

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

This meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Austin Lowes.

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

Absent: None

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

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Without objection, add a Resolution, Lease Modification to Sierra D. Lewis Lease No: DD-0098 (19), to the agenda.**

**No objection.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson to approve the meeting minutes from January 16, 2024.**

**Motion carries with Director Causley-Smith abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2024-35, Health Division – COVID Equipment 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 Covid Equipment with Federal Covid IHS Revenue monies of \$165,486.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2024-36, Buildings – Internal Repairs & Maintenance 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 Buildings – Internal Repairs and Maintenance for an increase in use of Buildings Fund Balance monies of \$11,572.63. This budget modification reflects changes to the personnel sheet and a reallocation of expenses.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Resolution 2024-37, Telecommunications, Telecom Sales, and Telecom Capital Expenditures Establishment of FY 2024 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 2024 budget for Telecommunications for a total budget of \$810,615.05, of which \$776,460.00 is Other Revenue and \$34,155.05 is Fund Balance.

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 Telecommunication Sales with Other Revenue monies of \$906,348.00.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 capital expenditures budget for Telecommunications for a total budget of \$200,000.00, with funds coming from Fund Balance.

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

**Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director LaPlaut, to approve Resolution 2024-38, FY 2024 Budget Document – Health Division.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaut, supported by Director Freiheit, to amend to take out cost center 4362, HR and veterans' positions.**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 Budget Document for the Health Division totaling \$67,015,098.

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

**Moved by Director LaPlaut, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2024-39, FY 2024 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 2024 Budget Document 003 totaling \$74,759,009, of which \$22,719,341 comes from Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director LaPlaut, to approve Resolution 2024-40, FY 2024 Governmental Capital Expenditures.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 Governmental Capital Expenditure budget modification for a total of \$1,024,500, which will come from Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-41, Lease Modification to Rita McKerchie and Richard Rapson Lease No: STHA-JKL-006 (11).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize its Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to execute a Lease Modification to the land located at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Richard Rapson, a single man, and Connie Rolston, a single woman, the land being described as:

Part of the Southwest ¼, of Section 16, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan, more particularly described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 16; thence N02°15'24"E 987.79 feet along the West line of said Section 16; thence S88°32'51" E 926.75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S88°32'51"E 118.25 feet; thence N02°15'21"E 131.78 feet to the North right-of-way line of J.K. Lumsden Way; thence N88°33'19"W 118.25 feet along said right-of-way line; thence S02°15'21"W 131.76 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.36 acres. Also known as Lot 100 of H.U.D. Project No. MI 149-010 of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate Land Lease Modification documents.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the lease is in furtherance of a Housing program operated in the promotion of the public purpose, and the negotiated rental amount has been determined to be in the best interest of the Tribe and its people, and valuation in accordance with 25 CFR 162.320 is hereby waived.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-42, Trust Land Lease – Shields, Blake.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to execute a lease to the land located at Kinross, Michigan, to Blake Shields, a single man, the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan  
Lots 640 and 641, Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate Land Lease Modification documents for BIA approval.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the lease is in furtherance of a Housing program operated in the promotion of the public purpose, and the negotiated rental amount has been determined to be in the best interest of the Tribe and its people, and valuation in accordance with 25 CFR 162.320 is hereby waived.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-43, Lease Modification to Sierra D. Lewis Lease No: DD-0098 (19).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize its Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to execute a Lease Modification to the land located at Kincheloe, Michigan, to Sierra D. Yiirs, a married woman, and Clifford L. Yiirs, a married man, the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan  
Sec. 29, T 45 N, R 1 W (.35 acres),

Lots 702 and 701, Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate Land Lease Modification documents for BIA approval.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the lease is in furtherance of a Housing program operated in the promotion of the public purpose, and the negotiated rental amount has been determined to be in the best interest of the Tribal and its people, and valuation in accordance with 25 CFR 162.320 is hereby waived.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaut, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve a Resolution, Amending Acting and Interim Appointment Policy.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McRorie, to amend to 50% of the min. Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' Borowicz, Sorenson, McRorie, Lee, Causley-Smith, Morrow approving; Directors' LaPlaut, McKechnie, McKerchie, Hampton, Freiheit opposing.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit to go back 3 years.**

