

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
March 17, 2020**

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Kim Gravelle, Jennifer McLeod, 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 Sorenson, supported by Director Hoffman, to recess until one p.m.

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

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-72, Declaration of State of Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a state of emergency is declared throughout the reservation lands of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration of the Casinos, the Tribal Government, the Health Division and the Law Enforcement Department, must coordinate and maximize all Tribal efforts that may be activated to resist the spread and injuries caused by the spread of COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during the state of emergency, the Executive Director of the Tribe, the Interim CEO of the Casinos, the Executive Director of EDC, shall have such authority as they deem necessary, to temporarily modify policies or procedures, order closures, cancel or schedule events, implement programs, and take all other appropriate steps, that they deem essential to the protection of the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the state of emergency shall be terminated when emergency conditions no longer exist and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from any effects of the emergency conditions, as determined by the Executive Director of the Tribe, and the termination of this State of Emergency shall be reported to this Board of Directors at the next meeting following termination, for review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall make daily updates to the Board of Directors.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to excuse Director Matson, who left the meeting, due to illness.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to authorize the CFO to delay the monthly tax transfer for 60 days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McLeod, to allow the Chairperson to explain the request and to suspend the rules and add the changes to Chapter 14 to the agenda.

Motion carried with Director Morrow opposing.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-73, Amending Chapter 14: Rules of Parliamentary Procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tribal Code Chapter 14: Section 14.109 is amended to include the following:

14.109 (1) (A)

Video Conferencing with voting shall be permitted during a declared state of emergency for the Board of Directors and Committees, unless prohibited by federal law.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Massaway, McLeod, Gravelle, Freiheit, Sorenson, Hoffman, Causley, McKerchie approving; Directors Chase, Hollowell, Morrow opposing.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to move the March 24, 2020 meeting to the Sault and change a later meeting to Manistique after the State of Emergency is over.

Motion carried with Director Hoffman opposing.

Meeting adjourned: 12:30 p.m.

Date: 5-5-2020 Secretary: Bridgett Severson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Allen Kerridge, Leo Chugunov, Steve Sprecker, Shawn Carlson, Dana Schlehuber, Jen Clerc, Courtney Kachur, Jared Lucas, Joanne Carr.