Town of Lac du Flambeau

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August 9, 2024

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Tribal President, John Johnson
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US Senator, Ron Johnson
Representative, Tom Tiffany
State Assembly, Rob Swearingen
State Senator, Mary Felzkowski
Governor of Wisconsin, Tony Evers
Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
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BIA Southwest Regional Office, Deputy Bureau Director for Field Operations, Batholomew Stevens
BIA, Division of Transportation Chief, LeRoy Gishi
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US Department of the Interior, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Management & Budget, Joan Mooney
US Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Director for Intergovernmental & External Affairs, Shantha Alonso
US DOJ, Environmental & Natural Resources Division, Indian Resource Section, Trial Attorney, Samuel Gollis
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Reinhart Borner Van Deuren s.c., Bridget Hubing

Since early 2023, The Town Board of Lac du Flambeau has been working on resolutions regarding the road easement issue. After meeting with the Tribe, the Town pursued numerous suggestions from the Tribe. In most cases, the Town lacks the statutory authority to accomplish the requested actions. After repeatedly reaching out to contacts with greater authority than the Town, still no assistance has been provided.

At the most recent meeting with the Tribe, they were clear as to what their desired resolution would include. More specifically, a contribution of real estate from local, state and federal entities. Again, outside of the ability of the Town to

fulfill these requests, Town officials and town residents have continued to contact those with the power to contribute to a resolution.

With the most recent development, the Town is unable, not unwilling, to pay the permit fees for 08/12/24-09/12/24. This serves as notice of the current situation and a plea for some form of assistance. Please send delegates that have the ability to make decisions. This needs to be decided and not simply a discussion of what could be accomplished.

Sincerely,
Lac du Flambeau Town Board

The Lac du Flambeau Town Board will hold a Special Town Board Meeting on August 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Woodruff Town Hall, 1418 1St Avenue, Woodruff, WI
The agenda is:

AGENDA

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Verification of Quorum
3. Open Meeting Statement
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Discussion/Possible Action: Ability to Secure Land of Tribal Choice to Mitigate and End Road Easement Issue
7. Adjournment

ZOOM ACCESS: MEETING ID: 949 913 7775 MEETING PASSWORD: 54qU5p

In compliance with Open Meeting Laws, the Board will not discuss any matter other than agenda items listed above, which have been properly posted and the media notified.

Requests from people with disabilities who need assistance to participate should be made to the Town Hall at 715-588-3358, with as much advance notice as possible. Anyone wishing to address the Board will need to state their name, Town of residency and group affiliation.

Susan Schoonover
Town Clerk