

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
March 1, 2022**

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, Charles Matson, and Aaron Payment.

Absent:

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve the agenda as read.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2022-73, FY 2022 Budget Document 003.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 Budget Document 003 totaling \$68,496,733, of which \$23,794,749 comes from Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-74, FY 2022 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby appropriates a total of \$1,612,000 for the FY 2022 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget, of which \$1,482,000 will come from Other Revenue/Fund Balance and \$130,000 from Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ARPA Funds may be used in the areas that qualify.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to replace the Recovery Facility resolution with the one that was discussed in the workshop.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Lowes, to approve Res. 2022-75, Recovery Facility ARPA Establishment of FY 2022 Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby directs the Health Department to draft a detailed budget and plan for the Recovery Facility in accordance with the \$25 million dollars authorized from ARPA funds for Board approval and consideration within 30 days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Health is to use the existing contractual budget of \$400,000 to help effectuate this project.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2022-76, DeMawating Development Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course FY 2022 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification for DeMawating Development – Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course, for changes to the personnel sheet and reallocation of expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2022-77, Trust Land Status Long Parcel Mackinac 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 Township of Clark, County of Mackinac, Michigan Meridian

Parcel 1:

The Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9, Town 42 North, Range 1 West.

Parcel 2:

The Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9, Town 42 North, Range 1 West, EXCEPT the South  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9. Town 42 North, Range 1 West.

Parcel 3:

The South  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 9. Town 42 North, Range 1 West.

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 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 Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2022-78, Trust Land Status 199 W 3 Mile Rd. 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 Township of Soo, County of Chippewa, Michigan Meridian

Parcel A:

The West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 19, Town 47 North, Range 1 East.

Parcel B:

The West 659 feet of the East 988.5 feet of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 19, Town 47 North, Range 1 East.

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 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 Gravelle, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-79, Approve Application for USDA RUS Rural Econnectivity Program Grant.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby supports and authorizes the submission of a grant to the Rural Utilities Service Telecommunications Program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, for the Rural eConnectivity ("ReConnect") Program, FOA 3

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its 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 McKerchie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-80, Approve Funding Request for Reconnect Grant.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby approves the USDA-RUS ReConnect “100% Grant for Tribal Governments and Socially Vulnerable Communities” class for up to the max amount of \$25 million. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its 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 Gravelle, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-81, Network Neutrality Standards for Rural Utilities Services (RUS) Reconnect Broadband Grant.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and agrees to network management protocols and standards that are consistent with the network neutrality policy framework adopted by the FCC for purposes of the ReConnect program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the same network neutrality policy framework and the RUS ReConnect Broadband Program’s requirements for network management, the Board of Directors agrees to refrain from the following network management practices solely for the purposes of the RUS ReConnect Broadband Program if awarded under the same.

- block lawful content, applications, services, or non-harmful devices, subject to reasonable network management;
- impair or degrade lawful internet traffic on the basis of internet content, application, or service, or use of a non-harmful device, subject to reasonable network management;
- engage in paid prioritization – meaning the management of a broadband provider's network to directly or indirectly favor some traffic over other traffic – including through use of techniques such as traffic shaping, prioritization, resource reservation, or other forms of preferential traffic management, either
  - (a) in exchange for consideration (monetary or otherwise) from a third party, or
  - (b) to benefit an affiliated entity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors commits to faithfully comply with the requirements set forth in the RUS ReConnect program’s eligibility requirements pertaining to network management and non-discriminatory practices. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its 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 McKerchie, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2022-82, Sault Tribe Broadband Authority Establishing Chapter 101: Sault Tribe Broadband Utility Authority.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Board of Directors hereby adopts and approves the Broadband Utility Authority Ordinance, incorporated herein by reference, to be established as Chapter 101 of the Tribal Code. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the implementation of the Sault Tribe Broadband Utility Authority shall be effective upon the approval of federal funding to be granted to the Tribe associated with broadband utility services.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its 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 Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-83, BIA Request for Tribal Assistance.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby directs the Enrollment Department to prepare a full list of the names and dates of birth, sorted alphabetically.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Enrollment Department is specifically directed that this list shall not include or release any designation of blood quantum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Registrar shall provide a copy, annually, of the list in the normal course of business, once it has been prepared, to the Superintendent of the Michigan Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in Sault Ste. Marie.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-84, Amending 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 35 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 amends its previous authorization of Eight Million dollars and appropriates Eleven Million (\$11,000,000.00) 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 amended DeMawating Development market-based Housing plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to execute all Home order deposits and all other purchase agreements, related to the Eleven-Million-dollar administrative budget.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Without Objection, will go into closed session. No Objections.

Open Session.

**Meeting adjourned: 6:57 p.m.**

Date: 4-5-2022

Secretary: Bridgett Jensen

Others present: Robert Schulte, JR Loera, Leo Chugunov, Larry Jacques, Jen Clerc, Katelynn Griffin, Joanne Carr.