

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
June 14, 2022**

The meeting was opened at 3:01 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Hoffman.

Present: Kim Gravelle, Austin Lowes, Betty Freiheit, Michael McKerchie, Lana Causley, Catherine Hollowell, Bridgett Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Darcy Morrow, Denise Chase, and DJ Hoffman.

Absent: Charles Matson.

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to excuse Director Matson and Causley from the meeting. (Director Causley was late)**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve the agenda as read.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Presentation: Janet Liedel handed in a removal petition on Aaron Payment.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-165, COVID 19 Vaccine Related Activities FY 2022 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to Covid 19 Vaccine Related Activities to change the Personnel sheet and reallocate expense. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2022-166, Perinatal Opioid Grant and Third Party Revenue FY 2022 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to the Perinatal Opioid Grant to change the personnel sheet, increase Other Revenue – Inter Tribal Council monies \$10,000.06, and decrease Third Party Revenue monies \$7,896.54.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to Third Party Revenue decreasing the transfer out \$7,896.54.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-167, Mental Health and Third Party Revenue FY 2022 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to the Mental Health to change the personnel sheet and decrease Third Party Revenue monies \$93,381.40.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to Third Party Revenue decreasing the transfer out \$93,381.40.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-168, ACFS Division Social Work FY 2022 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to Social Work to increase Federal BIA monies of \$72,217.37 and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2022-169, Natural Resources 2022 Great Lakes Coastal Symposium Establishment of FY 2022 Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of FY 2022 budget for 2022 Great Lakes Coastal Symposium with Federal U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Revenue monies of \$36,265.81. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2022-170, Natural Resources – Midwest Tribal Wild Rice Coordination and Planning Establishment of FY 2022 Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of FY 2022 budget for Midwest Tribal Wild Rice Coordination and Planning with Federal BIA monies of \$125,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Res. 2022-171, Authorization to Accept Grant from Natural Resources Conservation Service NRCS.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the acceptance of EQIP-2018-745D21220DK grant awarded to the Tribe by the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service in the initial amount of \$21,598 and hereby authorizes the Vice-Chairman to accept the grant awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its Vice-Chairman, 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.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2022-172, Contracting Authority Acute Direct Care Clinic Contracts.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians does hereby delegate to the Health Division Director, or their designee, the authority to contract with available health delivery agencies in the area for acute care for the members, for the purpose of expanding health delivery and access.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Tribe does hereby delegate this authority to enter into these agreements on a long-term basis, to secure the services needed by the members.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-173, Acceptance - 2022 Indian Housing Plan – Cares Act Amendment #1.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the 2022 IHP-CARES Act Amendment #1, Grant No. 20-BV-265-4680, as presented and does hereby request approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to accept the Amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors and Sault Tribe Housing Commission does agree to follow the HUD approved Indian Housing Plan – CARES Act Amendment #1 in order to provide housing opportunities.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-174, Authorizing Signature Real Estate Form.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians does hereby delegate to the Real Estate Manager, the authority to sign and execute form L-4154, for the State of Michigan, Department of Treasury, to clarify that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians did not purchase any lots in Block 12, of the St. Paul's Addition to the City Plats, other than Lots 1, 3, 4, 11 – 17, and 20-30, inclusive.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2022-175, Approving Contract Hunts Maintenance and Service.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the cleaning company, Hunts Maintenance and Service, for a one year term, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$93,497.80 and further authorizes the Vice-Chairman or his designee, to execute this agreement.

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-176, Approving and Supporting Federal Condemnation of Property on McKay Bay.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians concurs with the United States' decision to condemn the abutting property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors directs the Tribe's representatives to CORA, to support a resolution by CORA which would provide CORA's concurrence with the United States' decision to condemn the abutting property.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Vice-Chairperson, 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.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2022-177, Authorization to Use Les Cheneaux Community Schools CTE Program/Scott Barr, Barr Construction for DeMawating Development – Hillcrest Property Build.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes the Vice-Chairman, or his or her designee, to enter into any and all agreements necessary, in conjunction with Barr Construction, to procure the construction and infrastructure improvements required to facilitate the

completion of a Single Family Residence in Hillcrest Properties using funds previously approved in the 2022 Enterprise Capital Expenditure Budget and the Les Cheneaux CTE program.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-178, Affirming the Sibley Parcel's Compliance with MILCSA.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby affirms and declares its position that the Sibley Parcel, and the Tribe's mandatory fee-to-trust application thereto, fully meet the requirements of the Michigan Indian Land Claim Settlement Act, including its requirement that the parcels be "for consolidation or enhancement of tribal land."

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Vice-Chairperson, or designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McKerchie, to table the res. regarding Chapter 90.**

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-179, Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase Strawberry Fields Condominium St. Ignace, Mi - Property Acquisition.**

RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors authorizes the Sault Tribe EDC Executive Director or his designee, to negotiate the purchase of the property, not to exceed the agreed upon terms approved by the Board of Directors.**SEE ATTACHMENT**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Director authorizes the Tribal Vice-Chairperson, or his designee, to sign any and all documentation, to complete the purchase of the property, using funds as determined by the CFO.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-180, Authorization To Negotiate and Purchase 1110 and 1120 Boundary Rd Moran Township - Property Acquisition.**

RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors authorizes the Sault Tribe EDC Executive Director or his designee, to negotiate the purchase of the property, not to exceed the agreed upon terms approved by the Board of Directors:TIN: 009-001-025-00 AND 009-001-026-00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Director authorizes the Tribal Vice-Chairperson, or his designee, to sign any and all documentation, to complete the purchase of the property, using funds as determined by the CFO.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-181, Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase 0 Boundary Rd Moran Township - Property Acquisition.**

RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors authorizes the Sault Tribe EDC Executive Director or his designee, to negotiate the purchase of the property, not to exceed the agreed upon terms approved by the Board of Directors: TIN: 009-001-022-10 AND 009-001-024-00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Director authorizes the Tribal Vice-Chairperson, or his designee, to sign any and all documentation, to complete the purchase of the property, using funds as determined by the CFO.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-182, Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase 6303 Faketty Rd Manistique, Mi - Property Acquisition.**

RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors authorizes the Sault Tribe EDC Executive Director or his designee, to negotiate the purchase of the property, not to exceed the agreed upon terms, approved by the Board of Directors: TIN: 005-133-010-80

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Director authorizes the Tribal Vice-Chairperson, or his designee, to sign any and all documentation, to complete the purchase of the property, using funds as determined by the CFO.

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve the designation of Michael Edwards, attorney for the Tribe, pursuant to Res. No: 2021-131, to perform all services directed to Michael Edwards by the Tribe's Election Committee and to report directly to the Tribe's Election Committee in furtherance of those services.**

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to appoint Otto Hyslop – Reg Seat, to the Unit 3 Elders Committee and Kim Roman, - Alternate Seat- Unit 4 Escanaba Elders Committee, both for a four year term, expiring June 2026.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to hire the recommended person for the HR Director.**

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

Adjourned: 3:50 p.m.

Date: 10-4-2022

Secretary: 

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, JR Loera, Jessica Dumback, Susan Soltys, Clarence Hudak, Leo Chugunov, Joel Lumsden, Brad Silet, Eric Clark, Katelynn Griffin, Joanne Carr.