

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
MUNISING TRIBAL CENTER  
MUNISING, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
April 21, 2015**

The meeting was opened at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Dennis McKelvie, Kim Gravelle, Cathy Abramson, DJ Hoffman, Lana Causley, Keith Massaway, Bridgett Sorenson, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Rita Glyptis, and Aaron Payment.

Absent: Jennifer McLeod, Catherine Hollowell.

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Abramson, to excuse Director Hollowell from the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion denied with Directors Abramson, Massaway, Causley, Gravelle approving; Directors Morrow, Hoffman, Chase, Glyptis, Sorenson, McKelvie opposing.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to excuse Director McLeod, from the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Sorenson, Causley, Hoffman, Abramson, Glyptis, Gravelle, Chase, Massaway, Morrow approving; Director McKelvie opposing.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Massaway, to suspend the rules and add the following to the agenda: Interim Appoint Policy Resolution; Northern Casino 2014 Audit; Travel to NCAI.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Without objection, will suspend the rules and add to the agenda the issue of investigating a breach of confidentiality of the JKL Fiduciary Committee. No objections.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2015-78, Interim Appointment Policy.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOD hereby approves and enacts the proposed Interim Appointment Policy, as attached, to be included in the Tribe's Human Resource Policy Manuals for the Tribe's governmental, casinos, and enterprises, and effective April 21, 2015.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2015-79, Healthy Start Grant, Establish Budget for FY 2015 Family Spirit Program FY 2015 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 2015 budget for Healthy Start Grant with Other Revenue – ITC monies \$38,632.95 and approves the FY 2015 budget modification for Family Spirit Program to change the Personnel Sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2015-80, NAR Housing (New Sanitation Funds) Establish Budget for FY 2016.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2016 budget for NAR Housing (new sanitation funds) with Federal IHS monies \$300,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2015-81, Nunn's Creek Rehab Hatchery FY 2015 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2015 budget modification for Nunn's Creek Rehab Hatchery for an increase in Federal BIA monies of \$37,593.48. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2015-82, IRR Roads FY 2015 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2015 budget modification for IRR Roads for a decrease in Federal BIA monies of \$880,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2015-83, IRR Road Maintenance FY 2015 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2015 budget modification for IRR Road Maintenance for an increase in Federal BIA monies of \$100,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2015-84, Tribal Court Enhancement FY 2015 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2015 budget modification to Tribal Court Enhancement to increase Federal DOJ Revenue \$14,631.29. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried with Director Causley abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2015-85, Northern Hospitality FY 2015 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2015 budget modifications to Northern Hospitality for increase to Net Income of \$4,173.42. These budget modifications reflect changes to the personnel sheet.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2015-86, Wequayoc Cemetery Temporary Sexton.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby appoints Russell Rickley to serve as an uncompensated, volunteer, temporary Sexton with the authority to designate specific burial plot locations with respect to existing plots and family connections but without authority to commit the Tribe into any contract or agreement, until such time as bylaws are approved with a permanent process for selecting an individual to serve as Sexton of Wequayoc Cemetery.

**Motion carried with Directors Sorenson, Hoffman abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2015-87, Michigan Indian Elders Association Delegate Appointment.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians appoints Brenda Garries of St. Ignace, Michigan, for a two year period, as MIEA Delegate representing the Elders of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She will exercise the duties as outlined in the MIEA Bylaws.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Glyptis, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2015-88, Michigan Indian Elders Association Alternate Delegate Appointment.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians appoints Anita Nelson of Munising, Michigan, for a two year period, as MIEA Alternate Delegate representing the Elders of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She will exercise the duties as outlined in the MIEA Bylaws.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Glyptis, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2015-89, Munising/Wetmore Building Planning.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the *Sault Tribe Board of Directors* hereby directs that a project team (comprised of staff) be established to develop a long term plan for utilizing the Munising/Wetmore Building (Former Health Center).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the long term plan shall concentrate upon areas such as: culture, social services, community events, substance abuse treatment, economic development, and/or housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project team shall also encourage input from the Tribal Membership.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that within 90 days of enactment a proposed plan shall be presented to the Board of Directors.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Morrow, Chase, Abramson, Glyptis, Gravelle, McKelvie approving; Directors Massaway, Causley, Sorenson opposing; Director Hoffman abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2015-90, Acceptance of the 2014 Northern Kewadin Casinos Audit.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts and approves the 2014 Audit of the Northern Kewadin Casinos Audit, as presented by Anderson, Tackman, & Company, PLC.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Chase, to approve travel to the NCAI conference from June 27- July 2, 2015, in St. Paul, MN, for any Board Members who will be attending.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to conduct an investigation to see who breached confidentiality regarding the JKL Fiduciary Committee. Legal will conduct the investigation within 30 days and will come back if they need more time.**

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

**Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Causley, to appoint as the Chair of the Election Committee - James McKerchie, whose current term expires November 2017; Vice Chair – Vicki Puidokas, whose current term expires October 2017; and appoint Bridget Kuusinen to a 4 year term, expiring April 2019.**

**Motion carried with Director Hoffman abstaining.**

**Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Massaway, to appoint Sheryl McKerchie to the Child Welfare Committee, to a four year term, expiring April 2019.**

**Motion carried with Director Hoffman abstaining.**

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**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Causley, to appoint Billy Perry, to the Inland Fishing and Hunting Committee, for a four year term, expiring April 2019.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to appoint Frances Hank, to the Unit Two, Hessel Elder Sub-Committee for a four year term, expiring April 2019.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Gravelle, to appoint Annette King, to the Unit One Elder Sub-Committee for a four year term, expiring April 2019.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Hoffman, to table until next week, the issue of Sault Tribe's Representative's Vote to Adopt CORA Stipulation.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion denied with Directors Massaway, McKelvie approving; Directors Morrow, Hoffman, Chase, Abramson, Causley, Glyptis, Gravelle, Sorenson opposing.**

**Without objection, will table until next workshop. No objection.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to appoint Director McKelvie, to the Great Lakes Conservation Committee and CORA as the Board Designee.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Sorenson, Causley, Gravelle, Massaway approving; Directors Morrow, Glyptis, Chase opposing; Directors McKelvie, Abramson, Hoffman abstaining.**

**Without Objection, will adjourn the meeting. No objections.**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:57 p.m.**

Date: 10-27-15

Secretary: Budgett

Others present: John Wernet, Bill Connolly, Christine McPherson, Angeline Bouley, Trisha Gough, Joanne Carr.