White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Special Meeting

June 12, 2024

White Earth, MN

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. Moton 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.

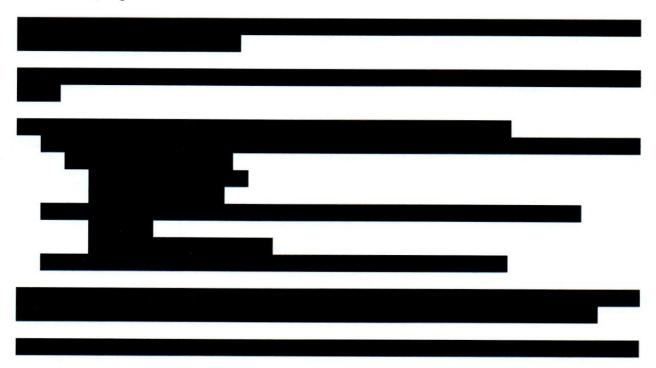
Consent Agreement

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.



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.

Michael	LaRoque.	Secretary/Treasurer
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