

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

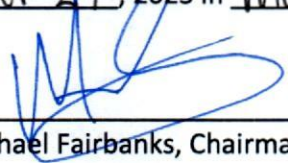
**Resolution No. 057-24-007**

- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, of the revised constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee (WERBC) is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has established the Natural Resources Department, which consists of: Conservation/Enforcement, Environmental Affairs, Water Resources, Cultural Resources/Archives, Forestry, Land Office, Zoning, Fisheries, Wildlife, Wild Rice, Agriculture, Parks, and Pesticides/Emergency Management, and
- WHEREAS,** it is the intent of the WERBC to effectively, efficiently, and properly manage the natural resources of the White Earth Reservation, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee desires to promote the protection and preservation of any bison resources that may be established at White earth through proper management for the use of its members and future generations, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee agrees to accepts the one-time gift of \$250,000.00 from the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies to provide additional economic development opportunities through utilization of buffalo, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby approves the acceptance of a one-time monetary gift of \$250,000.00 from the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies to assist in launching the bison project in White Earth Nation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby authorizes the Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer or Executive Director to enter into negotiations and to sign the application and all necessary contracts and documents pending legal review for the above-stated purpose.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a regular meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on November 29, 2023 in Mahnomen, Minnesota.



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Michael Fairbanks, Chairman



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Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer