

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
October 22, 2024**

This meeting was opened at 5:06 p.m. by Chairman Austin Lowes.

Present: Isaac McKechnie, Lana Causley-Smith, Kimberly Lee, Shawn Borowicz, Kimberle Gravelle, Michael McKerchie, Kimberly Hampton, Tyler LaPlaunt, Bridgett Sorenson, Rob McRorie, Larry Barbeau, Aaron Payment, Austin Lowes

Absent: None

Without objection, add Resolutions:

- 1. Authorization to Enter into a Contract for the Renovation of the JKL Bahweting School Cafeteria Project; and**
- 2. Authorization to Enter into a Contract for the Renovation/Addition of the JKL Bahweting School Bus Garage Project.**

No objection.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Payment, to approve the agenda as read. Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve the meeting minutes from Regular Meeting October 1, 2024.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2024-311, Employment – Summer Youth Employment Program FY 2025 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2025 budget modification to Summer Youth Employment Program for an increase in Federal DOL Revenue monies of \$3,476.50 and changes to the personnel page. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2024-312, Health Division – Good Health & Wellness Establishment FY 2025 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 2025 budget for Good Health & Wellness with Federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention Revenue monies of \$400,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2024-313, Enterprises – White Pine Lodge – Motel FY 2024 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to White Pine Lodge - Motel to make changes to the personnel sheet.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Resolution 2024-314, Approving Interagency Agreement with Sault Tribe Housing Authority for Unit II ARPA Housing.

Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director McKechnie, to amend to use the correct dollar amount.

Motion to amend carries unanimously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves an Interagency Agreement with Sault Tribe Housing Authority for \$2,698,071.56 utilizing the ARPA funding from Resolution 2022-154.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents for the Interagency Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-315, Approving Interagency Agreement with Sault Tribe Housing Authority for Unit III ARPA Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves an Interagency Agreement with Sault Tribe Housing Authority for \$7,884,211.87 utilizing the ARPA funding from Resolution 2022-71.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents for the Interagency Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2024-316, Approving Interagency Agreement with Sault Tribe Housing Authority for Unit V ARPA Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves an Interagency Agreement with Sault Tribe Housing Authority for \$1,426,085.00 utilizing the ARPA funding from Resolution 2024-79.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents for the Interagency Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2024-317, Governmental, EDC, and Housing Team Member Vacation Pay-out for 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors do hereby approve a vacation pay-out for eligible team members for Governmental, EDC, and Housing team members, if the team member has an excess of 160 hours accrued. The team member can request by 8-hour increments to be paid out up to 80 hours if available. The team member must have in excess of 160 hours at the time of the request to be eligible for the pay-out. They will need at least 160 hours remaining in their accrual after withdrawal to be eligible for this pay-out.

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

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves Human Resources, Payroll and Budget to implement this vacation pay-out 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 unanimously.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2024-318, Acceptance of Governmental Audit Proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby appoints Dennis, Gartland and Niergarth to perform the Governmental Audit, for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, for the years ending December 31, 2024, 2025 & 2026, for an amount not to exceed a total of \$500,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO can sign the Engagement Letter and any changes in scope in order to comply with any Federal or Regulatory Auditing Standards in order to complete the audits for the FY ending in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2024-319, Amend Resolution 2024-94.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McKechnie, to amend to read, Amend Resolution 2024-94 and strike the THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and change it to, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, to strike all mention of Executive Director and revise to CEO of Health Services.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to amend carries unanimously.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, to strike all mention of Executive Director and revise to CEO of Health Services.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Payment, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-320, Authorization to Enter into a Contract for the Renovation of the JKL Bahweting School Cafeteria Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Tribe or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a contract with McGahey Construction Co. for the completion of the Cafeteria Renovation Project at the JKL School, in accordance with the funding authorized for this purpose.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Payment, to approve Resolution 2024-321, Authorization to Enter into a Contract for the Renovation/Addition of the JKL Bahweting School Bus Garage Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Tribe or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a contract with Sailor Creek Contracting, LLC for the completion of the Bus Garage Renovation/Addition Project at the JKL School, in accordance with the funding authorized for this purpose.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' McKerchie, Lee, Payment, Gravelle, McRorie, Causley-Smith, Hampton, LaPlaunt, Borowicz, McKechnie, Barbeau approving; Director Sorenson opposing.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve issuance of a 90-day 6000 gill net permit for Bay De Noc to Cal Richards upon Lucas Peterson surrendering his Bay De Noc trap net license for 90 days.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Paula Finfrock's resignation from the Cultural Committee, Lou Anne Bush's appointment to the Cultural Committee for a 4-year term expiring October 2028 and Wayne Somes's appointment to the Cultural Committee for a 4-year term expiring October 2028.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Wendy Hoffman's appointment to the Health Advisory Board for a term expiring April 2027, Thomas Sauro's appointment to the Health Advisory Board for a 4-year term, expiring October 2028 and Janis Wilson's appointment to the Health Advisory Board for a 4-year term, expiring October 2028.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve William McDermott, Mary Jenerou-Miller and Boyd Snyder's reappointments to the Special Needs/Enrollment Committee for a 2-year term expiring October 2026.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Nina Suter's resignation from the Unit 4 Elder Committee – Escanaba.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Agnes O'Brien and Frances Wyers appointments to the Wequayoc Cemetery Committee for a 4-year term expiring October 2028.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Lee, supported by Director Hampton, to approve to move the Elders on the enrollment waiting list to the top.

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

Moved by Director Payment, supported by Director McRorie, to adjourn meeting.

Motion carries unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Date: 11/5/2024

Secretary: _____



Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Robert Schulte, Jessica Dumback, Christine McPherson, Ashlee Mielke, Lona Stewart, Aaron Schlehuder, Joseph Street, Michelle Moore, Cathy Devoy, Josh Elliot, Robert Marchland, Ryan Mills, Clarence Hudak, James Benko, Stacey Synett, Julie Salo, Elaine Clement (Z), Dan Doyle, Joel Lumsden, Jen Clerc (Z), Joni Talentino, Lisa Meyers (Z), Jami McDonald, Bill Connelly