

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
June 30, 2020**

The meeting was opened at 3:03 a.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Kim Gravelle, Jennifer McLeod, DJ Hoffman, Betty Freiheit, Michael McKerchie, Lana Causley, Catherine Hollowell, Bridgett Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Charles Matson, and Aaron Payment.  
Absent:

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Gravelle, to suspend the rules and add the resolution regarding Special Diabetes.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion denied with Directors Massaway, Hollowell, McLeod, Freiheit, Matson, Sorenson, Causley, McKerchie approving; Directors Chase, Gravelle, Hoffman, Morrow opposing. Note: This motion needed a vote of nine to approve.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to recess.**

**Motion carried with Director Sorenson opposing.**

**Recessed: 3:05 pm; Reopened: 3:18 pm.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-119, Lease Modification to BIA Lease NO: 469-23-00004-20 EDC-002(20).**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairperson, and Treasurer to execute this lease modification, and land being described as: \*See attachment A\*  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate modification documents.  
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to modify BIA Lease No. BIA Lease No.469-23-0004-20 (EDC-002(20) pursuant to applicable law and regulations.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2020-120, Authorization of Right-of-Way Across Tribal Trust Land Tribal Sidewalks Project.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby maintains its existing jurisdiction over the land, activities, and persons with the right-of-way, and this grant does not diminish to any extent: (a) the Tribe's power to tax the land, any improvements on the land, or any person or activity within the right-of-way; (b) the Tribe's authority to enforce law of general or particular application on the land subject to and with the right-of-way, as if there were no grant of right-of-way; (c) the Tribe's inherent sovereign power to exercise civil jurisdiction over non-members on Indian land; or (d) the character of the land subject to the right-of-way as Indian country under USC 1151.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the granting of a Right-of Way to the United States, Bureau of Indian Affairs, for no monetary consideration due to the overall benefits to the Tribe and its members, derived from the road improvement, across the following described property: See Attachment A.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Superintendent of the Great Lakes Agency is hereby requested to prepare and recommend approval of the right-of-way documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs decide to abandon the right-of-way, the right-of-way will automatically revert back to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves and grants a right-of-way to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Sidewalk Project and authorizes its Chairperson and Treasurer to execute any documentation required concerning this grant of right-of-way, for and on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2020-121, Approving Lease Amendment for the Escanaba Tribal Community Health Center.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Tribe is authorized and directed to execute the lease for the property located at 1401 North 26th Street, Escanaba, Michigan, expiring July, 31, 2021.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, Staff shall look for a grant/loan funding to build a center on the Escanaba Tribal Reservation and bring back to the Board of Directors for review.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Massaway, Chase, McLeod, Gravelle, Freiheit, Matson, Sorenson, Hoffman, Causley, Morrow, McKerchie approving; Director Hollowell opposing.

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2020-122, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence COVID Response Grant Program.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes application to the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence COVID Response Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aaron A. Payment, Tribal Chairperson, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, to negotiate, execute, and amend any documents resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-123, ACFS Sexual Violence Services Culturally Specific Underserved Establishment of FY 2020 Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget for Sexual Violence Services – Culturally Specific Underserved with Michigan Department of HHS monies of \$185,011. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-124, ACFS – Family Violence Establishment of FY 2020 Budget (Cares Act).**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget for Family Violence with Federal HHS monies of \$46,279.00. No effect on Tribal Support. These funds are from CARES ACT.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-125, ACFS – Community Service Block Grant Establishment of FY 2020 Budget (Cares Act).**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget for Community Service Block Grant with Federal HHS monies of \$86,416.00. No effect on Tribal Support. These funds are from CARES ACT.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-126, ACFS – Child Care Development Fund Establishment of FY 2020 Budget (Cares Act).**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget for Child Care Development Fund with Federal HHS monies of \$401,553.00. No effect on Tribal Support. These funds are from CARES ACT.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-127 ACFS – Title IV-B Subpart 2 FY 2020 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Title IV-B Subpart 2 for a reallocation of expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-128, ACFSACFS – ICWA Title IV B FY 2020 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to ICWA Title IV B for a reallocation of expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-129, ACFS – Title IV-B Establishment of FY 2020 Budget (Cares Act).**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget for Title IV-B with Federal HHS monies of \$21,748.00. No effect on Tribal Support. These funds are from CARES ACT.

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

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2020-130, CDC COVID 19 Establish FY 2020 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 2020 budget for CDC CoVid 19 with Federal CDC monies \$297,557.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-131, Elderly – Nutrition Services Establishment of FY 2021 Budget (Cares Act).**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget for Nutrition Services with Federal HHS monies of \$116,750.00. No effect on Tribal Support. These funds are from CARES ACT.

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

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-132, Health Division – State of Michigan COVID 2019 Response Funding Establishment of FY 2020 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 2020 budget for COVID 2019 Response Funding with State of Michigan Revenue monies of \$90,778.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-133, SAMHSA STOPR Establish FY 2020 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 2020 budget for SAMHSA STOPR with Federal HHS monies \$161,249.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2020-134, Health Division – Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Saving Lives Project – COVID19 Establishment of FY 2021 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 2021 budget for Saving Lives Project – COVID 19 with Great Lakes ITC Revenue monies of \$88,400.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-135, Emergency Preparedness, Health Administration, and Third Party Revenue FY 2020 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Emergency Preparedness grant to change the personnel sheet, reallocation expenses, and increase State of Michigan monies \$10,815.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Health Center Administration to change the personnel sheet, reduce Third Party Revenue \$58,279.23, and increase Federal IHS monies \$42,323.30.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Third Party Revenue monies for a reduction of \$58,279.23.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-136, Wellness Program and Third Party Revenue FY 2020 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Wellness Program to change the personnel sheet and increase Other Revenue Third Party monies \$10,523.33. 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 2020 budget modification to Third Party Revenue monies \$10,523.33.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2020-137, Road to Wellness and Third Party Revenue FY 2020 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Road to Wellness to increase Other Revenue Third Party monies \$32,077.59.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Third Party Revenue monies \$32,077.59.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McKerchie, to table the resolution regarding Sault Walk in Clinic.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-138, Health Sault Optical FY 2020 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Sault Optical to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-139, IHS Special Diabetes FY 2020 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to IHS Special Diabetes to increase Federal IHS monies \$475,920.52. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2020-140, Tribal Perinatal Opioid FY 2020 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Tribal Perinatal Opioid to change the personnel sheet and reallocated expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Without Objection will table the resolution regarding the Housekeeping Maintenance. No Objections.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2020-141, Judicial Services FY 2002 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Judicial Services to reallocate expenses, increase Federal BIA monies \$112,636.00, Transfer Funds \$9,156,.72, Other Revenue \$298.57, and decrease Tribal Support \$36,046.27.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Morrow, to table the resolution regarding Alcohol and Substance Abuse.**

**Motion carried with Directors Gravelle, Massaway, McLeod opposing.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-142, Juvenile Detention Operations FY 2020 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to Juvenile Detention Operations to change the personnel sheet and increase Federal BIA monies \$17,772.65. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2020-143, COPS TRGP 2015 FY 2020 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget modification to COPS TRGP 2015 to reallocate expenses and increase Federal Department of Justice monies \$52,732.64. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-144, Education – Early Head Start Establishment of FY 2020 Budgets Cares Act.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget for Early Head Start with Federal HHS monies of \$37,789.00. No effect on Tribal Support. These funds are from CARES ACT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2020 budget for Head Start with Federal HHS monies of \$70,305.00. No effect on Tribal Support. These funds are from CARES ACT.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Massaway, to suspend the rules and add the resolutions for Governmental and Casino.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Freiheit to amend the Declaration of the State of Emergency.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion denied with Directors McLeod, Hoffman, Morrow, Gravelle, Chase approving; Directors Freiheit, Causley, McKerchie, Sorenson, Massaway opposing. Tie Vote, with the Chairperson abstaining.**

**Note: This vote needed a vote of seven to be approved.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2020-145, Governmental Facilities COVID Capital Expenditures.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves an initial \$5 million Governmental Facilities Capital Expenditure budget for COVID related expenses from the Tribe's Cares Act Funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe's COVID Task Force will ensure that all purchases are in compliance with Cares Act requirements.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-146, Casino COVID Capital Expenditures.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves an initial \$5 million Casino Capital Expenditure budget for COVID related expenses from the Tribe's Cares Act Funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe's COVID Task Force will ensure that all purchases are in compliance with Cares Act requirements.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned: 5:19 p.m.

Date: 10-20-2020 Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Jeremy Patterson, Allen Kerridge, Joel Schultz, Jen Clerc, Kristyn Libby, Linda Grossett, Joanne Carr.