**Motion dies due to lack of support.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to make it effective starting today, 02/06/2024.**

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

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaut, to amend to retro pay back 1 year.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaut, supported by Director Freiheit, to Table.**

**Motion to Table carries with Directors' Lee, Freiheit, Morrow, McKechnie, Causley-Smith, Hampton, McKerchie, LaPlaut approving; Directors' Borowicz, McRorie, Sorenson opposing.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaut, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-44, Amending Tribal Code Chapter 20: Boat Length Requirements.**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 20 to modify the Boat Length requirements on fishing licenses as follows:

20.102 Licensing of Commercial Treaty Fishing Activity.

(4) The fees for the issuance of tribal commercial fishing licenses shall be as follows:

(a) A fee of \$25.00 for a helper on a boat owned by a licensed commercial fisherman.

(b) A fee of \$50.00 for a fisherman fishing without a boat or with a boat not exceeding thirty-two feet in length.

(c) A fee of \$100.00 for a fisherman fishing with a boat in excess thirty-two feet in length  
And;

(8) Issuance of new commercial fishing licenses is closed unless opened by action of the Tribal Board of Directors.

(a) A license shall not be issued to a person who was unlicensed in the previous year.

(b) No small boat license shall be increased to a large boat license unless in accordance with any applicable rules and regulations as enacted by the Tribal Board of Directors. A small boat shall be

defined as a boat with a total length of 32 feet or less; a large boat shall be defined as a boat with a total length greater than 32 feet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these revisions shall be effective immediately.

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

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-45, Amending Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Morrow, to amend to no longer make it a civil infraction to smoke a vape 50 feet from the casino but to still prohibit it from being sold on the reservation.**

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

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to amend to designate 25% of net revenues of all e-cigarette sales to be distributed to the Youth Education and Activities program to establish a smoking awareness and prevention program in all Units and 25% of net revenues of all sales to the Land Claims Fund.**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses as follows:

71.1508 Use in Gaming Facilities Permitted - REPEALED

71.1509 Ban on Sale of Electronic Cigarettes – REPEALED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2019-278.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby designates that 25% of net revenue of all sales are to be distributed to the Youth Education and Activities program to establish a smoking awareness and prevention program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby designates that 25% of net revenue of all sales to be distributed to the Land Claims Fund.

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

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-46, Re-Allocate/Rescind ARPA Resolutions for Revenue Replacement.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to amend to change the wording from rescind those two resolutions, to re-allocate the funds remaining from those two resolutions.**

**Motion to Amend carries with Director Morrow opposing.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2022-248 and Resolution 2021-196.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby re-allocates \$5,933,555.53 from the funds remaining from Resolution 2022-232, Resolution 2021-313, and Resolution 2021-167 along with the remaining funds re-allocated from Resolution 2022-248 and Resolution 2021-196 for Governmental Revenue Replacement.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the CFO to make any internal budget modifications necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-47, Examining Compliance with Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes the creation of the Committee to investigate the Subject Matter and other matters discovered during such investigation and to report its findings and any recommendations to the Board of Directors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall consist of the General Counsel, Director of Enterprise Operations, and Chief Financial Officer, with the General Counsel being the Chairperson of the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Counsel is authorized to undertake any other actions reasonably necessary to complete the internal investigation, including, without limitation, to retain other experts, including an accounting or auditing firm, to assist the Butzel Long law firm in conducting an internal investigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Counsel is authorized to have checks issued and to pay the fees and expenses of Butzel Long, including an initial retainer of \$40,000, plus the fees and expenses of any expert who has been retained to assist Butzel Long in conducting the internal investigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the General Counsel, 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.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the General Counsel, or his designee, to make any internal budget modifications necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

**Motion carries with Director Sorenson opposing; Directors' Causley-Smith, Morrow abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-48, Letter of Credit Documents with PNC Bank – Sault Tribe Self-Funded Unemployment Program Including a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Tribal Court Jurisdiction. Without objection, the reading of this Resolution was waived.**

**No objections.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as follows:

Section 1 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS:

The Board of Directors finds and determines that:

1.1 The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribal Government organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into an Amended and Restated Reimbursement and Security Agreement ("Letter of Credit Agreement") and Pledge Agreement ("Bank Deposit") and one or more letter of credit applications ("LC Applications") with PNC Bank, N.A., ("PNC Bank") as negotiated by the CFO; and

