

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2024**

This meeting was opened at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Austin Lowes.

Present: Kimberly Hampton, Darcy Morrow (Z), Betty Freiheit, Michael McKerchie, Robert McRorie (Z), Lana Causley-Smith (Z), Isaac McKechnie, Kimberly Lee, Bridgett Sorenson (Z), Shawn Borowicz, Tyler LaPlaunt, Austin Lowes

Absent: None

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve meeting minutes from December 5, 2023 and Special Meeting minutes from December 19, 2023.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to Table pending technical corrections.

Motion to Table carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-01, ACFS – OVC 2022 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Establishment of FY 2024 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for OVC Tribal Victim Services Set Aside with Federal Department of Justice Revenue monies of \$326,983.20. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-02, Natural Resources – GLRI Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing FY 2024 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to GLRI Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing for an increase in BIA Federal Revenue monies of \$63,991.66 and to make changes to the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2024-03, Natural Resources – Nunn's Creek Rehab Hatchery Establishment of FY 2024 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for Nunn's Creek Rehab Hatchery with Federal BIA monies of \$124,500.00 and BIA fund balance monies of \$115,493.75. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-04, Enrollment Establishment FY 2024 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for Enrollment with Other Revenue monies of \$40,000.00 and Tribal Support of \$538,689.97.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-05, Health Division – Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic Establishment of FY 2024 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic (MAT) with Third Party Revenue monies of \$918,529.68.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Director Morrow opposing.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-06, Health Division – National Indian Health Board Dental Scholarship Establishment FY 2024 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts the funds from the National Indian Health Board for \$10,000.00.

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 2024 budget for NIHB Dental Scholarship with Other Revenue monies of \$10,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2024-07, Health Division – St. Ignace Dental Establishment of FY 2024 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for St. Ignace Dental with IHS Revenue monies of \$124,665.75 and Third-Party Revenue of \$1,241,054.98.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-08, Acting Appointment for Repatriation & Historic Preservation Program.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to Call for the Vote.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Call for the Vote fails, with Directors' McRorie, McKechnie, Freiheit supporting; Directors' Morrow, Lee, Causley-Smith, LaPlaunt, McKerchie, Sorenson, Hampton, Borowicz opposing.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McRorie to Amend to increase from 5% to 15%.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Amend carries with Directors' Lee, Freiheit, Borowicz, McRorie, McKechnie, Hampton, McKerchie, LaPlaunt supporting; Directors' Morrow, Causley-Smith, Sorenson opposing.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to Table.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Table fails, with Directors' Morrow, Causley-Smith, Sorenson supporting; Directors' Hampton, Freiheit, McKerchie, McRorie, McKechnie, Lee, Borowicz, LaPlaunt opposing.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the Acting appointment of Emma Donmyer for the Administrative oversight of the Repatriation & Historic Preservation program until the Repatriation & Historic Preservation Specialist Position is filled. This appointment will provide a 15% increase in salary per this resolution with an administrative modification.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' Borowicz, LaPlaunt, McKechnie, McKerchie, Hampton, McRorie, Freiheit, Lee approving; Directors' Sorenson, Morrow, Causley-Smith opposing.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2024-09, Award Construction Agreement to Alberts Heating & Cooling for Chiller Replacement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the Construction Agreement with Alberts Heating & Cooling for chiller replacement located at the Big Bear Arena.

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, including ancillary or supplemental documents, including appropriate internal budget modifications or forms that do not change the substantive terms of the agreements and project, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-10, Award the Cub and Bear Courts Flooring Contract for the Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Community Recreation Center Using ARPA Funding to Dynamic Sports Construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the Flooring Contract with Dynamic Sports Construction, Inc. for the Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Community Recreation Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the use of funding allocated by Resolution 2022-123 for Big Bear Community Center enhancements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all budgets and/or budget modifications can be created and executed by the Assistant Executive Director or the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee (Facilities & Operations Manager), to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents or forms that do not change the substantive terms of the agreements and project, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2024-11, Approval of Fifth Amendment to the Tax Agreement between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the State of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute the Fifth Amendment to the Tax agreement between the Tribe and the State of Michigan.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2024-12, Approving Contract Amendment Khoury Johnson Leavitt.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Khoury Johnson Leavitt, ending December 31, 2024, at the monthly fee of \$7,500, for the purpose of providing consulting services to the Tribe.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2024-13, Approving Contract Michelle Castagne.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Michelle Castagne, starting immediately and ending December 31, 2024, for the purpose of providing Federal Policy Analyst Services to the Tribe.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Resolution 2024-14, Approving Contract Amendment Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP, ending December 31, 2024, at the monthly fee of \$7,500, for the purpose of providing consulting services to the Tribe.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve the transfer of Brent Snyder's (SSM-447) Commercial Captain's license C-45 to Greg King.

Motion carries unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Date: 11/6/24

Secretary: 
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Aaron Schlehuder, Ashlee Mielke, Clarence Hudak, Lona Stewart, Christine McPherson, Jessica Dumback, Elaine Clement (Z), Cathy DeVoy, Robert Schulte (Z), Jennifer Clerc (Z), Juanita Bye, Jack Tuomikoski, Julie Salo, Carrie Horton, Dr. Leo Chugunov, Andrew Lane, Josh Elliot, Mike McCoy (Z)