

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
June 23, 2020**

The meeting was opened at 1:02 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, and Aaron Payment.

Absent: Charles Matson.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Freiheit, to suspend the rules and add the issue of opening the 2020 Election Count to the membership.

Roll Call Vote: Motion denied with Directors McKerchie, Causley, Morrow, Chase, Massaway, Sorenson, Freiheit, Gravelle approving; Director Hollowell opposing; Directors Hoffman, McLeod abstaining. This vote needed a vote of nine to be approved.

Without Objection, will recess for 10 minutes. No objections.

Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-115, Acceptance 2020 Indian Housing Plan – Cares Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the 2020 Indian Housing Plan – CARES Act Grant No. 55-IH-26-5480, as presented and does hereby request funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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 in order to provide housing opportunities.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to suspend the rules and add the resolution regarding defense of treaty.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2020-116, Tribal Transportation Rides to Wellness Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Agreement between the Michigan Public Transit Association, a duly organized section 501 (c)6 Non Profit in the State of Michigan and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Transportation Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson, or his designee, is authorized and directed, on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to sign the Agreement, attached to this resolution, as Exhibit A.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2020-117, Authorizing a Tribal COVID-19 Taskforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe should and does hereby approve the establishment of a COVID-19 Taskforce to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 Taskforce shall have the power to create and abolish subcommittees of the Taskforce on an ongoing and as needed basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the COVID-19 Taskforce shall continue to fulfill its duties irrespective of any tribal, national or state issued emergency declaration.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 Taskforce, through the Tribal Executive Director, Interim Kewadin CEO and Tribal Economic Development Executive Director shall make recommendations to the Tribal Board of Directors for appropriations and implementation of the plan.

BE IT STILL RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 Taskforce will pull from the recommendations for direct services, and approve up to \$5,000,000 on those recommendations.

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

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2020-118, In Defense of Treaty Ceded Lands.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairperson to request that the Federal Government, State Attorney General, and Local Prosecutors seek the maximum penalties against Kurt Johnson Duncan and Linda Duncan for their reprehensible crimes against Mother Nature, exploitation of wildlife, and illegal harvest of protected and endangered species

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians extends an invitation to the other Michigan Tribes and specifically member Tribes of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, to join the Tribe in this request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Tribe, or his designee, is authorized to execute all documents relating to the filing this request with Local, State, and Federal Agencies.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Kurt Johnson Duncan and Linda Duncan are permanently barred from all Lands of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians from this day forward.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2020-119, Key Employee Kewadin Casino CEO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Board of Directors accepts the recommendation of the Gaming Authority for the position of the Kewadin Casino CEO.

Motion carried with Director Hoffman abstaining.

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

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

Board Concerns:

Director McKerchie: Big Bear Trails.

Director Chase: Truck Contract for Fishers.

Director Gravelle: Update on Recovery Center Facility.

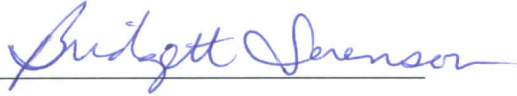
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Director Hoffman: Child Care Center.

Director Freiheit: TAP Coordinator; Motel for sale; Elders – Dental; Employees.

Director Sorenson: Election open to members; Board Meetings open to members; Kewadin Sign in St. Ignace; Sergeant – St. Ignace; Auto Insurance; Health Center.

Without Objection meeting adjourned: 4:23 p.m. No objections.

Date: 10-20-2020 Secretary: 

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Jeremy Patterson, Linda Grossett, Joanne Carr.