

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
July 26, 2022**

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Hoffman.

Present: Michael McKerchie, Austin Lowes, Betty Freiheit, Isaac McKechnie, Rob McRorie, Lana Causley, Kimberly Lee, Bridgett Sorenson, Shawn Borowicz, Darcy Morrow, Kimberly Hampton, Tyler LaPlaunt, and DJ Hoffman.

Absent:

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Res. 2022-202, Authorizing the Development of a SSBCI Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and approves the development of a SSBCI Capital Program Application, including the required letter of designation and all other related materials and documents to accompany the application, to be brought forward to the Board of Directors within 90 days for review and consideration at that time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the negotiation of a Services Agreement with Development Capital Networks to assist in the preparation of the SSBCI Capital Program Application and to assist with the implementation and management of the associated programs as a Contracted Entity under the terms of the SSBCI Capital Program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or 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 Lowes, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-203, Rescinding Resolution 2020-261: State of Emergency Health Requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians rescinds Resolution 2020-261 State of Emergency Health Requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Sorenson, LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Borowicz, McKerchie, Lee, Hampton, McRorie, Causley, Lowes, Freiheit approving; Director Morrow opposing.

Moved by Director Lowes, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Res. 2022-204, Investigation Accusations against DJ Hoffman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors mandates and directs an investigation be undertaken regarding accusations of harassment, intimidation, interference in the Election Code violation investigation, and financial impropriety by DJ Hoffman, and further authorizes disclosure of any records otherwise classified as confidential for the purpose of investigating these allegations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Director of the Tribe, with assistance from the Tribe's General Counsel, shall hire an external firm to investigate these allegations, with authorization to modify the existing budget to pay for these services.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, DJ Hoffman will limit his time in the Tribal Administration building to perform only duties assigned to him by Sault Tribe Code and the Constitution and only when his presence is requested in writing by Sault Tribe Governmental staff or a majority of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Lee, Freiheit, Lowes, LaPlaunt, Borowicz, McRorie, Hampton approving; Directors Causley, McKerchie, Morrow, Sorenson opposing; Director McKechnie abstaining.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Lowes, to table the resolution regarding Weaponizing Legislation.

Motion carried with Directors LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Freiheit, Borowicz, Hampton, Lowes, Lee, McRorie approving; Directors Morrow, McKerchie, Causley, Sorenson opposing.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to table the resolution regarding Investigation of Elected Officials.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors McRorie, LaPlaunt, Freiheit, Lee, Hampton, Lowes approving; Directors Sorenson, McKerchie, Causley, Borowicz, Morrow opposing; Director McKechnie abstaining.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-205, Authorization to Change Signers with Central Savings Bank.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the CFO or his designee, to prepare and establish the necessary signature cards with Central Savings Bank.

DJ Hoffman	Austin Lowes	Tyler LaPlaunt
Kimberly Vincent-Hampton	Robert Schulte	Christine McPherson

Said accounts will require the signatures of two of the signatories.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors grants inquiry access to these accounts for obtaining transactional information to the following Accounting Department staff: Julie Hagan Lisa Sawruk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-206, Authorization to Change Signers with Huntington Bank.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the CFO or his designee, to prepare and establish the necessary signature cards with Huntington Bank.

DJ Hoffman	Austin Lowes	Tyler LaPlaunt
Kimberly Vincent-Hampton	Robert Schulte	Christine McPherson

Said accounts will require the signatures of two of the signatories.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors grants inquiry access to these accounts for obtaining transactional information to the following Accounting Department staff: Julie Hagan Lisa Sawruk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-207, Authorization to Change Signers with PNC Bank.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the CFO or his designee, to prepare and establish the necessary signature cards with PNC Bank.

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Kimberly Vincent-Hampton	Robert Schulte	Christine McPherson

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Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-208, Authorization to Change Signers with Peoples State Bank.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the CFO or his designee, to prepare and establish the necessary signature cards with Peoples State Bank.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-209, Authorization to Change Signers with Nicolet National Bank.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the CFO or his designee, to prepare and establish the necessary signature cards with Nicolet National Bank.

DJ Hoffman	Austin Lowes	Tyler LaPlaunt
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Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-210, Authorization to Change Signers with Flagstar Bank.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the CFO or his designee, to prepare and establish the necessary signature cards with Flagstar Bank.

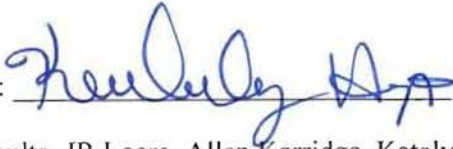
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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors grants inquiry access to these accounts for obtaining transactional information to the following Accounting Department staff: Julie Hagan Lisa Sawruk.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Date: 10-4-2022 Secretary: 

Others present: Jessica Dumback, Bob Schulte, JR Loera, Allen Kerridge, Katelynn Griffin, Joanne Carr.