brief discussion held on Sue Heisler \$5,000.00 donation.

Motion made by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson to approve Sturgeon Moon Pow Wow Budget for \$35,000.00; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried 4 for, 0 against.

**New Business**

*StarMart Dispensary Discussion*

Brief discussion held on medical and recreational use. Enterprises Board and Wabigwan are meeting on Thursday. Brief discussion held on Manitok Mall space and temporarily get a small space in the liquor store for dispensary.

*Meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m.*

*Meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m.*

**Financial Review- Nick Valentine, CFO**

**Unaudited Financials (please see attachments)**

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*Mike Fairbanks left meeting at 10:22 a.m.*

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*Mike Fairbanks back in meeting at 10:33 a.m.*

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**Bank Cash Position**

Total amount in Bremer Bank is \$70,080,332.18.

*Eugene Sommers left meeting at 10:49 a.m.*

*Eugene Sommers back in meeting at 10:52 a.m.*

**NTOGE Reports**

NTOGE Donation \$45,378.59 and Gaming Commission Donation \$33,079.31 with a total amount of donations is \$78,829.10.

**Youth & Elders Fund**

Total amount in Elders/Youth Program is \$1,056,843.84 and amount available for transfer is \$165,128.84.

Motion made by Cheryl “Annie” Jackson to approve Financial Report; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

**General Manager Report- Scott Steven, GM**

*Casino Enhancements, Section 5*

Brief discussion held on bringing Sam Olbekson on for the project that would enhance the casino. Section 5 is needs to be fixed up. Brief discussion held on sportsbook and how it would help us. Maximum price would be \$350,000.00 to get the construction timeline down.

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve preliminary cost \$350,000.00; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

*Generator Discussion, Shooting Star Casino Mahnomen*

Brief discussion held on generators. Antonio will bring this to TUC for more information.

*Bagley Casino Annual Event- Update*

The event is going to be September 15/16

*Mobile App- Update on Installation*

Having some complications with the app. The app will be up and running very shortly.

*Vikings Suite & Seating Schedule and Allocation- Discussion*

Brief discussion held on Viking Suite, 14 seats and 2 standing tickets for the suite.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve the 5 sets to be split by 2 tickets each for council and the other odd tickets for regular seating will go to marketing; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

*Elders Parking- Discussion*

Brief discussion held on elder parking in Mahnomen and Bagley. Recommendation was to have 5 spots for Mahnomen and Bagley.

*SSC Power Outage*

Brief discussion held on power outage.

*Legalizing Marijuana*

Brief discussion on team member policy and smoking policy on the ground and in hotel rooms.

*Sportsbook*

Brief discussion held on sportsbook and kiosk. Met with 11 different vendors and they're not really in the top 5.

Motion made by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson to approve Brady Martz Audit Engagement letter; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to adjourn meeting at 1:00 p.m.; second by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against

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Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer