

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
November 8, 2022**

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Vice- Chairman Lowes.

Present: Michael McKerchie, Austin Lowes, Betty Freiheit, Isaac McKechnie, Rob McRorie, Lana Causley, Kimberly Lee, Bridgett Sorenson, Shawn Borowicz, Darcy Morrow, Kimberly Hampton, Tyler LaPlaunt, and DJ Hoffman.

Absent:

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, by Director McKerchie, to approve the agenda as read.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Res. 2022-307, Temporary Hold on ARPA Funds Projects.**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs a temporary hold on all projects being performed pursuant to Board-approved appropriations of ARPA Funds to each Board Member's Unit to further address each project's compliance with federal and Tribal requirements and procedures.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Vice-Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Lee, Freiheit, Borowicz, McRorie, Isaac McKechnie, Hampton, LaPlaunt approving; Directors Morrow, Causley, McKerchie, Sorenson opposing.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Res. 2022-308, Land Purchase for Cultural and Traditional Use.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Treasurer or his designee, to negotiate the purchase of the properties on the listings attached and incorporated as Exhibit A up to the listing price utilizing unobligated ARPA funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations and purchase, that the Board of Directors authorizes the land be used for future sustainability for cultural and traditional purposes, including but not limited to: Gathering of traditional medicines, hunting, foraging, fishing, fasting, food sovereignty, food security, and any other cultural or traditional activity that will sustain the environment and/or community in which historically inhabited these lands.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Vice-Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution and authorizes all internal administrative budget modifications from the authorized budgeted funding.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Lee, McKerchie, Borowicz, Hampton, McRorie, Causley, Freiheit approving; Directors Sorenson, Morrow opposing.**

Adjourned: 5:26 p.m.

Date: 12/20/22 Secretary: 

Others present: Christine McPherson, Jessica Dumback, Bob Schulte, Jen Clerc, Jason Decker, Katelynn Griffin, Joanne Carr.