1.3 PNC Bank will not consent to such agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity or Tribal Court jurisdiction; and

1.4 In order to induce PNC Bank to maintain the Letter of Credit and to enter into the Letter of Credit Agreement, Bank Deposit, and accept LC Applications from the Tribe, the Tribe is required to confirm that the Tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the Tribe will not claim sovereign immunity or exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the Tribe and PNC Bank that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the Letter of Credit, Letter of Credit Agreement, Bank Deposit, and LC Applications (Collectively “Letter of Credit Documents”) or object to the venue clauses found in any of the Letter of Credit Documents. All the foregoing are referred to herein as the “Waiver and Consent Obligations”; and

1.5 It is in the Tribe's interest to resolve as stated herein.

## Section 2 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION; GOVERNING LAW

2.1 The Tribe hereby waives its sovereign immunity from suit in favor of PNC Bank only should an action be commenced under any of the Letter of Credit Documents referenced above.

This waiver:

Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Letter of Credit Documents; and

Is granted solely to PNC Bank; and

Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including, but not limited to, any lawsuit, arbitration, and judicial or non-judicial action to resolve disputes between the Tribe and PNC Bank and the assertion of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction or with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Letter of Credit Documents; and

Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction, including courts in the State of Michigan, the Tribal Court and federal courts in Michigan (including the United States Bankruptcy Court or any arbitrator or arbitration pane); and

Shall be enforceable against the assets of the Tribe to the extent necessary to satisfy the Tribe's obligation in the Letter of Credit Documents; and

The Letter of Credit Documents, and other associated finance documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by all applicable laws and regulations of governmental bodies with competent jurisdiction, as set forth in such documents.

## Section 3. WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION

3.1 The Board of Directors waives the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court over any action arising under the Letter of Credit Documents. The Board authorized the Tribe to consent to the jurisdiction of any courts with competent jurisdiction, including any courts to which decisions may be appealed, with respect to any controversies arising from this resolution or any of the finance documents, note or Letter of Credit Documents.

## Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4.1 This waiver with respect to any Letter of Credit Documents shall become effective upon the final execution of such Letter of Credit Documents executed by the Chairman or his designee. Failure or refusal of any individual to execute the Letter of Credit Documents shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution with respect to such Letter of Credit Documents to become void immediately. Failure or refusal to execute the Letter of Credit Documents prior to the close of business on April 1, 2024, shall ender the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute the Letter of Credit Agreement, Bank Deposit, and any LC Applications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute the Release Letter with PNC Bank, to release Kewadin Casino Gaming Authority of their guaranty on the Letter of Credit.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the CFO to transfer \$3,000,000 from Huntington Bank to PNC Bank under the Bank Deposit to serve as cash collateral for the Tribe's obligations with respect to the Letter of Credit Documents.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-49, Naming of USDA Food Distribution Building.**

**Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director Freiheit, to amend to include his Native name.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in honor of his dedication, the USDA Building and Store is hereby designated the Anthony "Tony" Nertoli "M'Kogiimaa" Building and Store.

**Without objection, motion carries with Unanimous Consent.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-50, Supporting the Nomination of Vice-Chairman Tyler LaPlaunt to Serve as an At-Large Tribal Delegate to the Secretary of Health and Human Services' Tribal Advisory Committee.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors supports Chairman Lowes' nomination of Vice-Chairman LaPlaunt to serve as a Primary At-Large Delegate on the HHS STAC.

**Motion carries with Director LaPlaunt abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2024-51, Approving an Amendment to the COVID-19 Fishery Participant Assistance Program.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to amend to eliminate (a).**

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends the Covid-19 Fishery Assistance Program as follows;

1. Any Commercial Fisher who has been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 may be eligible for assistance as a subsistence fisher if all of the following are true:

a. Can certify that they engaged in subsistence fishing activity in 2020; and

b. Can certify that they have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other provisions of the Covid-19 Fishery Participant Program as outlined in Resolution 2022-271 and 2023-051 remain in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that applications for this relief shall be managed and overseen by the Tribe's Accounting Department with assistance from the Tribe's Natural Resources Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these revisions shall be effective immediately.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Borowicz, to approve a Resolution, Voiding All Conversion Fishing Agreements and Eliminating Boat Length Requirements in Tribal Code Chapter 20.**

