

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
May 16, 2023**

This meeting was opened at 5:01 p.m. by Chairman, Austin Lowes.

Present: Robert McRorie, Bridgett Sorenson, Tyler LaPlaunt, Lana Causley-Smith, Isaac McKechnie, Betty Freiheit, Darcy Morrow, Kimberly Lee, Kimberly Hampton, Shawn Borowicz and Austin Lowes.  
Absent: Michael McKerchie

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve the agenda and add 2 resolutions 1. Approving Bridge Financing for Indian Energy 2. Proclamation in Support of National Treatment Court Month.**

**Motion carries.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-174, Transformational Shelter Plan,**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's hereby approves the ACFS Transformational Shelter Plan to be administered by ACFS.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-175, Approving Governmental Year End Reconciliation Policy**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Governmental Year End Reconciliation Policy, incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of this Resolution hereby control, supersede, and rescind any past Resolution that is contrary to the action of the Board of Directors set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that that the 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 carries.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-176, Approving Governmental Budget Policy**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Governmental Budget Policy, incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of this Resolution hereby control, supersede, and rescind any past Resolution that is contrary to the action of the Board of Directors set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Department will provide a report to the Board of Directors of all administrative budget modifications the month after the budget modification is approved.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that that the 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 carries.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-177, Approving Enterprise Budget Policy**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Enterprise Budget Policy, incorporated herein by reference. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of this Resolution hereby control, supersede, and rescind any past Resolution that is contrary to the action of the Board of Directors set forth in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Department will provide a report to the Board of Directors of all administrative budget modifications the month after the budget modification is approved. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that that the 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 carries.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-178, Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase Property**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians authorizes the Sault Tribe Sault Tribe Inc. CEO, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into an agreement to purchase the following parcel(s) using funds identified by the CFO and terms approved by the Board of Directors Property located in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan,

Tax parcel ID: 013-158-010-00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal CFO is authorized to prepare the necessary internal budget modifications required to purchase the property.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, upon successful completion of those negotiations, the Board of Director of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Chairman, Austin Lowes and its Treasurer, Isaac McKechnie, or their designee, to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of the parcels of land using funds identified by the CFO.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-179, Adding All Pow Wow Grounds to Cost Center 8628**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the operational authority to manage any current and/or future Pow Wow Grounds located in the 5-unit service area to Facilities Management.

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, including ancillary or supplemental documents or forms that do not change the substantive terms of the agreements and project, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-180, Award Contracts to Wayne's Electrical and Grand Traverse Mobile Communications**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Transformational Housing Shelter to increase Other Revenue monies of \$11,500.00 and use of Buildings Fund Balance monies of \$39,939.46. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 Governmental Capital Expenditure budget for an increase in the use of Buildings Fund Balance monies of \$115,781.50



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves to award the contract to Wayne's Electrical Services to install 66 new smoke detectors at the Emergency Housing Shelter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves to award the contract to Grand Traverse Mobile Communications Inc. to install a DSX Pure Access System at the Transformational Housing Shelter.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee (Facilities & Operations Manager), to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents or forms that do not change the substantive terms of the agreements and project, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-181, FY2023 Governmental Capital Expenditures Sault Tribe Construction**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 Governmental Capital Expenditure budget for Sault Tribe Construction for \$25,750.00 with the use Construction Fund Balance monies.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-182, Grants Mobilization**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Grants Mobilization for an increase in Tribal Support monies of \$40,000.00 and an increase in Other Revenue monies of \$40,000.00

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2023-183, HC ITC Emergency Response to Suicide Prevention**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to ITC Emergency Response to Suicide Prevention for a decrease in Other Revenue ITC monies of \$20,000.00. This budget modification reflects the actual award amount. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director , supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-184, HC Sault Ste. Marie Dental**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Health Center – Sault Ste. Marie Dental for a change to the personnel page and a reallocation of expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2023-185, Auth to Negotiate/Make Changes w MSHS on New Tribal HC**

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians authorizes the Health Director to authorize any additional costs that will be necessary to make changes that would be above the agreed costs for replacements, enhancements, and to identify the funding source for these changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Health Director is authorized to prepare the necessary internal budget modifications that are required to move the construction phase without delay.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, upon successful completion of those agreed changes, the Board of Director of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Chairman, Austin Lowes and its Treasurer, Isaac McKechnie or their designee, to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to effectuate these agreements.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-186, Urging an Amendment to INA for Purpose of the Jay Treaty**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians urges Congress to quickly pass a technical amendment to the INA that recognizes tribal citizenship identification cards rather than proving one's blood quantum for the purposes of utilizing Article III of the Jay Treaty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the 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 carries**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-187, Approving Bridge Financing for Indian Energy Sub-Entity**

WHEREAS, for the avoidance of doubt, the resolution will not, and is not intended to, result in any additional, direct liability to the Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman to execute the attached documents in furtherance of the forgoing.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-188, Proclamation in Support of National Treatment Court Month**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians declares that Drug Court Month is hereby established during the month of May 2023.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries**

#### **Committee Appointments**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Lee, to appoint Arnold Frazier to the Unit 2 Elder Sub-Committee, Regular member, 4-year term expiring 2027**

**Motion carries unanimously**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to appoint Betty Smith to the Unit 2 Elder Sub-Committee Regular member, 4-year term expiring 2027**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to appoint Marilyn McArthur to the Unit 2 Elder Sub-Committee Regular member, 4-year term expiring 2027**

**Motion carries unanimously**



**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to appoint Joseph Horn to the Unit 3 Elder Sub-Committee Regular member, 4-year term expiring 2027**  
**Motion carries unanimously**

Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Date: 9/7/23

Secretary:   
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Christine McPherson, Jessica Dumback, Robert Schulte, Aaron Schlehuber, Elaine Clement, Jennifer Clerc