

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
November 16, 2021**

The meeting was opened at 5:05 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Kim Gravelle, Austin Lowes, 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 Massaway, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve the agenda as read.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Massaway, to approve the Minutes of 11-2-2021, with technical corrections, if needed.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-284, Establish FY 2022 Budget for Transportation Mobility Coordinator.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for Transportation Mobility Coordinator with Federal BIA monies \$37,288.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2021-285, Establish FY 2022 Budget for Health Informational Technology and Telehealth.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for Health Informational Technology and Telehealth Federal IHS monies \$273,215.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-286, Establish FY 2022 Budget for Health COVID 19 Telehealth.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for Health Covid 19 Telehealth Federal IHS monies \$295,435.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-287, Child Advocacy Acceptance of Grant and Establish of FY 2022 Budget.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Department of Justice, Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indians Communities award; and authorizes Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to sign, negotiate, execute, and amend any document resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf.

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 2022 budget for Child Advocacy with Department of Justice monies \$151,876.70 for the first year of the program operation. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-288, DeMawating Development FY 2021 Enterprise Capital Expenses Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the modification to the FY 2021 Enterprise Capital Budget to increase the expenses for DeMawating Development \$890,000.00, from Other Revenue/Fund balance.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-289, DeMawating Development Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course Establishment of FY 2021 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 2021 budget for Demawating Development - Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course with fund balance monies of \$43,887.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-290, Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Document 004 Enterprises.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Document 004 Enterprises for revenue of \$17,081,702 and expenses of \$16,240,516

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-291, Fiscal Year 2022 Enterprises Capital Purchases Budget.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves a total of \$1,607,905.00 as the Enterprises Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Purchases Budget.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-292, Authorization to Establish Membership in the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and support the Sault Tribe's membership into the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) and appoints the Tribal Chairperson to the MTERA Board of Directors (person to vote) and the Environmental Program Manager as the Sault Tribe's proxy member. Designated representatives are eligible to serve as a member, on the Board of Directors as an officer and/or on committees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson and/or designee, are authorized to execute and all documents necessary to carry out this resolution.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-293, Transportation Program City of Sault Ste. Marie Cooperative Agreement.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the parties hereto have reached an understanding with each other regarding the performance of the Court Street Project work and desire to enter into contract by and between the City and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Transportation Program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves and agrees to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the City and cover associated project costs for the additional work with connection with the Court Street construction.

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

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-294, LTBB V. Whitmer.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the engagement letter with the Stanford Supreme Court Litigation Clinic is hereby approved, and the Board of Directors does authorize the signing of the amicus brief in this case on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal 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 with Director Hollowell abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Massaway, to refer the resolution regarding Sault Tribe Inc. to the Legal Department.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-295, ARPA Fund Appropriation Unit 1 Elder Housing Sault Tribe Housing.**

RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors authorizes the Sault Tribe Housing Director to execute the Unit 1 Elder Housing plan provided to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; the plan is expected to result in 20 Elder Units (inclusive of quads and Triplex buildings) with associated land work and associated infrastructure upgrades on Tribal Lands located in Chippewa County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors appropriates Five Million (\$5,000,000.00) dollars of UNIT approved ARPA funds to accomplish the Elder Housing Unit construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Housing Director to Administratively establish and/or FY21 and FY 22 budget for the Sault Tribe Housing Elder Housing plan.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to execute any/all contracts and purchase agreements related to the Five-Million-dollar administrative budget to ensure the construction of these Elder Units by both internal and external construction companies during FY21 and FY22.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned: 5:39 p.m.

Date: 1-4-22

Secretary: *Bridgett Jensen*

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Jeremy Patterson, Jenna Killips, Leo Chugunov, Susan Soltys, Sheila Berger, Joanne Carr.