February 6, 2023

Via Email and First Class Mail

Chairman Matt Gaulke
Town of Lac du Flambeau
P.O. Box 68
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715-588-3358

Re: *Rights of Way over Annie Sunn Lane, Center Sugarbush Lane, East Ross Allen Lake Lane, and Elsie Lake Lane*

Dear Matt,

On behalf of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (the "Tribe"), please consider this letter a response to your letter to Secretary Jamie Allen dated February 2, 2023.

First and foremost, we have no intention of removing the barriers that we installed on our lands until the Town, title companies, and right-of-way applicants make a good faith offer to the Tribe for compensation for over ten years of trespass and valid rights-of-way over the Tribal lands these roads traverse. As early as 2011 and 2013, the Town has been aware of the access issues on these roads since the Bureau of Indian Affairs transmitted notices of easement expiration to the landowners. Over this same period, the Town has collected significant property taxes from these same landowners while taking no steps to resolve this issue with the Tribe. Your failure to properly notify your landowner taxpayers the Town did not possess adequate legal interests (proper right-of-way over Tribal lands) to declare the roads as fully public has directly contributed to this situation.

The Tribe will not agree to remove the barriers or agree to your proposed meeting until the Town presents in writing a good faith offer to the Tribe to compensate for the ongoing trespass.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,



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President, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior
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