

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
523 ASHMUN STREET
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

The meeting was opened at 5:00 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 Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve the Minutes of 1-19-2021, with corrections.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-34, Soo Health Center Optical FY 2021 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Soo Health Center Optical to reallocate expenses and change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-35, Soo Health Center Laboratory and Third Party Revenue FY 2021 Budget Modifications.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Soo Health Center Laboratory to increase expenses, change the personnel sheet, and increase Third Party Revenue monies \$58,838.46. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to increase Third Party Revenue transfer of \$58,838.46.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-36, Earmarking Additional COVID-19 Relief Funds for Tribal Owned Business Recovery Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby earmarks any additional COVID-19 Relief Funds received by the Tribe from the United States Treasury Department following the resolution of the *Chehalis* cases to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Owned Business Recovery Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors reserves the right to amend the terms of this Resolution on an ongoing and as needed basis as additional guidance, funds, and needs arise.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its 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.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-37, Reaffirm and Approve Promissory Note from Self-Sufficiency Fund to Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the renewed Promissory Note from the Self-Sufficiency Fund to the Tribe.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its 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.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-38, To Protect the Straits of Mackinac as a Traditional Cultural Property Site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians does hereby, as follows:

- 1) Direct the Sault Tribe Language and Cultural Department and Environmental Department to compile preliminary research for the area around the Enbridge Line 5 twin pipelines and the proposed tunnel project in order to protect the traditional cultural and historic resources of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and further
- 2) Direct the Sault Tribe Language and Cultural and Environmental Department to submit the information to the US Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies for formal designation as a Traditional Cultural Property site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson and Treasurer, are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve a Small Mesh Permit for Nathan Alexander, for the 2021 Fishing Season. (Renewal)

Motion carried with Director Sorenson abstaining.

Meeting adjourned: 5:19 p.m.

Date: 3-2-2021 Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, - via video; Jared Lucas, Jeremy Patterson/JR Loera, Linda Grossett, Joanne Carr.