

White Earth Reservation Business Committee

Special Meeting

June 12, 2023

White Earth, MN

Chairman Michael A. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.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

Absent:

Others Present: Curtis Rogers, Deputy Director
Antonio Solorzano, General Counsel
Maria Bevins, Recorder

Agenda Approval

Additions:

- Division of Economic Development – Support for Arvig Community Grant
- Land – Executive Session

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

RBC Meeting Minutes (05/16/23)

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

Calendar Review

- Calendar Items were discussed.
- June 19th – RBC Offices closed

New Business

Mindy Iverson and Joe Tonihka are present.

Ms. Iverson provided a brief overview of the letter of support for Arvig Community Connect Grant.

Division of Economic Development – Support for Arvig Community Connect Grant:

Motion made by Cheryl "Annie" Jackson to approve Resolution No. 016-23-059; second by Michael LaRoque. Motion Carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Consent Agenda / Signatory Requests for June 12, 2023:

• **Signatory Request Legal – Executive Session:**

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

Motion made by Eugene Sommers to go into Executive Session at 1:27 p.m.; second by Cheryl “Annie” Jackson. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Eugene Left meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Eugene Returned to meeting at 1:37 p.m.

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

Land

Megan Bakken is present.

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District I - 3 Land Assignments:

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

Signatory Request – Loan of \$2 million for Mississippi Pillager LLC with changes: need to be open by July 1st. Brief discussion held on Signatory Request. Need to be open by July 1st. Antonio provided a brief overview.

Amended promissory note with changes:

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

Cannabis / Dispensary discussion

Tom Lavoy provided a brief overview on the dispensary. Brief discussion held on opening the Executive Director position for White Earth Enterprise. RBC would like to post this position As Soon As Possible. Recommendation for Tom to train the new person for this position.

Executive Session ended at 1:58 p.m.

Motion made by Michael LaRoque to adjourn meeting at 1:58 p.m.; second by Henry Fox. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 against.

Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer