

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
523 ASHMUN STREET
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 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 Massaway, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve the Minutes of 1-5-2021, with corrections.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-39, Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country 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 Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country to increase expenses and increase Federal CDC monies \$71,136.98. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-40, FY 2021 Budget Document 003.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 Budget Document 003 totaling \$66,920,592, of which \$22,491,403 comes from Tribal Support.

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

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-41, OVC FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Formula Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes application for the OVC FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Formula Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or designee, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Department of Justice, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents on the Tribe's behalf.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2021-42, BIA GLRI Habitats & Species Grant Deep Water Fish Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his duly authorized representative to sign, negotiate, amend and execute any agreements thereof for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-43, BIA GLRI Habitats & Species Grant Whitefish Tributary Rearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his duly authorized representative to sign, negotiate, amend and execute any agreements thereof for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2021-44, BIA GLRI Habitats & Species Grant Mi'iangin in Boreal Forest Ecosystems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his duly authorized representative to sign, negotiate, amend and execute any agreements thereof for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-45, 2021 GLRI Invasive Species Management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his duly authorized representative to sign, negotiate, amend and execute any agreements thereof for the 2021 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-46, Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2021 January to December.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost centers for the fiscal year 2021, at their 2020 spending levels, for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year through December 31, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves extending the date of the authority granted to the Tribal Chairperson, Tribal Executive Director, Kewadin Casinos CEO, and Tribal EDC Executive Director under Resolution 2020-216, so that the same authority shall be maintained for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year through December 31, 2021.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-Official Tribal Website and Facebook Page.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby reaffirms that the Tribe's official website is www.saulttribe.com, and the Tribe's official Facebook page is www.facebook.com/saulttribe, and that these two (2) sites, which include all sites of the Tribe's divisions, departments, or organizations that are subordinate to these sites, are the only websites authorized to provide official tribal communications or information for and on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other website or social media site does not reflect the views, opinions, positions, or communications of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians or its Board of Directors.

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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.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Freiheit, to accept the recommendation of the Conservation Committee and appoint Clarence Hudak as Vice Chair until his term expires.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Sorenson, to accept the resignation of Wade Jensen from the Conservation Committee.

Motion carried with Directors Morrow, Chase, Hoffman opposing.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Freiheit, to accept the resignation of Nicole Sambrano, from the Child Welfare Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Freiheit, to appoint Isaac McKechnie to the Housing Commission, to fill the Unit Five vacancy.

Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to appoint Mary Jenerou to the Housing Commission, to fill the Unit Five vacancy.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried for Isaac McKechnie, with Directors Sorenson, Causley, Hoffman, Freiheit, Hollowell, Lowes voting for Isaac McKechnie; Directors Gravelle, Matson, McKerchie, Massaway, Morrow, Chase voting for Mary Jenerou; Chairperson Payment voting for Isaac McKechnie, breaking the tie vote.

Meeting adjourned: 5:37 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.