

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2021**

The meeting was opened at 5:04 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Kim Gravelle, Austin Lowes, DJ Hoffman, Betty Freiheit, Michael McKerchie, Lana Causley, Bridgett Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Charles Matson, and Aaron Payment.
Absent: Catherine Hollowell.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Causley, to excuse Director Hollowell.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Causley, to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve the Minutes of 3-16-2021, as read.

Motion carried with Director McKerchie abstaining.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2021-76, Medicare COVID Funding Establishment of a FY 2021 Budget and Third Party Revenue FY 2021 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2021 budget for Medicare Covid Funding with Third Party Revenue monies of \$60,733.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Third Party Revenue increasing the transfer out of monies of \$60,733.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-77, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe IHS Special Diabetes FY 2021 Budget Modifications.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Special Diabetes to change the personnel sheet and reallocation expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-78, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Transit Cares Act Establishment of FY 2021 and FY 2022 Budgets.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2021 budget for the Transit Cares Act with the Federal Department of Transportation of Revenue monies of \$94,500.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for the Transit Cares Act with the Federal Department of Transportation of Revenue monies of \$256,446. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-79, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Tribal Transportation Program FY 2021 Budget Modifications.

BE IT RESOLVED, that that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to the Tribal Transportation Program cost center 2932 for an increase in Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$73,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Freiheit, Massaway, Gravelle, Lowes, Causley, Chase, McKerchie, Matson, Sorenson, Hoffman approving; Director Morrow abstaining.

Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2021-80, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Transportation Program Manistique Project – MDOT Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the parties hereto have reached an understanding with each other regarding the performance of the Project work and desire to enter into contract by and between the Michigan Department of Transportation and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Transportation Program for Contract #20-5525, Job # 210805CON; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, hereby approves and agrees to enter into Contract#20-5525 with MDOT and cover all cost associated project costs.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-81, Trust Land Status McGregor Addition Block 3 and Block 4 Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa County, Mi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, hereby requests that the Secretary of Interior, accept title to the following parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on behalf of the Tribe:

Land situated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, and State of Michigan.

PARCEL A:

Lots 1 through 30, Block 3, McGregor Addition to Sault Ste. Marie, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 35, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

PARCEL B:

Lots 1 through 30, Block 4, of McGregor Addition to Sault Ste. Marie, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 35, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the “Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians” under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, authorizes its Chairperson and Treasurer, to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as maybe necessary to complete such conveyance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-82, Sault Tribe Corporate Charter Appointing Charter Members.

RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby appoints:

Scott LaVictor, term expiring June 30, 2023;

and reappoints:

Dr. Madan Saluja, term expiring June 30, 2023

Linda Grow, term expiring June 30, 2024

to serve on the Corporate Board of Directors of the Sault Tribe Corporate Charter, pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.6 of the Sault Tribe Corporate Charter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-83, National Indian Gaming Association 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized the payment of dues for 2021 NIGA membership of \$7,500, which will be paid out of Kewadin Casinos.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby appoints the following as the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' representatives to NIGA:

- Delegate: Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson
- Alternate: DJ Hoffman, Director, Vice Chair
- Alternate: Bridgett Sorenson, Director, Secretary
- Alternate: Keith Massaway, Director, Treasurer
- Alternate: Betty Freiheit, Director Alternate: Michael McKerchie, Director
- Alternate: Austin Lowes, Director Alternate: Kimberle Gravelle, Director
- Alternate: Lana Causley-Smith, Director Alternate: Catherine Hollowell, Director
- Alternate: Denise Chase, Director Alternate: Darcy Morrow, Director
- Alternate: Charles Matson, Director
- Alternate: Gaming Commission Director Michael Pins

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-84, Authorization of Full Settlement Haynes V. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves settlement in the case of *Haynes v. Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians* pursuant to the terms described in the Settlement Agreement and Release.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairperson, 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve a Small Mesh Permit for George Rickley for the 2021 Fishing Season.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to accept the recommendation of the Interview Committee for the Key Employee position, for the first candidate.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Director Causley, McKerchie, Morrow, Matson, Sorenson, Hoffman, Massaway, Gravelle, Chase approving; Directors Freiheit, Lowes opposing.

Meeting adjourned: 5:31 p.m.

Date: 5-18-2021

Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Jeremy Patterson/JR Loera, Joel Schultz, Tasha Caldwell, Kristyn Libby, Jared Lucas, Linda Grossett, Joanne Carr.