

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Regular Meeting

March 29th, 2024

Mahnomen, MN

Chairman Michael Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

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

Others Present: Laurie York, Executive Director
Curtis Rogers, Deputy Director
Ayecia Kemp, Recorder
Andrea Kingbird, General Counsel
Tracy Lhotka, CFO

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve agenda with additions; second by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

RBC Meeting Minutes (02/28/2024)

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

Elder's Council

Tim Rindahl is present.

WECO's meeting is on April 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Pine Point Old School, we had a valentine's party, Eugene donated candies for their party. Plan on meeting for upcoming events. Michael LaRoque commented about what has been coming to them about trips for TEC for funding, in the past they have sat down with previous WECO to set up a budget, talked about funding there is funding to utilize for trips. As a council we were clear that WECO would utilize their bus and their budget. Michael wants Tim to come up with a list of people who wants to attend. If the funding is not, they're for them then Council will look for funding. Eugene commented on providing security cameras for elders and would like to meet with them at their next meeting, security cameras in the elder villages, break ins. Michael said to use our Elder Advocates, CSO's, to help with this. Tim

said they're worried about that along with emergencies and weather. Elder Advocates to set up and teach the elders how to use the security systems. There is a grant that we have got to accommodate the elderly with computers.

New Business

Sponsorship American Indian Graduation Ceremony 2024

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve Eagle Level Sponsorship \$5,000.00; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Appointment of Election Contest Judge

Replacement of the previous election Judge Michael Heierson

Motion made by Henry Fox to approve; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Appointment of OCM Advisory Board Lisa Brunner

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

MDH grant application

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

FFPSA Allocation Agency Plan

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

Tribal State Relations Training

Eugene Sommers has concerns with the planning for break out session. There is misconceptions from our county commissioners, would like to meet with them. But if it's coming from the State, they could be more open to it. Michael said it's a good idea when we met with staff down by the Capital. Michael brought up when he looked at the Tribal State Relations Training and don't recall if County Commissioners attended the training or if their required to attend it would be great if they could be invited and would like to see county, state commissioners and in our area to attend to get a better grasp. Laura Lee Erickson did reach out to local agencies to attend. Michael brought up to reach out to Matt for a small training session to look at our history of us and will have Laura Lee send out an email to Matt.

Consent Agenda/ Signatory Request

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

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to go into Executive Session at 10:21 a.m.; second by. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Meeting recessed at 10:21 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

Executive Session

Enrollments

Shannon Heisler is present.

Michael LaRoque asked a question about this person who is eligible and why only 1 brother is and not the other siblings. Shannon has over 1,200 letters to do for blood correction, he was the only sibling to appeal, the other siblings did not appeal their enrollment. Michael LaRoque asked if this happens with other families when the work is done, they will have to re-apply. Cheryl "Annie" Jackson has questions if any family members were enrolled in 62 base roll, they would have to be corrected. Laurie York asked if there is an education sheet for blood correction for enrollments, MCT does the letters.

Enrollment Eligible Resolution

Motion made by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson to approve Resolution [REDACTED]; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Enrollment Ineligible Resolution

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

Enrollment No Parent Resolution

Motion made by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson to approve Resolution [REDACTED]; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Enrollment Relinquishment Resolution

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

Enrollment Add Parent and Blood Quantum Change Resolution

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

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

Enrollment Space

This will be brought up in debriefing.

Enrollment Descendancy

Option 1 stop descendancy all together, Option 2 only do 1st and 2nd generation, and Option 3 is to up the price on descendancy. Michael Fairbanks had asked Shannon to bring a proposal.

Land

Sarah LaFriniere and Jacob Syverson are present.

Residential

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

Lakeshore

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

Agriculture

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

Business

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

Other

Right now, is not the time to give them to tribal members for lot clean up. Land will give them the lot if they take the structure or demo them to the bid list, they already have water and sewer on the lot. Brief discussion held on demoing the houses. The individual who is interested in one of the houses that he is able to fix the house. Sarah is going through them to see if they have Water and Sewer. Cheryl said in the South Project there is lots. Getting a list to all of the Demo to demo all of the houses/lots. Eugene Sommers asked if we should bid them out and Megan and Sarah will combine a list and bring to Tribal Council.

Brief discussion held on WELO preauthorization purchase agreement for 3 Land Parcels.

Motion made by Cheryl “Annie” Jackson to approve WELO Preauthorization Purchase Agreement; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Elder and Youth Resolution

Motion made by Cheryl “Annie” Jackson to approve to rescind resolution; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Tabled Signatory Request

MN American Indian Mental Health Advisory Council
Tabled

MN American Indian Substance Abuse Advisory Council
Tabled

Peebles Kidder Lobbying
Tabled

Cheryl “Annie” Jackson left meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Wild Rice Market

Brief discussion held on Wild Rice Marketing USDA Contract and who oversees wild rice department. USDA contract already went through for \$25.00 lbs. The pickup and drop off transportation runs through Tracy and Ken is not good right now. DNR is going to keep USDA portion and the retail portion going to enterprises and the buying process would go to Natural Resources.

Cheryl “Annie” Jackson returned to meeting at 12:05 p.m.

There is still a lot to be done before they move to enterprises. Michael LaRoque had a conversation with Rochelle at Enterprises yesterday. They would track rice sales separately and it also depends on the rice harvest cycles. The reason to have them go to enterprise was for accountability and Tony would be able to market it better. Enterprise could buy 10,000 lbs. from us and so they can market it.

Approve signing as Amici for MPCA/US Steel Case

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve; second by Cheryl “Annie” Jackson. Motion carried 4 for, 0 against.

Highway 2 Homes

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

Jim Terry Contract and Funding

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

H.D. Attorney Contract

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

G.S. Attorney Contract

Motion made by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson to approved; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

S.V. Attorney Contract with changes

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

MOA Approval

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approved; second by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Conservation Code Amendments – approve to publish

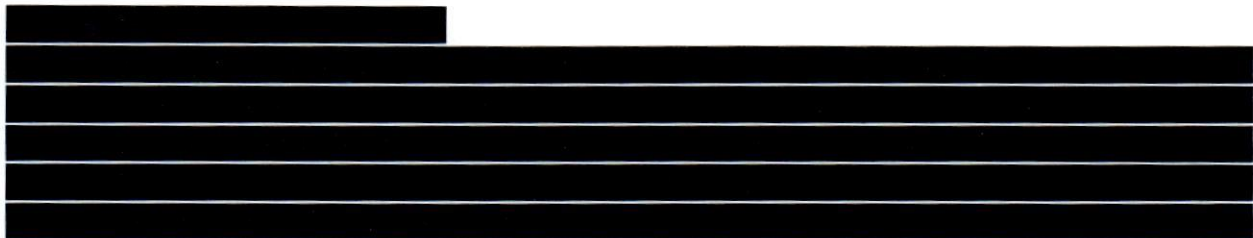
Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approved; second by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Cannabis Code Revisions – approve to publish

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approved; second by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Bevins Enterprise Contract- water & sewer has concerns.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approved; second by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.



[REDACTED]

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

Motion made by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson to adjourn meeting at 12:44 p.m.; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Michael LaRoque, Secretary/ Treasurer