**Moved by Director Borowicz, supported by Director Freiheit, to amend to remove Amending Chapter 20 to remove boat length requirement.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Hampton, to table.**

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

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to refer this to the Conservation Committee.**

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

**Chairman Lowes harred the individual(s) screaming in the back of the room and banging stuff around, without objection, for 30 days.**

**No objections.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Resolution 2024-52, ARPA Fund Appropriation – Unit II Community Center and Cover Operational Losses.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit to amend that the \$387,166 be used in Unit I to build a Funeral Home.**

**Motion dies due to lack of support.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director McKechnie, to amend to change anywhere it states revenue replacement, change it to cover operational losses.**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors authorizes \$3,424,000 for the new construction and infrastructure of the Hessel Community Center project, following the Tribal Purchasing Policy, in the space next to the parking lot at Bear on the Mountain Golf Course in the location attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes \$387,166, approximately as attached, to cover operational losses for Bear on the Mountain Golf Course to cover the net losses of the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director and CFO to create the necessary budget documents that appropriate Unit II ARPA funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby incorporates this Resolution into Resolution 2022-155.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2023-18.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all engineering and construction documents up to the budgeted amount that would be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

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

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-53, Transfer of Lume Lease Money from Sault Tribe Inc. to Sault Tribe Lending.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors hereby directs Sault Tribe Inc. transfer all funds received from Lume Leases to Eagle Lending

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the CFO to execute any internal budget modifications needed to create a new cost center within Eagle Lending and any other related cost centers for the purposes of this resolution.

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

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Diane McLeod-Maleport's re-appointment as Chairperson to the Special Needs/Enrollment Committee, 2-year term expiring February 2026.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve David Nainan's appointment to the Unit 1 Sault Elder Subcommittee, Regular Member, 4-year term expiring February 2028.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Lee, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Patricia Causley's appointment to the Unit 2 Hessel Elder Subcommittee, Regular Member, 4-year term expiring February 2028.**

**Motion carries with Director Causley-Smith abstaining.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Jo-Nell Berger, term set to expire November 2026, and Janet Krueger, term set to expire July 2025, resignations to the Unit 4 Manistique Elder Committee.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Sherry Boudreau's appointment to the Unit 4 Manistique Elder Committee, Regular Member, filling the seat vacated by Jo-Nell Berger, term set to expire November 2026.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Rita Alton's appointment to the Elder Advisory Committee, Alternate Member, 4-year term expiring February 2028.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McKerchie, to adopt the Election Commission's Bylaws.**

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

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McKechnie, to adopt the Election Commission's Hearing Procedures.**

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

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Hampton, to change the May 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Regular Meeting location changed from Sault Ste. Marie to the Detroit, MI area followed by a membership meeting in the Detroit area on May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Sorenson, to move those dates to July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Sorenson, to amend to change the dates to July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, for the mobile medical unit and any related health services to attend the July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> meetings in Detroit to provide services to membership and beyond that, continue to look for ways to provide services.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to amend to include enrollment.**

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

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to send the mobile medical unit, health staff and enrollment staff to Detroit, MI in April.**

**Motion to Amend carries with Director McKerchie opposing; Director Morrow abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to send the mobile medical unit to the Menominee/WI border to offer services to those members.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to table.**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Motion to Amend to send mobile medical unit to Menominee/WI border carries with Directors' Freiheit, Causley-Smith, McKechnie, Borowicz, McRorie, Sorenson, LaPlaunt, Morrow, Lee, Hampton approving; Director McKerchie opposing.**

Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to return with the mobile unit when we have the meeting downstate.

Moved by Director Lee, supported by Director Hampton, to table.

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

Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Date: 2-20-24

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Robert Schulte, Christine McPherson, Jessica Dumback, Aaron Schlehuber, Ashlee Mielke, Lona Stewart, Michelle Moore, Elaine Clement, Ryan Mills, Josh Elliot, Clarence Hudak, Jen Clerc (Z), Dan Doyle, Joel Lumsden, Leo Chugunov, Andrew Lane, James Shelleby, Helen Wilkins, Cheryl Nolan, Jeffrey Rogers