

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN SHORES CASINO  
ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
February 21, 2017**

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

Present: Dennis McKelvie, DJ Hoffman, Kim Gravelle, Jennifer McLeod, Michael McKerchie, Lana Causley, Catherine Hollowell, Bridgett Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Anita Nelson, and Aaron Payment.  
Absent:

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve the agenda as read, excluding resolutions regarding Ch. 20 and Ch. 43 (2 versions).**

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to recess for 10 minutes.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve the Minutes of 1-17-2017 and 2-7-2017, with corrections.**

**Motion carried with Director McKerchie abstaining for 2-7-2017.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2017-31, Amended Partial Waiver of Convictions for Mr. Dane Switzer.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. Dane Switzer for the convictions of: Misdemeanor Operating while Intoxicated – 09/15/2015; Felony Police Officer-Assaulting/Resisting/Obstruction – 9/15/2015; Disorderly Person – Drunk – 04/2014.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2017-32, Michigan Indian Elders Association Delegation Appointments and MIEA President.**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the use of the existing travel budget within the Elder Services Fund (cost center 1168) to cover Mr. Derwin's reasonable and necessary travel expenses for attending Meetings of the MIEA as the MIEA President, subject to the Tribe's standard travel policies and procedures and to the availability of budgeted funds.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2017-33, 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 Carol Strauser of Manistique, Michigan, for a two year period, expiring February 2019, 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 Morrow, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2017-34, National Indian Gaming Association 2017.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized the payment of dues for NIGA membership of \$15,000, which will be paid out of Kewadin Casinos.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby appoints the following as the Tribe's representatives to NIGA: Delegate: Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson; Alternate: DJ Hoffman, Director, Vice Chair; Alternate: Bridgett Sorenson, Director, Secretary; Alternate: Dennis McKelvie, Director, Treasurer; Alternate: Keith Massaway, Director; Alternate: Michael McKerchie, Director; Alternate: Jennifer McLeod, Director; Alternate: Kimberle Gravelle, Director; Alternate: Lana Causley-Smith, Director; Alternate: Catherine Hollowell, Director; Alternate: Denise Chase, Director; Alternate: Darcy Morrow, Director; Alternate: Anita Nelson, Director; Alternate: Kenneth J. Ermatinger, Gaming Commission Director.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2017-35, Authorize Contract, and Execute Associated Documents for George K. Nolan Judicial Building Renovation & Addition Project.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize the Chairperson of the Tribe, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and U. P. Engineers and Architects, Inc. for Design, Geotechnical, and Construction Engineering Service for the Project, and authorizes expenditures from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Funds (CC11461).

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

**General Counsel John Wernet had an emergency request to an amici group for Standing Rock. John will use the resolution that the Board previously approved regarding Standing Rock.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2017-36, Approving Special Counsel Contract Bruce R. Greene & Associates, LLC.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves and authorizes the Chairperson to sign the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Bruce R. Greene & Associates, LLC., ending December 31, 2017, for the purpose of providing legal services to the Tribe.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2017-37, Approving Contract Butzel Long, P.C.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Butzel Long, P.C., ending December 31, 2017, for the purpose of providing legal services in relation to general civil litigation and related matters.

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2017-38, Approving Contract Plunkett Cooney, P.C.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves and authorizes the Chairperson to sign the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Plunkett Cooney, P.C., ending December 31, 2017, for the purpose of providing legal services in relation to general civil litigation and related matters.

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

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**Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2017-39, Approving Special Counsel Contract Alexis Lambros.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves and authorizes the Chairperson to sign the special counsel contract for legal services between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and attorney Alexis Lambros, ending December 31, 2017.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2017-40, Approving Contract Frost Brown Todd, LLC.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves and authorizes the Chairperson to sign the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Frost Brown and Todd, LLC, ending December 31, 2017, for the purpose of providing legal services to the Tribe.

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

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2017-41, Approving Special Counsel Contract Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and authorizes the Chairperson to sign the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville, ending December 31, 2017, for the purpose of providing legal services to the Tribe related to treaty fishing rights as set forth therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the re-establishment of Cost Center 1024-Conservation and the establishment of a budget within that cost center for Treaty Fishing Rights Special Counsel in the amount of \$77,500 for FY 2017 using Tribal Support funds.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2017-42, GLRI Adaptive Management Establishment of FY 2017 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 2017 budget for GreatLakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Adaptive Management grant with Federal BIA monies of \$170,896.43. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2017-43, Health Center – Medical/Nursing 2017 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2017 budget modification to Health Center Medical/Nursing for a change to personnel and the reallocation of expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2017-44, Manistique Health Clinic 2017 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2017 budget modification to Manistique Health Clinic for a change to personnel and the reallocation of expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Hollowell, to eliminate the first meeting in March for the STAC meeting in DC and the CEO interviews.**

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to change the March 21 meeting to March 14, 2017.**

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

**Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Chase, that the Executive Director is authorized to take any administrative action, not limited to any current policies, that is necessary, for the protection of tribal resources and personnel, commencing on 2-21-2017.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Board Member Concerns:**

Director Chase: Issues at our hotels.  
Director Morrow: PAF for Ex. Director; Elder Meetings; Gaming Expansion.  
Director Causley: HUD Position; prioritizing positions; Transportation Grant.  
Director Nelson: Elder Age.  
Director Sorenson: Traditional Healer Schedule for St. Ignace.  
Director Hoffman: Zamboni.

Meeting adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

Date: 3-14-17 Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: John Wernet, Christine McPherson, Bill Connolly, Jessica Dumback, Brad Pringle, Ken Ermatinger, Tony Abramson, Joel Lumsden, Latisha Willette, Anthony Lester, Russ McKerchie, Joanne Carr.