

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Special Executive Finance Meeting

November 8, 2023

Mahnomen, MN

Chairman Michael Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.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 ~ Via Teams
Cheryl “Annie” Jackson, District III Representative

Others Present: Laurie York, Executive Director
Curtis Rogers, Deputy Director
Ayecia Kemp, Recorder
Maria Bevins, Executive Coordinator

Agenda

Motion made by Cheryl “Annie” Jackson to approve agenda with addition; second by Henry Fox.
Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

RBC Meeting Minutes (Special Executive Finance 09/29/2023 & Regular 09/29/2023)

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

Calendar Review

Brief held on RBC Monthly, Quarterly, Community Council, WECOE and Elder’s Commission Meeting’s, NCAI and MIAC Conferences to be added to the website.

New Business

Lisa Brunner is present.

Henry Fox stepped away from meeting at 10:25 a.m.



Henry Fox came back to meeting at 10:26 a.m.

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Michael Fairbanks stepped away from meeting at 11:01 a.m.

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Michael Fairbanks back in meeting at 11:06 a.m.

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Mike Fairbanks left meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Mike Fairbanks returned at 11:13 a.m.

Meeting recessed at 11:13 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:42 a.m.

Romyn Hanks

Employee Christmas Party, Years of Service Recognition, Star Cash and Early Out Discussion
800 \$20.00 Star Cash approval. RBC is in consensus to move it to \$25.00.

The Years of Service Recognition to have a separate event for those 64 individuals at the SSC in the ballroom invite their family members, entertainment, and a nice meal \$15-\$16 per person. A separate celebration for the 64 Employee's for their years of service recognition. The event would be during the day and letting them out afterwards, RBC is in consensus.

RBC is in consensus of Early Out at 12:00 p.m. there will be room for overflow across from event center.

Legal

Contracts for Subject Matter (Experts)

Laurie went through all 5 contracts, and they have no more than \$10,000.00 cap on them.

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

Consent Agenda/ Signatory Request

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

Gaming Commission Positions up for (re) appointment or advertisement

Christie Haverkamp and Krysta Heisler are present. Please see attachment.

Tom Spry and Mike Swan's elections are up this year. Brief discussion held on Council appointing someone in mind. Michael LaRoque asked in the past if there were any issues getting applicants. Option advertisement or appoint them again. The Gaming Commission Positions will be advertised. The Gaming Commission has two members every two years and three members every three years.

Scott Stevens, SSC General Manager, Nick Valentine, SSC CFO and Jennifer Bement, SSC Administrative Assistant came into meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Financial Review – Nick Valentine, SSC CFO

Unaudited Financial (please see attachment)

September 2023

Nick went over the September unaudited financial report.

SSC 9 Year P & L and Cash Flow History (please see attachment)

Nick provided a brief update on the P & L.

Cheryl "Annie" Jackson stepped away from meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Bank Cash Position

Bank Cash Position is at \$70,104,310.82

NTOGE Report

Nick gave a brief update on the NTOGE report. The NTOGE is \$48,402.49, Tribal Council Donations is \$34,712.71 Total amount Donations is at \$83,486.50.

Nick stated that Sundown Saloon is doing their own machine drops.

Cheryl "Annie" Jackson is back in meeting at 1:04 p.m.

NTOGE Donations Report

Robbie Stevens with the Debwe Mc is requesting a \$1,000.00 for Community Event.

Michael Fairbanks left meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Henry Fox left meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Youth & Elder Fund

There is a total of \$1,097,571.72 in the Youth and Elder Fund. Total amount for transfer is \$30,856.72.

Michael LaRoque asked a question about donating change on the kiosk's that are on the floor. That could be donated to Homeless Program.

Michael Fairbanks back in meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Shooting Star Casino Entertainment Analysis ~ use handout

Nick provided brief update on Entertainment Analysis since COVID hit.

Henry Fox back in meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Michael LaRoque would like to see what the food venue looks like for concerts before and after. Nick said it generates each time.

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

Meeting recessed 1:36 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:53 p.m.

General Manager Report- Scott Stevens, GM

Section 5 Remodel Status & DD Steps and Approval

Scott gave a brief update on Design Development. It would need to be sent by December 15th in order to receive the materials and we are in target. The bids will be put in the Tribal Newspaper.

Brief discussion was held on the buffet and smoke workers missing out on tips. Open up more seating and minimize the buffet. Brief discussion held on sports bar, deli, and buffet.

Donation Request – Timberwolves Ticket's Discussion

Brief update held on ticket distribution for the tickets, the only thing is the seating aren't all together. Brief discussion held on distribution for Tribe and SSC side.

Sportsbook Direction – Need to Establish a Direction

Scott gave an update held on sportsbook, Scott stated that Leif, Nick, and I have met. Discussion held on selling our license, there are eleven license in the state of Minnesota. Reached out to various sportsbook companies but have not heard back from them. The only one we have is fanatics

sports betting they're going to give \$450,000.00 up front and \$450,000.00 every other year if we sell our license. Leif said he has concerns regarding selling our license, he can't see Shakopee and Prairie Island going white label. Scott called MIGA yesterday and had a call with I-Gaming. Leif said I-Gaming is what we have to look out for. Michael LaRoque said he looked at Michigan that has I-Gaming and it hasn't affected them. Mike Fairbanks will set up a meeting with Michelle. MF asked Leif if we could market cannabis and sportsbook, Leif stated yes, we can.

Brief discussion was held on Turkeys and Hams & Wabigwan Mashkiki.

Motion made by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson to adjourn meeting at 2:49 p.m.; second by Henry Fox.
Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Michael LaRoque, Secretary/ Treasurer