

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
August 9, 2022**

The meeting was opened at 5:04 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 Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve the agenda as read.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2022-211, Low Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP).**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Chairperson DJ Hoffman, or his designee to sign, amend, negotiate, and execute any agreements thereof for the FY 2023 continuation of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program Grant, authorized under the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Energy, through FY 2025.

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

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2022-212. Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Chairperson, DJ Hoffman, or his designee to sign, amend, negotiate, and execute any agreements thereof for the FY 2023 continuation of the Community Service Block Grant, authorized under the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service, through FY 2025.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-213, Changing Recovery Hospital Location and Amend Resolution No: 2018-102.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this hereby amends Resolution no. 2018-102 and sets aside a portion of its unimproved 68.86 acres in Sault Ste. Marie, MI for the construction and operation of a recovery hospital, otherwise known as parcels 051-048-024-00 and 051-048-028-00.

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

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2022-214, ACFS – OVC Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Establishment of FY 2023 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 2023 budget for OVC Tribal Victim Services Set Aside with Federal Department of Justice Federal Revenue monies of \$271,502.14. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Lowes, to approve Res. 2022-215, Self-Insurance – Property and Liability FY 2022 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to Self-Insurance – Property and Liability for an increase in the use of Other Revenue – Fund Balance monies of \$155,585.60. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-216, ACFS Division – USDA FY 2022 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to USDA for an increase in Federal USDA monies of \$8,177.00 and decrease in Tribal Support monies of \$49,917.10. This budget modification reflects actual expenditures, reallocation of expenses, and changes to the personnel sheet.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Res. 2022-217, DeMawating Development Tanglewood Marsh and Hessel Ridge Golf Course FY 2022 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modifications to close and remove all current cost centers Tanglewood Marsh and Hessel Ridge Golf Courses under DeMawating Development.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the new companies and cost centers for Tanglewood Marsh and Hessel Ridge Golf Course.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Res. 2022-218, Continuing Funding Authority for FY 2023 September through August.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the below listed cost centers for fiscal year 2023, at their 2022 spending levels, for a period not to exceed 90 days:

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| 12092 – Sault Tribe Thrive | 12451 – After School Native Language |
| 12391 – Headstart          | 12392 – Early Headstart              |
| 12401 – Headstart BIA      | 12402 – Early Headstart BIA          |

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director Lowes, to approve Res. 2022-219, Authority to Negotiate and Purchase 3901 I-75 Business Spur, Sault Ste. Marie, Mi Sault Ste. Marie, Mi Property Acquisition.**

RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors authorizes the Sault Tribe Inc.'s CEO or his designee, to negotiate the purchase of the property: TIN: 051-063-026-00

not to exceed the agreed upon terms approved by the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Director authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee, to sign any and all documentation to complete the purchase of the property using ARPA funds as determined by the CFO.

**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 Causley, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-220, Authorization to Bid on Parcels Public Land Auction August 26, 2022.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe Inc.'s CEO, or his designee, to participate in the public land auction scheduled for August 26, 2022, on-line; and to placed bids on any or all parcels approved for purchase in resolutions 2018-185, 2018-207, 2018-219 and 2019-171 using previously approved funds. BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe Inc.'s CEO, or his designee, to place bids on any and all of the additional parcels of lands being offered contingent to Tribal land cost not to exceed \$6,000.00.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-221, Trust Land Lease 1994 J.K. Lumsden Way Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Santiago.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairman, and Treasurer, to execute a lease to the land located at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Jessica Santiago, a single woman and land being described as follows:

A parcel of land located in the Fractional Southwest 1/4, Section 16, Township 47 North, Range 1 East, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan more particularly described as commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 16; thence S02°15'24"W along the West line of said Fractional Southwest 1/4 a distance of 1317.04; thence S88°33'19"E a distance of 1313.39 feet; thence S01°47'15"W a distance of 164.62 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING:

Thence continuing S01°47'15"W a distance of 164.62 feet;

Thence N88°33'19"W a distance of 99.19 feet;

Thence N22°55'26"W a distance of 114.72 feet to a point on the cul-de-sac right-of-way line of J.K. Lumsden Way;

