

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
March 6, 2018**

The meeting was opened at 5:14 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Dennis McKelvie, Kim Gravelle, DJ Hoffman, Jennifer McLeod, Michael McKerchie, Lana Causley, Catherine Hollowell, Bridgett Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Anita Nelson, and Aaron Payment.

Absent:

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

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, Chase, Morrow opposing.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to finish the membership issues.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Hollowell, Massaway, Chase, Hoffman, Sorenson, Gravelle, McLeod, Morrow, McKerchie, McKelvie, Causley approving; Director Nelson abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McLeod, to approve the Minutes of 2-6-2018 as written.**

**Motion carried with Director Gravelle abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve the request from the Bay Mills Community College Students Group – AIHEC, in the amount of \$3,000 for a student conference in North Dakota.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2018-37, Trust Land Status State Land Auction Parcel St. Ignace Township Mackinac County, Michigan.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Board of Directors hereby request that the Secretary of Interior accept title of the following parcel of land in trust for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on behalf of the Tribe: Section 30, Township 41 North, Range 3 West, Michigan Meridian Land situated in the State of Michigan, County of Mackinac, Township of St. Ignace, the E ½ NE ¼ NW ¼. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parcel to be acquired is to increase the Tribe's land base and is not intended for gaming purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to declared said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S. C. Section 467.

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2018-38, Trust Land Status Brown Parcel St. Ignace Township Mackinac County, Michigan.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Board of Directors hereby request that the Secretary of Interior accept title of the following parcel of land in trust for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on behalf of the Tribe: Section 30, Township 41 North, Range 3 West, Michigan Meridian Land situated in the State of Michigan, County of Mackinac, Township of St. Ignace. The Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parcel to be acquired is to increase the Tribe's land base and is not intended for gaming purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to declared said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S. C. Section 467.

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2018-39, FY18 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Application.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes application to the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation for FY 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Tribe's Justice System is awarded Purpose Area 4 under this solicitation, the award will be brought before the Board of Directors for review and acceptance.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or designee, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Department of Justice, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents on the Tribe's behalf.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2018-40, Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-Lead) Grant.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the application for funding of the FY 2018 Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD) Grant for the purpose of funding the creation of a Native youth curriculum and activities assisting its creation to the benefit of our members and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairperson, or his designee is authorized to execute or amend all documents relating to the grant application and award.

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

**Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2018-41, Amending Tribal Code Chapter 11: Membership Code 11.112(5).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends the Tribal Code, section 11.112(5) to read as hereafter listed:

(5) A replacement fee of Twenty (\$20.00) dollars will be assessed for all unexpired membership cards that are lost, misplaced, or stolen, except no charges shall be assessed to replace membership cards which must be replaced solely due to defective or malfunctioning magnetic strips on the back.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2018-42, Amending Resolution 2015-71: Membership on the JKL Fiduciary Committee.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby amends Resolution 2015-71- Membership on the JKL Fiduciary Committee to include the Chairperson and all Board of Directors, except any such Board Member who declines the appointment in writing to the tribal board secretary, provided that each such appointment is limited to the period of time during which the person is serving in office.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Morrow, McKerchie, Sorenson, Hollowell, McKelvie, Causley, Chase, Massaway approving; Directors Gravelle, McLeod, Hoffman, Nelson opposing.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2018-43, FY 2018 Budget Document 003.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 Budget Document 003 totaling \$58,780,544 of which \$17,327,001 comes from Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKelvie, to approve Res. 2018-44, FY 2018 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby appropriates a total of \$1,440,989 for the FY 2018 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget, of which \$1,231,550 will come from Other Revenue/Fund Balance and \$209,439 from Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to move the 2019 Budget Document 001 to next week.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Nelson, Chase, Sorenson, Morrow, McKerchie, Causley approving; Directors Hollowell, Massaway, Hoffman, Gravelle, McLeod, McKelvie opposing; Chairperson Payment approving, breaking the tie vote.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2018-45, Building – Manistique 2018 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 budget modification to Buildings – Manistique to increase expenses and Other Revenue monies \$132,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2018-46, EDC Sanjgon Mini-Storage at Odenaang 2018 Capital Expenditures Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians approves the FY 2017 expenditures of \$101,088.00 for the Sanjgon Mini-Storage at Odenaang, with loan proceeds of \$160,000.00 from Eagle Lending.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 Capital Expenditures budget modification to EDC Odenaang Mini Storage for an amount of \$58,912.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2018-47, Education – Head Start HHS and Head Start BIA FY 2018 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 budget modification to Head Start HHS to change the personnel sheet, expenses, and for an increase in Other Revenue monies of \$500.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians approves the FY 2018 budget modification to the Head Start BIA to change the personnel sheet, expenses, and for a decrease in Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$8,226.24. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McKelvie, to approve Res. 2018-48, Health Center Laboratory 2018 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 budget modification to Health Center Laboratory to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2018-49, Health Center Traditional Medicine 2018 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 budget modification to Health Center Traditional Medicine to change the personnel sheet, reallocate expenses, and decrease Federal IHS monies \$3,956.57. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried with Directors McKelvie opposing; Directors Hollowell, Massaway abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2018-50, Manistique Health Clinic 2018 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 budget modification to Manistique Health Clinic for the purchase of dental equipment of \$90,000.00.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the funding source shall be identified by the Executive Director, whichever funding source is appropriate, PRC or Third Party Revenue monies of \$90,000.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2018-51, ACFS – Child Care Development Fund (2800) FY 2018 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 budget modification to Child Care Development Fund (2800) for a decrease in Federal HHS monies of \$134,749.14. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2018-52, ACFS – Child Care Development Fund (2801) FY 2018 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 budget modification to Child Care Development Fund (2801) for an increase in Federal HHS monies of \$167,400.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2018-53, ACFS – Child Care Development Fund (2805) FY 2018 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2018 budget modification to Child Care Development Fund (2805) for an increase in Federal HHS monies of \$26,538.92. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2018-54, Authority to Execute Documents with PNC Bank –National Association Effectuating Gaming Authority Resolution 2018-04.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate Gaming Authority Resolution No: 2018-04.

