

**White Earth Reservation Business Committee**

**Special Meeting**

**January 24, 2025**

**White Earth, MN**

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Chairman Michael Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 10:07 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  
Laura Lee Erickson, District III Representative

Others Present: Curtis Rogers, Deputy Director  
Ayecia Kemp, Recorder  
Maria Bevins, Executive Coordinator  
Andrea Kingbird, General Counsel

**Agenda**

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve agenda; second by Laura Lee Erickson. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

Eugene Sommers is requesting to add the Discussion of Letter of Concern Eugene had sent to the entire Council. Michael LaRoque would like to address it at the Quarterly Meeting.

Eugene Sommers would like to discuss the I-65 Legal Opinion that came out last week. Michael Fairbanks stated that is something the past Council approved the I-65 Revision back in 2020.

Laura Lee Erickson stated she is requesting more information for the letter that Eugene Sommers had emailed to Council. Eugene Sommers said that the Council has been aware of this for months and that it was put in his articles.

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to add agenda items; the motion had died.

**Consent Agenda/ Signatory Request**

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to approve agenda; second by Laura Lee Erickson. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.

*Motion made by Michael LaRoque to go into Executive Session at 10:26 a.m.; second by Laura Lee Erickson. Motion carried: 3 for, 1 silent.*

*Meeting recessed at 10:26 a.m.*  
*Executive Session reconvened at 10:34 a.m.*



Motion made by Eugene Sommers to table Annette Lundberg Memo for more information and to be brought into the Quarterly Meeting; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to adjourn meeting at 10:37 a.m.; second by Eugene Sommers. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

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Michael LaRoque, Secretary/ Treasurer