

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
March 24, 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.  
Via video: Michael McKerchie, Jennifer McLeod, Catherine Hollowell, Keith Massaway, and Charles Matson.  
Absent:

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Causley, to approve the Minutes of 2-4-2020; 2-24-2020; and 3-3-2020, as written.**

**Motion carried with Director Morrow abstaining for 2-4-2020.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve all resolutions and assign numbers to them with the exception of the budget resolutions and amending the Workers Compensation resolution to include someone with a medical background.**

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-74, FY2020 Institute of Museum and Library Services Basic Library Grant.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the application for funding of the FY2020 Basic Library Grant.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aaron Payment or duly assigned individual is authorized to execute or amend all documents relating to the grant application and award.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-75, Preservation & Protection of the Anishinaabemowin Language.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby declares Anishinaabemowin as the official language of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and its reservation lands.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors by the passage of this resolution does hereby support all promotion, protection, and preservation efforts to preserve the Anishinaabemowin language.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-76, WODA Group Escanaba Project Loan Authorization.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Economic Development Director, to invest up to \$100,000, in the WODA Groups proposed Escanaba Project, using Project Developer Funds.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Chairperson or his designee, is authorized to execute all documents and agreements necessary to effectuate this investment.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve 2020-77, Authorization to Purchase Property Chippewa County.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribe's EDC Director to negotiate and enter into an agreement to purchase the following property: 004-119-002-00, located in Chippewa County, MI, at a price not to exceed that discussed during the workshop held on this acquisition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon successful completion of those negotiations, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Chairperson, Aaron A. Payment and its Treasurer, Keith Massaway, to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of those parcels of land using funds as determined by the CFO.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve 2020-78, Authorization to Negotiate Sault Ste. Marie, MI Property Acquisition.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribe's EDC Director to negotiate the purchase of the following property: 051-036-002-00; using funds from DeMawating Development, a Tribal Enterprise; not to exceed the agreed upon terms approved by the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Director authorizes the Chairperson, Aaron A. Payment and its Treasurer, Keith Massaway, to sign any and all documentation required to complete the purchase.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-79, Sawyer Village – Christmas Site FY 2020 Capital Expenditures Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the increase to the FY 2020 Capital Purchases budget modification to Sawyer Village – Christmas Site for an increase of \$100,000.00, with funding from the fund balance of Sawyer Village.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-80, DeMawating Development – Riverside Trailer Park FY 2020 Capital Expenditures Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the increase to the FY 2020 Capital Purchases budget modification to DeMawating Development – Riverside Trailer Park for an increase of \$50,000.00, with funding from the fund balance of DeMawating Development.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-81, ACFS – USDA FY 2020 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to USDA for an increase in Federal USDA monies of \$707,997.00, and a decrease in Tribal Support of \$14,181.21.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-82, ACFS – Child Care Development Fund FY 2020 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to CCDF for an increase in Tribal Support of \$300,000.52.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-83, 2020 Head Start and Early Head Start Grant.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors hereby supports and recommends the submission of a grant to the Office of Head Start, American Indian and Alaskan Natives Program Branch for the annual grant application to provide Head Start and Early Head Start Services.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-84, 2020 Head Start and Early Head Start COLA & Quality Funding.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby supports and recommends the submission of a grant to the Office of Head Start, American Indian and Alaskan Natives Program Branch for the COLA & Quality Improvement funding application to provide Head Start and Early Head Start Services.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-85, ITC MI Tribal Foods Access Coalition (MTFAC) Mishkikiwan Miidjim “Food as Medicine” Acceptance of Grant and Establishment of 2020 Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts the Inter Tribal Council award for \$22,000.

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 2020 budget for ITC MI Tribal Foods Access Coalition with Other Revenues - ITC monies of \$22,000. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-86, Appointing Workers Compensation Committee Members.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Regina Rolstone is hereby removed from her position on the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Melissa Fox-Evans is hereby appointed to serve on the Committee, as a member thereof, until such time as this Board determines otherwise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby requires the Workers Compensation Committee shall now include a member with a medical background.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-87, FY 2020 Budget Document 002- Health Division, and FY 2020 Budget Modifications for Third Party Revenue and Maintenance/Improvements/Capital Outlays.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 Budget Document 002 – Health Division totaling \$38,928,959 of which no funding comes from Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Third Party Revenue for \$19,951,907. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Maintenance/Improvements/Capital Outlays for an increase in IHS Revenue monies of \$619,213. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-88, Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2020 January to December.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost center list for fiscal year 2020, at their 2019 spending levels, for a period not to exceed 90 days.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-89, Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2021 April to March.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost centers for fiscal year 2021, at their 2020 spending levels, for a period not to exceed 90 days:

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-90, Resolution to Support Sault Tribe Programs, Services and Employees During State of Emergency.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the balance of the \$5.5 million Contract Support Cost Settlement Funds shall be made available for Executive Management to back fill for cost of wages incurred (as needed) during casino shut down and governmental move to essential operations during the State of Emergency.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to cancel the April 7, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors due the State of Emergency.**

Motion carried unanimously.

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to adjourn the meeting.**

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned: 5:18 p.m.**

Date: 5-5-2020 Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, - via video; Jared Lucas, Joanne Carr.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
April 14, 2020**

The meeting was opened at 10:08 a.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 Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve the agenda as read, including the April 21, 2020 meeting issue.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Freiheit, to sever all motions regarding the resolutions.**

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-91, FY 2020 Budget Document 003.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 Budget Document 003 totaling \$62,571,323 of which \$18,953,707 comes from Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-92, ACFS – Child Care Development Funds (2800 & 2801) FY 2020 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Child Care Development Fund (2800) for a decrease in Federal HHS monies of \$27,726.52. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Child Care Development Fund (2801) for an increase in Federal HHS monies of \$99,910.03. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-93, Adopting Tribal Code Chapter 47: Commercial Marijuana Ordinance.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby adopts Chapter 47 Commercial Marijuana Ordinance, in the form attached.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-94, Amending Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses Section 71:1601-71.1618 Controlled Substance and Related Offenses.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends and adopts Sections 71.1601 through 71.1618 of the Tribal Code Chapter 71, in the form attached:

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to suspend the rules and add the Audit Motion/Resolution to the agenda.**

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-95, Acceptance of the 2019 Kewadin Casinos Audit.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the 2019 Kewadin Casinos Audit as approved by the Audit Committee.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Causley, to cancel the April 21, 2020 meeting due to the State of Emergency.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned: 11:16 a.m.**

Date: 5-5-2020 Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Allen Kerridge, Jen Clerc, Courtney Kachur, Joel Schultz, Joanne Carr.