Thence 75.60 feet Northeasterly along the arc of a non-tangent curve concave to the Northwest, said curve has a delta angle of 65°37'53" a radius of 66.00 feet and is sub-tended by a chord that bears N34°15'37"E a distance of 71.54 feet;

Thence S88°33'19"E a distance of 108.74 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 0.46 acres more or less. Subject to all easements, conditions, reservations, exceptions and restrictions contained in prior conveyances of record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the lease is in furtherance of a Housing program operated in the promotion of the public purpose and the negotiated rental amount has been determined to be in the best interest of the Tribe and its people, and valuation in accordance with 25 CFR 162.320 is hereby waived.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-222, Support for the Inclusion of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Airport (Sanderson Field) in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems.**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, fully supports the Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Municipal Airport (Sanderson Field) in its efforts for inclusion in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems and the Airports Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration Order 5090.5, and hereby designates the Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Municipal Airport (Sanderson Field) as essential to the Health and Economic Well-Being of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2022-223, Transportation Program National Endowment for the Arts Our Town – Creative Placemaking Grant.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Transportation Program to submit a grant application and all necessary and required documents to the National Endowment for the Arts, Our Town FY 2023 competitive grant program, requesting up to \$150,000 to identify, create and integrate elements of our Anishinaabe art and culture to public space and infrastructure; such as parks, plazas, signage, landscapes within neighborhoods and across districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairman or duly assigned individual is authorized to execute or amend all documents relating to the grant application and award.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director LaPlaut, to table the resolution titled Weaponizing Legislation.**

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

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2022-224, Appointment Transparency.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Administration is instructed to publish a section of the June 20, 2022 workshop (2:38:38 to 3:59:55), where political appointment was discussed, no later than 08/16/2022.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Lowes, to approve Res. 2022-225, Commitment towards Indigenous Food Sovereignty.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribe shall establish an Indigenous Food Sovereignty Committee, which will consist of twelve Sault Tribe members, who will apply to the Board of Directors to fill committee vacancies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee is encouraged to coordinate with tribal departments and other institutions that are relevant to the mission of food sovereignty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Indigenous Food Sovereignty Committee is provided full support from the Board of Directors and is authorized to serve in an advisory role.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director Morrow, to refer the resolution regarding Ch. 10 to the Election Committee.**

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Lowes, to table the resolution regarding Video Footage.**

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Lowes, to table the resolution regarding Investigating Elected Officials.**

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to accept the recommendation of the Special Needs Enrollment Committee and relinquish Kaedence R. Chaplin from the Tribe.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to appoint Rheana McKechnie and Tenniel McLeod to the Higher Education Committee, for a four year term, expiring August 2026.**

**Motion carried with Director McKechnie abstaining.**

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Freiheit, to accept the resignations of Ken Ermatinger from the Housing, Enrollment, and Utility Authority, and Barbara Parker from the Unit One Elder Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow to reappoint Kristyn Libby to the Election Committee, for a four year term, expiring August 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson to reappoint Andrew Schwartz, to the Conservation Committee, for a four year term, expiring August 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McRorie, to appoint the following to the Elder Committees, all for four year appointments, expiring August 2026.

Unit One: Shirley Van Alstine – Regular Member

Unit Two: Ken Lively- Regular Member, Terry LaTour – Regular Member

Unit Four: Escanaba - Brenda Kinnart - Alternate

Unit Five: Marquette -Corey LaPlaunt – Alternate, Marquette – Jane Karcson – New Member

Elder Advisory Committee: Terry LaTour – Unit Two – Hessel, Tess Brazeau – Unit 4

Motion carried with Director LaPlaunt abstaining for Unit 5.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to accept the Executive Director's recommendation for the Education Director.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to rescind the September 30, 2005, regarding Unions.

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


Closed Session 6:39 pm. Reopen to Open Session: 6:45 pm.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to serve a notice of violation as discussed in the workshop.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 6:47 p.m.

Date: 10-4-2022

Secretary: 

Others present: Christine McPherson, Jessica Dumback, Bob Schulte, Jason Decker, Joel Schultz, Jen Clerc, Cathy Devoy, Clarence Hudak, Katelynn Griffin, Joanne Carr.