

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
November 2, 2021**

The meeting was opened at 5:02 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

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

Absent: Charles Matson.

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Massaway, to excuse Director Matson from the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Massaway, to approve the agenda as read.
Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve the Minutes of 10-19-2021, as read.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-272, Elder Division – Title VI A & B Supplemental Funding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Establishment of FY 2022 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget for Title VI-A & B Supplemental Funding ARPA with Federal HHS Revenue monies of \$31,158.46 No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Res. 2021-273, Prosecution FY 2021 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY2021 budget modification to the Prosecution Budget, to change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, wages are consistent with the current wage grid and with the \$3.00 per hour raise.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-274, COVID 19 Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention Acceptance of Grant and Establish of FY 2022 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the acceptance of the COVID 19 Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention Initiative; and authorizes Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to sign, negotiate, execute, and amend any document resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf.

BE IT FURTHER 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 COVID 19 Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention Initiative with Other Revenue Inter Tribal Council monies \$160,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Res. 2021-275, IHS Special Diabetes FY 2021 Budget Modification.

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 IHS Special Diabetes, to change the personnel sheet and increase Federal IHS Revenues of \$515,728.55. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2021-276, Interim Diabetes Manager.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby appoints an Interim Diabetes Manager, until a replacement is hired, and approves a 5% increase in salary starting November 2, 2021.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-277, FY 2022 Budget Document 002 Health Division.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 Budget Document 002, for the Health Division totaling \$41,442,364.00.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-278, Trust Land Lease Cancellation – Lindsay & Cook Lot 872 and 871, Kincheloe, Michigan.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairperson and Treasurer, to execute this lease cancellation, and land being described as: Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan Sec. 29, T 45 N, R 1 W Lots 872 and 871, Cedar Grove Estates III (0.25 acres)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate lease cancellation documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to cancel Lease No. BIA: 469-23-00237-05, along with any Modifications or Assignments, pursuant to applicable law and regulations.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Res. 2021-Sault Tribe Corporate Charter Board Appointment Approval.

RESOLVED, pursuant to Article VI, section 6.6 of the Sault Tribe Corporate Charter, the following individual is hereby appointed to the Corporate Board of Directors of Sault Tribe Incorporated to serve terms as specified below; replacing the vacant seat of Linda Grow. Michael Griggs – for a term expiring June 30, 2024.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-280, ARPA Fund Appropriation Unit 1 Market Based Housing DeMawating Development.

RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors authorizes DeMawating Development, to execute the Market Based Housing Development provided to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in a workshop; the plan is expected to result in a minimum of 20 Modular homes with associated land work and 15 trailer/manufactured homes (From Gitchi Enterprises) with associated infrastructure upgrades on Tribal Lands located in Chippewa County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors appropriates Eight Million (\$8,000,000.00) dollars of UNIT 1 approved ARPA funds to accomplish the Market Based Rental Plan purchases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Economic Development Director to administratively establish a budget for the DeMawating Development market-based Housing plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to execute the initial 20% home order deposit and all other purchase agreements related to the Eight-Million-dollar administrative budget.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-281, Approving Lease for the Marquette Tribal Community Health Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Tribe is authorized and directed to execute the lease for the property located at 1229 W. Washington Street, Marquette, Michigan, which will expire October 31, 2022, at which time we will relocate to our property.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-282, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2021 Indian Housing Block Grant Program Competitive Grants (IHBG-C).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, concurs with committing \$425,000 of Indian Housing Block Grant funds for each grant year FY 2022, FY 2023, FY 2024, and FY 2025, for a total of \$1,700,000 and hereby authorizes and directs, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director or its duly authorized representative, to develop and submit a \$5,000,000 FY 2021 IHBG – Competitive grant application, and the Tribe will not be submitting a separate application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, hereby authorizes and directs the Chairperson of the Tribe, to accept the FY 2021 Indian Housing Block Grant Program Competitive Grants (IHBG-C) grant, if it is awarded, to execute such documents and agreements, as may be necessary to further this purpose.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Res. 2021-283, Acceptance of Governmental Audit Proposal.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby appoints Dennis, Gartland, and Niergarth to perform the Governmental Audit, for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, for the years ending December 31, 2021, 2022 & 2023, for an amount not to exceed a total of \$300,000.00.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hollowell, to accept the recommendation of the Conservation Committee and appoint Dave Frazier as the Vice-Chair of the committee.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Morrow, to approve the 2022 Board Calendar with noted changes.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Sorenson, to move the November 23 meeting to November 16 and change the location back to Sault Ste. Marie.

Motion carried by unanimous acclamation.

Meeting adjourned: 5:34 p.m.

Date: 11-16-21 Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, JR Loera, Joel Schutz, Susan Soltys, Leo Chugunov, Linda Grossett, Sheila Berger, Joanne Carr.