

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Regular Meeting

August 30, 2024

Mahnomen, MN

Chairman Michael A. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 9:25 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
Laura Lee Erickson, District III Representative

Absent:

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

Agenda Approval

Additions:

- USDA Grant ~ New Business
- Legal ~ Executive Session
 - LLC Properties
 - Business License Removal
- Statistical Data from enrollments ~ New Business
- Work Comp Designation Resolution
- 3 Signatory Requests ~ New Business
 - I.H.S MOA Agreement
 - NOAA Grant Report
 - Eminence Credentials
- MCT Letter ~ New Business
- Executive Session
 - Testing Regs Resolution
 - MPCA Comment

Motion made by Laura Lee Erickson to approve with additions/changes; second by Michael LaRoque.
Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

RBC Meeting Minutes (07/26/24)

Motion made by Henry Fox to approve; second by Laura Lee Erickson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.
Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Enrollment Data Statistical Request from District II Representative Eugene Sommers:

- How many members are above the 50% blood quantum
- How many members are at the 25% to 50% blood quantum
- How many members are under the 25% blood quantum

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

USDA Grant Reports:

Veronica Newcomer provided a brief overview of the resolution, and a brief discussion was held.

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve Resolution No. 064-24-099; second by Laura Lee Erickson.
Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Resolution Administration – Workers Compensation Appeal Hearing Examiner Appointment:

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve Resolution No; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Laura Lee Erickson is silent.

I.H.S MOA Agreement:

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Laura Lee Erickson is silent.

NOAA Grant Report:

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to approve; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Laura Lee Erickson is silent.

Eminence Credentials; 2 individuals:

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

MCT Letter:

Veronica Newcomer provided a brief overview of the letter. Michael LaRoque referenced the letter to the RBC. A brief discussion was held on the letter. Table for more information.

Consent Agenda / Signatory Requests for August 30, 2024

- **Renewal Business License ~ Move into Executive Session**
- **New LLC Requests ~ Move into Executive Session**

Motion made by Laura Lee Erickson to approve with changes; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Ratifications for August 30, 2024:

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

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to go into Executive Session at 9:58 a.m.; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Meeting recessed at 9:58 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

Land

Sarah LaFriniere is present and provided brief updates.

Homesites; District II – 2 site and District III – 2 sites:

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

District III Site; [REDACTED] A brief discussion was held on this site. Tabled

Lakeshore; District II – 4 sites and District III – 1 sites:

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

Recreational; District II – 1 site:

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

Business; District II – 1 site:

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

Service Line Agreement – Wild Rice Electric:

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

Other

Blair Property – WELSA Fund and Blair Property – General Fund:

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

Lindsay Property – WELSA Fund and Lindsay Property General Fund:

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

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2024 Repatriation Budget

Jaime Arsenault is present and provided a brief overview of the 2024 repatriation budget and is seeking RBC authorization to move forward with pending repatriations and to use General Fund Tribal Archives (Fund 033100-0029 to cover costs). Jaime provided a brief overview of White Earth children that were taken to boarding schools off the White Earth reservation. During this time, White Earth THPO was able to locate the burials of 4 individuals who were removed as children and passed away.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve Resolution No. 001-24-064; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Legal Updates

Proposed Amendments to Water Protection Ordinance. Andrea Kingbird provided a brief overview of the amendments to the final draft of the Water Protection Ordinance. Laura Lee Erickson recommendation to have the person who wrote it, review the documents. A brief discussion was held on the Resolution.

Resolution WEDNR – Amendments to Water Protection Ordinance:

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve Resolution No. 057-24-030A; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Laura Lee Erickson abstained.

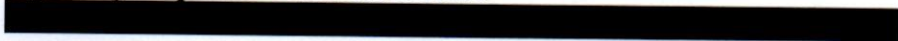


Table Signatory Request ~ Ratification

Scattered Mini Homes Development District II & III Contracts

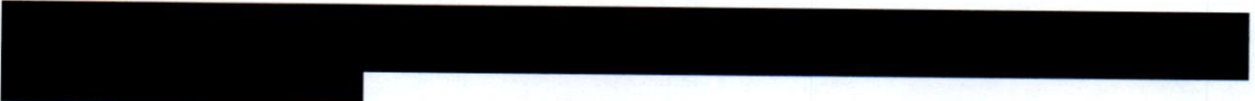
Motion made by Laura Lee Erickson to approve; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Signatory Requests ~ Business License



Michael Fairbanks left meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Michael Fairbanks returned to meeting at 11:07 a.m.



Motion made by Laura Lee Erickson to deny the business license, the motion dies due to lack of second.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to table request; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 against. Eugene Sommers is silent.

Resolution - Medicinal Cannabis Control Commission – Analyte Standards:

Motion made by Henry Fox to approve Resolution No. 001-24-069; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried 4 for, 0 against.

Comment Letter; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA); George Schwint, Principal Feedlot Engineer. Secretary/Treasurer Michael LaRoque referenced the letter to RBC.

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

MCT Letter:

More Information was provided to the RBC regarding the letter:

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

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to adjourn at 11:26 a.m.; second by Laura Lee Erickson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Secretary/Treasurer, Michael LaRoque