

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023**

This meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Austin Lowes.

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

Absent: None

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McRorie, to approve the agenda as read, with removal of the Removal Petition under New Business.

With a Roll Call Vote, will remove the following items from the agenda:

- 1. Removed Removal Petition from New Business.**

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Borowicz, Lee, Hampton, McRorie, and Freiheit approving; Directors Sorenson, Morrow, McKerchie, and Causley-Smith opposing.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-217, Trust Land Status W.C. Teter's Addition Block 2 Lot 6 and Lot 15, Chippewa County, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following described parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:

Land situated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, Michigan.

Parcel A: Lot 6, Block 2, W.C. Teter's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 30, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

Parcel B: Lot 15, Block 2, W. C. Teter's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 30, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairman and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as maybe necessary to complete such conveyance.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-218, Trust Land Status Everett and Eveland's Subdivision Block B Lots 1-3 and 28, Chippewa County, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following described parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:

Land situated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, Michigan Parcel A: Lot 3, Block B, Everett and Eveland's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 31, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian. Parcel B: Lot 28, Block B, Everett and Eveland's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 31, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

Parcel C: Lot 1 and 2, Block B, Everett and Eveland's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 31, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairman and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as maybe necessary to complete such conveyance.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-219, Trust Land Status Fletcher's Addition Block 1 Lots 3-9 and Lot 13, Chippewa County, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following described parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:

Land situated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, Michigan

Parcel A:

Lot 3, Block 1, Fletcher's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 50, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

Parcel B:

Lot 4, Block 1, Fletcher's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 50, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

Parcel C:

Lots 5 and 6, Block 1 Fletcher's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 50 Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

Parcel D:

Lots 7, 8, and 9, Block 1, Fletcher's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 50, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

Parcel E:

Lots 13, Block 1, Fletcher's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 50 Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairman and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as maybe necessary to complete such conveyance.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-220, Buildings – FY 2023 Capital Expenditures Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 Buildings Capital Expenditure budget modification for an increase in the use of Buildings Fund Balance monies of \$1,802,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-221, Utility Authority – Manistique and Wetmore FY 2023 Budget Modifications.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification for Utility Authority Manistique to decrease use of Fund Balance monies of \$176.71 and changes to the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves FY 2023 budget modification for Utility Authority Wetmore to decrease use of Fund Balance monies of \$176.71 and changes to the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2023-222, Law Enforcement – Conservation Management, Public Safety Enforcement, Juvenile Detention Operations FY 2023 Budget Modifications.

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 Conservation Management to change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Public Safety Enforcement to change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Juvenile Detention Operations to change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-223, Tribal Court – Judicial Services & Juvenile Probation Officer FY 2023 Budget Modifications.

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 Judicial Services to decrease Tribal Support \$180.83, increase transfer out \$17,562.09, increase Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$37,985.00, and increase Other Revenue monies of \$995.40. This budget modification reflects actual expenditures and changes to the personnel sheet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Juvenile Probation Officer to increase Other Revenue monies \$10,992.27 and increase transfer in \$11,093.14. No effect on Tribal Support. This budget modification reflects actual expenditures and changes to the personnel sheet.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2023-224, ACFS – Child Care Development Funds (2803) FY 2023 Budget Modification.

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 Child Care Development Fund (CC#2803) for an increase in Federal HHS monies of \$264,827.26 and to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2023-225, Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund 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 Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund with U.S. Department of Treasury monies of \$167,504.00. This budget is for upgrading our Wi-Fi access points. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-226, Health Division – Manistique Pharmacy and Third-Party Revenue FY 2023 Budget Modifications.

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 Manistique Pharmacy for an increase in Third-Party Revenue monies of \$79,869.67. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Third-Party Revenue increasing the transfer out of \$79,869.67. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Resolution 2023-227, Education – TED Grant Establishment of FY 2024 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 2024 budget for TED Grant with BIA Revenue monies of \$926,972.51. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-228, Mitigation Action Funds Establishment of FY 2024 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 2024 budget for Mitigation Action Funds with Other Revenue monies of \$158,532.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Resolution 2023-229, Crane Industrial Warehouse 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 the Crane Industrial Warehouse with Other Revenue monies of \$36,672.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-230, Enterprises – Midjim Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace FY 2023 Budget Modifications.

