

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
September 15, 2020**

The meeting was opened at 5:02 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

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

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve the Minutes of 7-28/29-2020, with corrections, and 8-4-2020; and 8-11-2020 as written.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-219, Child Advocacy Center Establishment of FY 2020 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 Child Advocacy Center Federal DOJ monies \$329,039.75.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-220, DEMAWATING DEVELOPMENT, CHIPPEWA STORAGE, and ENTERPRISE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FY 2020 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 DeMawating Development to increase expenses for a \$10,000 transfer out to Chippewa Storage.

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 Chippewa Storage for the transfer in of \$10,000 from DeMawating Development.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the modification to the FY 2020 Enterprise Capital Expenditures Budget to increase the expenses for Chippewa Storage \$10,000.00.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-221, Enterprise Recipient Establishment of FY 2020 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 2020 budget for Enterprise Recipient with Other Revenue monies of \$4,864,500. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-222, Manistique Medical Nursing and Third Party Revenue 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 Manistique Medical Nursing to change the personnel sheet, decrease expenses, and decrease Other – Third Party Revenue monies of \$10,368.25.

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 a decrease of transfer funds of \$10,368.25.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-223, Family Spirit Grant and Third Party Revenue 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 Family Spirit Grant to increase expenses with Other – Third Party Revenue monies of \$10,000.00.

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 an increase of transfer funds of \$10,000.00.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-224, SAMHSA STOPR 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 SAMHSA STOPR to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2020-225, SAMHSA Establishment of FY 2021 Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian s hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2021 budget for SAMHSA with Federal HHS monies \$350,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-226, Emergency Preparedness 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 Emergency Preparedness to change the personnel sheet, decrease expenses and decrease State of Michigan monies of \$3,560.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-227, Health Sault Housekeeping Maintenance 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 Health Sault Housekeeping Maintenance to change the personnel sheet.

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

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-228, Sanitation BE-17 KO3 Establishment of FY 2021 Budget.**

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 2021 budget for Sanitation BE-17-KO3 with Federal IHS monies \$44,813.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-229, Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2021 October to September Health Division.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached Health Division cost centers for fiscal year 2021, at their 2020 spending levels, for a period not to exceed 45 days:

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

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-230, Adult Health Survey.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Health Division's Community Health Program to conduct a Sault Tribe Adult Health Survey by mail to randomly selected Tribal households in the seven county service area, using labels generated from Tribal enrollment or by electronic data base shared by Tribal enrollment with Michigan Public Health Institute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MIS and Enrollment Departments are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Health Division in generating the database, lists, and labels for this project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the IRB staffed and operated by the MPH I shall oversee and direct the compliance measures to assure, both in advance and by periodic review that appropriate steps are taken to protect the rights and welfare of members participating in this survey and study.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-231, Acceptance - 2021 Indian Housing Plan.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the 2021 Indian Housing Plan, 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 in order to provide housing opportunities.

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2020-232, Lease Modification to Eby/Nault Lease No: 469-23-00033-07 STHA-MH 0100517-01(07).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairperson and Treasurer to execute this lease modification, and land being described as: See Attachment A  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate lease modification documents, removing Douglas A. Eby from the lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to modify LEASE NO: 469-23-00033-07 pursuant to applicable law and regulations.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-233, Lease Cancellation to Colleen R. Medicine Lease No: 469-2001161363 STHA-JKL-010(13).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Tribal Chairperson, and Treasurer to execute this lease cancellation for Colleen R. Medicine, and land being described as:

Legally described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4, of Section 16, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan, more particularly described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 16; thence N02°15'24"E 987.79 feet along the West line of said Section 16; thence S88°32'51"E 269.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S88°32'51"E 118.25 feet; thence N02°15'23"E 131.69 feet to the North right-of-way line of J.K. Lumsden Way; thence N88°33'19"W 118.25 feet along said right-of-way line; thence S02°15'23"W 131.67 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.36 acres. Also known as Lot 90 of H.U.D. Project No. MI 149-010 of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority. Address: 1856 J K Lumsden Way – Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate lease cancellation documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to cancel LEASE NO. 469-2001161363 and all assignments and modifications of record, pursuant to applicable law and regulations.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-234, Authorization to Apply for a Funding from Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe EDC Executive Director to apply to the Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI), for a grant of up to \$75,000.00 for the purpose of developing an Opportunity Fund for identified Zones throughout the Seven County Service area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to submit, sign, negotiate, amend, execute and accept any agreement and grant funding of up to \$ 75,000.00 if awarded from the NABDI, for the purpose of developing an Opportunity Zone fund.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously. (Director Lowes had stepped out of the meeting).**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-235, Authorization to Accept Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the Purpose of Promoting Economic Development Activities.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe EDC Executive Director, to accept funding of up to \$30,000.00 from the Bureau of Indians Affairs (BIA), promoting Economic Development Activities of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, throughout the Seven County Service area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorized the EDC staff to establish a budget for the received funds.

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

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to table the resolution regarding Flexible Benefits Spending.**

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2020-236, Hartford Life Insurance Company Life and Disability Benefits.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes renewal of the life and disability benefits through Hartford Life Insurance Company for a two year period and authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate this renewal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby resolves to renew the benefits at the rates indicated in the attached document.

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, Morrow opposing.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to table the resolution regarding Meritain.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Freiheit, Hoffman, Morrow, Gravelle, Lowes, Chase approving; Director Hollowell, Causley, McKerchie, Matson, Sorenson, Massaway opposing; Chairperson approving, breaking the tie vote.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-237, Rescind Resolution 2004-121, Federal Acknowledgement or Recognition of Mackinac Band of Chippewa Indians and Ottawa Indians, Inc.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution 2004-121 declaring the neutrality of the Board of Directors towards the federal acknowledgment or recognition of Mackinac Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians, Inc. is hereby rescinded effective immediately.

**Motion carried with Director Hoffman abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-238, Resolution to Ban Non-Member William Cross, Jr. from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Lands.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize the banning of non-member William Cross, Jr. from all Tribal lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize any and all actions and documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-239, Purchase of Property.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairperson to utilize the funds previously appropriated by Resolution 2019-262, for the acquisition of the property (attached) discussed in the workshop today.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairperson shall be authorized to utilize available Facility Funds in the event the parcel price exceeds that in Resolution 2019-262, not to exceed the maximum amount discussed in the workshop.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Morrow, to file as an intervenor on the Line 5 case.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Without Objections, all meeting will be held in the Sault. No Objections.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to accept the recommendation of the Conservation Committee and approve a Small Mesh Permit to George Rickley for the 2020 Season.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned: 6:22 p.m.**

**Board Concerns:**

Director Gravelle: Land transfers; Enrollment, WIOA.

Director Freiheit: Mountain bike trails.

Director Morrow: Boardwalk in Manistique; Fisher in Unit 4.

Director Causley: Transportation TIP.

Director Hoffman: Pharmacist; COVID Checks; Hazard pay; Higher Ed Scholarships.

Director Chase: Scholarships.

Date: 12-1-2020 Secretary: Bridgett Erenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Kirk Bartling, Jr Loera, Susan Soltys, Linda Grossett, Joanne Carr.