**Motion carried with Directors Gravelle, Nelson, Hoffman, Morrow, Chase opposing.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to accept the resignation of Darlene Pearson, from the Health Board, declare the seat vacant and post the vacancy for two months.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to appoint Thomas Tufnell to the Health Board for a 4 year term, expiring March 2022.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Causley, to appoint James McKerchie, to the Election Committee, for a 4 year term, expiring March 2022.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hollowell, McKerchie abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Gravelle, to appoint Lori Gambardella, to the Cultural Committee, for a 4 year term, expiring March 2022.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Causley, to appoint Charles Derusha, to the Unit Two – Newberry Elders, for a 4 year term, expiring March 2022.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to appoint Thomas Tufnell, to the Unit Four – Manistique Elders, for a 4 year term, expiring March 2022.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to appoint Thomas Tufnell, for a 4 year term, expiring March 2022, as the Representative for Unit 4 Manistique on the Elder Advisory Committee.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Nelson, supported by Director Morrow, to appoint Vicki Carr Walden to the Unit Five- Munising Elders to fill an unexpired term, until August 2020.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McKelvie, to approve the transfer of fishing license of Charles Vowels to Dan Doyle, effective immediately.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve the transfer of fishing license of Jeff Wilcox to Cassandra Wilcox, effective immediately.**

**Motion carried with Director McLeod abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Gabrielle Hallesy.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, McKerchie opposing; Director Causley was out of the room at the time of the vote. Note: Ms. Hallesy can be reinstated if she proves US citizenship.**

**Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Edward Palstino.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, McKerchie opposing; Director Causley was out of the room at the time of the vote. Note: Mr. Palstino can be reinstated if he proves US citizenship.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Andrew Devlin.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, McKerchie opposing. Note: Mr. Devlin can be reinstated if he proves US citizenship.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Jacqueline Leziert.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, McKerchie opposing. Note: Ms. Leziert can be reinstated if she proves US citizenship.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Chance Showan.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman opposing; Director McKerchie abstaining. Note: Mr. Showan can be reinstated if he proves US citizenship.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Nanci Paddon.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, McKerchie opposing. Director Nelson was out of the room at the time of the vote. Note: Ms. Paddon can be reinstated if she proves US citizenship.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Spencer Paddon.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, McKerchie opposing. Director Nelson was out of the room at the time of the vote. Note: Mr. Paddon can be reinstated if she proves US citizenship.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Hailey Brock.**

**Motion carried with Director Hoffman abstaining. Director McLeod was out of the room at the time of the vote.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Eric A. Peshlakai.**

**Motion carried.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve the recommendation of the Enrollment Special Needs Committee and disenroll Kelly Bebo.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, Nelson opposing.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Sorenson, to table the Motion on the Job Postings until the next workshop.**

**Motion carried with Directors Morrow, Chase opposing.**

**Board Concerns:**

Director Morrow: Marquette Elders – Driver to med appointments.

Director Nelson: Working Elder Employees – lunch cost at casino; Elders fund – decision maker.

Director McKerchie: Status of HR.

Director Hoffman: Written follow-up.

Director Gravelle: Status of Purchasing Director.

Director Causley: Accurate number on detox and treatments.

Meeting adjourned: 6:59 p.m.

Date: 4-3-18

Secretary: Bridgett Brenson

Others present: John Wernet, Christine McPherson, Jessica Dumback, Bob Schulte, Bob Marchand, Sheila Berger, Leo Chugunov, Joel Schultz, Susan Soltys, Tony Abramson, Joel Lumsden, Julie Salo, Melissa Morehouse, Juanita Bye, Lisa Bumstead, Anne Suggitt, Russ McKerchie, Joanne Carr.