

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
May 17, 2022**

The meeting was opened at 5:04 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Hoffman.

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

Absent:

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2022-148, Hessel Ridge Ojibwe Renaming.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby approve the renaming of the Hessel Ridge Golf Course to "Hessel Ridge "Gchi..Wajiwan Makwa" (Bear on the Mountain)"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all existing supplies will be used, but the new name will be applied to all further scorecards and advertisements – also a new sign will be installed immediately from existing project funds identified by the CFO for this project.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2022-149, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Mr. Keven Vieau.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. Keven Vieau.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2022-150, GLRI Aquatic Invasive Species Establishment of FY 2022 Budget and GLRI Invasive Species FY 2023 Budget Modification.**

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 GLRI Aquatic Invasive Species with Federal US Fish & Wildlife Revenue of \$51,061.41. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to GLRI Invasive Species for a decrease in Federal US Fish & Wildlife of \$74,378.01. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2022-151, Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Appointment.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors nominates the following persons to the Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, to serve while maintaining their current position as a member of the Tribal Board of Directors: Bridget Sorenson, Director – Representative, Denise Chase, Director – Alternate.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-152, Approve Contract Award, and Use of CRRSAA Funds for Sault Tribe Manistique Health HVAC**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the Sault Tribe Health Division Manistique Health HVAC Project contract, involving installation and construction of the Manistique HVAC system, and its related expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes and approves the Tribal Vice-Chairman, or his designee, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents resulting therefrom on a contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and recommended bidder for installation and construction of the Manistique HVAC system.

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

**Moved by Director Lowes, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-153, ARPA Fund Appropriation – Unit 1 Displaced Tribal Member Housing.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes these remaining funds (\$1,500,000) for displaced tribal member housing.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes that Real Estate shall assist Unit 1 in identifying opportunities which shall be brought back to the Board for final approval.

**Motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2022-154, ARPA Fund Appropriation Unit 2 Housing.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors has appropriated Four Million Dollars, (\$4,000,000) of Unit 2 approved ARPA funds to accomplish new home purchases within Unit 2;s area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, due to COVID-19, the Unit 2 members have been forced to quarantine and overcrowd existing homes, resulting in increased infection rates due to the lack of ability to socially distance when members within the home test positive for COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Tribe's Purchasing Department to create and execute a bidding process to facilitate the Unit 2 home purchases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the construction and facilitation of the Unit 2 home purchases to include all necessary and appropriate actions, including budgeting allocations for external construction management and design services as authorized by the Chief Financial Officer, for completion of the project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Vice-Chairman, 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 by unanimous consent.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2022-155, ARPA Fund Appropriation – Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Project/Renovation.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors has appropriated Three Million Four-Hundred, Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars, (\$3,424,000) of Unit 2 approved ARPA funds to accomplish the Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Renovation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Renovation Project shall consist of the bidding, design, construction and renovation necessary to update and expand the existing facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Tribe's Purchasing Department to create and execute a bidding process for the hiring of an external contractor to construct and facilitate the Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Renovation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the construction and facilitation of the Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Renovation Project to include all necessary and appropriate actions, including budgeting allocations for external construction management and design services as authorized by the Chief Financial Officer, for completion of the project.



BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Vice-Chairman, 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 by unanimous consent.**

**Moved by Director Matson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-156, Recruitment and Retention of Health Provider Positions.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and approves that all Tribal health provider positions, as identified and determined by the Tribe's Health Director, shall be budgeted at the maximum of the applicable minimum to maximum compensation range for that position(s). BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribe's Health Director to execute any and all documents as may be necessary to ensure that the Tribe's health provider positions are budgeted within the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribe's Health Director to execute any administrative modifications for signing and relocations within available funding Health Related funding sources.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the use of any and all applicable Health funds, including ARPA, to facilitate the recruitment and retention of positions.

**Motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2022-157, Authorizing Certain Tribal Personnel to Approve Expenditures of Tribal Funds.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby authorized to approve any expenditure of funds within the amount and purpose of their respective Board-approved budgets, appropriation, or allocation:

- Executive Director of the Tribe
- Assistant Executive Director
- Division Directors of the Tribe
- The Chief Financial Officer of the Tribe
- The EDC Director

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any expenditure of tribal funds over \$50,000 shall be reported by the Chief Financial Officer, to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis.

**Motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to appoint Katie Leach and Kelly Hatinger to the Election Committee, both for four year terms, expiring May 2026.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjourned: 5:34 p.m.

Date: 6-20-2022

Secretary: Budgett Jensen

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, JR Loera, Jen Clerc, Jenna Killips, Clarence Hudak, Joni Talentino, James McKerchie, Leo Chugunov, Josh Elliott, Joel Lumsden, Bud Biron, Katelynn Griffin, Joanne Carr.