

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MARY MURRAY CULTURE CAMP
SUGAR ISLAND, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

The meeting was opened at 6:09 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Cathy Abramson, Debra Pine, DJ Malloy, Jennifer McLeod, Dennis McKelvie, Lana Causley, Keith Massaway, Bridgett Sorenson, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Joan Anderson, Aaron Payment.

Absent: Catherine Hollowell – husband in hospital.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McLeod, to excuse Director Hollowell from the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Abramson, to approve the agenda as written with the addition two resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Malloy, supported by Director Abramson, to approve Res. 2012-173, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Mr. Brandon Vert.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. Brandon Vert for the convictions of: Manistee County – Domestic Violence, 8/2008; Manistee County – Domestic Violence, 8/2008; US Western District – Domestic Assault, 8/2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2012-174, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Mr. John LaPonsie, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. John LaPonsie Jr. for the convictions of: Chippewa Tribal Court – Disorderly Conduct, 11/2007.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Pine, to approve Res. 2012-175, Approving Amendment Tribal Vehicle Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the attached Tribal Vehicle Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this policy shall be made available to all employees, and a signed acknowledgement of receipt shall be obtained from every employee for whom driving is an essential element of their position, both current employees within the next 30 days, and all future employees upon their placement in a position requiring driving.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Malloy, to approve Res. 2012-176, Law Enforcement – COPS TRGP 2009 FY 2013 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians here by approves the FY 2013 budget modification to establish a budget for COPS TRGP 2009 with Federal Revenue – DOJ of \$43,920.59. This budget modification reflects carryover funds. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Pine, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2012-177, Law Enforcement – COPS TRGP 2010 FY 2012 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians here by approves the FY 2013 budget modification to establish a budget for COPS TRGP 2010 with Federal Revenue – DOJ of \$128,902.08. This budget modification reflects carryover funds. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

(Note: missed number 178)

Moved by Director Malloy, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2012-179, Education Sponsorships FY 2012 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians here by approves the FY 2012 budget modification to establish a budget for Sponsorships with Other Revenue – MIEA of \$8,350.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2012-180, ACFS – Native Employment Works FY 2012 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians here by approves the FY 2013 budget modification to establish a budget for Native Employment Works with Federal Revenue – HHS of \$32,962.78. This budget modification reflects carryover funds. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2012-181, Amending Chapter 71: Saving our Youth: Establishing the Big Bear Arena as an Alcohol Free Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby mandates that the Big Bear Arena, together with the surrounding property including the nature trail, playgrounds, parking lot, and access areas shall be and hereby is declared a drug and alcohol free zone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all entry areas within the Big Bear Community Recreation Complex, and all drive ways, shall be posted with visible signage declaring the property to be drug and alcohol free.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any person entering these areas with either drugs or alcohol in their possession shall be an unwelcome visitor, who shall be removed from the premises by the management, reported to law enforcement as a trespasser, and prosecuted by the Tribal Prosecutor to the fullest extent of the law.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tribal Code Section 71.1202 is hereby amended to add subsection 71.1202(1)(m), which shall state:

(m) possesses any alcohol or illegal drug while inside an area posted as a drug and alcohol free area.

And further amends subsection 71.1202(1)(l) to delete the period at the end of the sentence and replace the period with “; or”

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2012-182, Approving Contract Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson, & Perry, LLP.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP., for the purpose of providing legal services in relation to the unpaid self governance contract support costs with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Services and related matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors does hereby grant to this firm, and the legal department of the Tribe, the discretion necessary to pursue and prosecute this action to completion, including the authority to file such legal actions as may be necessary so as to protect the interests of the Tribe and pursue full payment for services previously rendered.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Malloy, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2012-183, Opposition of MI H.B. 5834 and the Recreational Hunting of Wolves in Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is unequivocally opposed to House Bill 5834 which would designate wolves as a game species under State of Michigan law and allow for a wolf hunting season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is unequivocally opposing to hunting of wolves within the 1836 Ceded Territory.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Pine, to approve Res. 2012-184, Service to Science Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians supports the submission of a Service to Science Initiative application for a one-year project to evaluate the Seven Feathers Partnership Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Aaron A. Payment, Tribal Chairman, or his duly authorized representative to sign, negotiate, amend, and execute any agreement thereof for the Service to Science Initiative grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Malloy, supported by Director Pine, to approve Res. 2012-185, Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) 2011 Contractor Approval for General Installation at the Sault Tribe Judicial Complex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department to award the contract for the Judicial Complex generator installation project to Roy Electric Company, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Tribe, or his designee, is authorized to execute or amend all documents relating to the Judicial Complex generator installation contract award.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Pine, supported by Director Anderson, to table the issue of the Elder Bylaws.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Massaway, Pine, Anderson, Chase, Causley, Morrow, Sorenson approving, Directors Abramson, Malloy, McLeod, McKelvie opposing.

Moved by Director Pine, supported by Director Abramson, to appoint Anglea Ellis to the Child Welfare Committee for a four year appointment, expiring September 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Causley, to accept Faith McGruther's resignation from the Child Welfare Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Pine, supported by Director Abramson, to appoint Sharon Brunner as the Chair of the Child Welfare Committee and Diane Moore as the Co-Chair/Secretary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Abramson, to appoint Director McKelvie to the Child Welfare Committee, as Board Representative.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Malloy, supported by Director Abramson, to institute an Ad Hoc Constitutional Implementation Review Committee. This Committee will be comprised of members from the Elderly Advisory Committee, Constitutional Convention Committee, and the Board of Directors and will be tasked with reviewing the proposed constitution for implementation, make remarks, recommendations, and/or revisions, report back their findings to the Board within a time certain, not to exceed 90 days.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors McLeod, Abramson, Malloy, Pine, McKelvie, Causley, Massaway approving, Directors Sorenson, Anderson, Morrow, Chase opposing.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 7:57 p.m.

Date: 12-18-12

Secretary: Cathy Abramson

Others present: Bill Connolly, Juanita Bye, Lisa Bumstead, Holly Haapala, Jess Dumback, Nick Van Alstine, Bonnie Culfa, Angeline Bouley, Tony Goetz, Eric Clark, Courtney Kachur, Brenda Jeffreys, Bob Marchand, Eric Blubaugh, Tara Benoit, Joanne Carr.