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 Midjim Sault Ste. Marie to decrease Operating Expenses \$54,252.56 and make changes to the personnel sheet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approved the FY 2023 budget modification to Midjim St. Ignace to decrease Operating Expenses \$17,939.80 and make changes to the personnel sheet.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-231, Authority to Apply for the Sault Tribe Grid Resilience Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to sign, amend, and submit the application for funding through the BIL Section 40101(d) Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes (DE-FOA-0002736), authorizes \$31,376 from Building Fund Balance to be used as match pending award; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents or forms as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve a Resolution, Award Agreement to UPEA Engineers & Architects for Professional Services for Unit 5 Marquette Community Center.

Moved by Director Lee, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to Table.

Motion to Table carries, with Directors' Causley-Smith, McKerchie, Lee, Morrow, Borowicz, McRorie approving; Directors' Freiheit, LaPlaunt, Sorenson, McKechnie, Hampton opposing.

Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2023-232, Award the Generator Installation Contract Using CCDF ARPA Funding for the Anne Suggitt Child Care Center to Roy Electric Company, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the Generator Installation Contract with Roy Electric Company, Inc. for the Anne Suggitt Child Care Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the use of CCDF ARPA funding that was allocated by Resolution 2023-193 for the agreement amount of \$289,775.00 for the generator installation project located in the Anne Suggitt Child Care Center.

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 unanimously.

Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director Freiheit, to censure Darcy Morrow for \$1,000 for recording during a board meeting without permission of the chairperson or a board majority.

Roll Call Vote: Motion fails with Directors' McRorie, LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Freiheit, Lee, Hampton supporting; Directors' Sorenson, McKerchie, Causley-Smith, Borowicz, Morrow opposing.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-233, Equal Protections in Sault Tribe Voter Registration, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 10 as follows:

10.109 Registration of Voters.

(1) Any Member, eighteen (18) years of age or older on the date of the election as determined in Section 10.105 shall be automatically registered, by the Tribal Registrar, to participate as a voter in tribal elections.

(2) The Tribal Registrar shall mail to all Adult Members a notice informing them of their status as registered voters with an option for those who reside outside of the service area to designate an Election Unit in which to vote.

(3) Resident Members shall automatically be registered within the election unit in which they maintain residency. Non-resident members shall select their election unit of choice within ninety (90) days prior to the election on the form sent by the Tribal Registrar. Election Unit Registration forms, as indicated in (2) above, must be filled out completely to become registered within a unit.

(4) Once a Member has been Registered, the Member's registration status is permanent and shall not change, subject to Subsection (3) and Subsection (5)

(5) A resident member who loses their resident members status by moving out of an election unit must register pursuant to subsection (3).

(6) Notwithstanding the section of the unit of choice in which to vote for Tribal Members residing outside of the Tribe's Election Units, all registered voters shall be eligible to vote in Tribal Elections and referenda not unit specific.

(7) The Tribal Registrar shall prepare a roll of Registered voters and make available for inspection at least ninety (90) days prior to the election. This roll shall indicate the name, address, and Election Unit of each registered voter.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Lee, Hampton, McRorie, and Freiheit approving; Directors' Borowicz, Sorenson, Morrow, McKerchie, and Causley-Smith opposing.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Hampton, to approve a Resolution, Full Release of Investigation on DJ Hoffman, as amended.

Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to Table.

Motion to Table carries, with Directors' LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Morrow, Causley-Smith, Borowicz, Hampton, Sorenson, Lee supporting; Directors' McKerchie, Freiheit, McRorie opposing.

Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Sorenson, to send the two Referenda out to a vote.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Hampton, to Table.

Motion to Table carries with Directors' LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Lee, Hampton, McRorie, Freiheit supporting; Directors' Sorenson, Morrow, Borowicz, McKerchie, Causley-Smith opposing.

Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Date: 8/29/2023

Secretary: 
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Aaron Schlehuber, Christine McPherson, Jessica Dumback, Robert Schulte, Elaine Clement, Lona Stewart, Jennifer Clerc, Michelle Moore, Candace Blocher, Andrew Lane, Dan Doyle, Juanita Bye, Robert Marchand, Jocelyn Fabry, Nick Eitrem (Z), Joel Lumsden, Charlee Brissette, Jaime MacDonald, Larry Jacques