

## ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO: Board of Directors**  
**FROM: Joanne Carr, Board Secretary**  
**DATE: May 12, 2022**  
**RE: Workshop Agenda for May 17, 2022**

### **AGENDA**

Negotiations - Closed

Executive Reports - Closed

#### **Working Lunch**

3:30 p.m. – Agenda Review

4:00 p.m.

Membership/Board Concerns

5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

**May 17, 2022**

**5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging, Presentation of Grandfathers
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PRESENTATION:
- V. MINUTES:
- VI. RESOLUTIONS: Partial Waiver - Vieau  
GLRI Aquatic Invasive Species  
Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee  
Contract Award – CRRSAA Funds Manistique HC  
ARPA Fund – Unit 1 Homeless Shelter  
ARPA Fund – Unit 2 Housing  
ARPA Fund – Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Project  
Recruitment/Retention of Health Provider Position  
Expenditures of Tribal Funds
- VII. NEW BUSINESS: Committee Actions  
Special Advisory Election  
Board Concerns
- VIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- IX. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- X. ADJOURN

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**May 17, 2022**

## **Sponsor's List**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Partial Waiver – Vieau – Josh Elliott

GLRI Aquatic Invasive Species – Kathie Brosemer

Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee – Joni Talentino

Contract Award – CRRSAA Funds Manistique HC – Leo Chugunov

ARPA Fund – Unit 1 Homeless Shelter – Director Lowes

ARPA Fund – Unit 2 Housing – Directors Causley, Hollowell

ARPA Fund – Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Project – Directors Causley, Hollowell

Recruitment/Retention of Health Provider Position – Director Hoffman

Expenditures of Tribal Funds – Director Hoffman

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Committee Actions – Various Committee

Special Advisory Election – Various Board Members

Board Concerns – Director Causley

**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTIAL WAIVER OF CONVICTIONS FOR  
MR. KEVEN VIEAU**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 467 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has enacted Tribal Code Chapter 76: Partial Waiver of Conviction for Gaming License Purpose that allows for a partial waiver of conviction be issued to tribal members who have been convicted of a crime and would be denied a license for employment in a gaming operation pursuant to Chapter 42; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keven Vieau, a tribal member who was convicted of:

1. Misdemeanor – Disorderly Drunk 05/31/2019

WHEREAS, Mr. Keven Vieau, would be denied a license for employment as a key employee or primary management official because of the criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Keven Vieau is not likely to engage in any offensive or criminal course of conduct and the public good does not require that he be denied a license as a key employee or primary management official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. Keven Vieau.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GLRI AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2022 BUDGET  
AND GLRI INVASIVE SPECIES  
FY 2023 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for GLRI Aquatic Invasive Species with Federal US Fish & Wildlife Revenue of \$51,061.41. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to GLRI Invasive Species for a decrease in Federal US Fish & Wildlife of \$74,378.01. No effect on Tribal Support.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a duly organized Indian Tribe under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 15, 1934 (P. L. 73-383, 48 Stat. 984) and;

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority (“STHA”), is organized by Tribal Ordinance, pursuant to the authority of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development published notice (FR-6289-N-02), Notice of intent to establish a Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC); Structure and Request for nominations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and role of the TIAC is to 1.) Further facilitate intergovernmental communication between HUD and Tribal leaders of federally recognized Tribes on all HUD programs, 2.) To make recommendations to HUD regarding current program regulations that may require revision, as well as suggest rulemaking methods to develop such changes, 3.) Advise in the development of HUD’s American Indian Alaskan Native housing priorities; and

WHEREAS, generally, only elected officers of a tribal government acting in their official capacities with authority to act on behalf of the tribal government may serve as TIAC representatives or alternates of the TIAC ; and

WHEREAS, Bridget Sorenson, Board Member and Housing Commissioner is the nominated representative and Denise Chase, Board Member and Housing Commissioner is nominated to serve as the alternate on the TIAC committee for a three year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors nominates the following persons to the Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, to serve while maintaining their current position as a member of the Tribal Board of Directors:

Bridget Sorenson, Director - Representative  
Denise Chase, Director – Alternate

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD, AND USE OF CRRSAA FUNDS FOR  
SAULT TRIBE MANISTIQUE HEALTH HVAC PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians desires to utilize the available Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds to improve the air quality and safety for the Manistique Health Facility as a means to help mitigate the risks of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited for this work, and the matter was reviewed by Tribal Purchasing, Facilities, and the Health Project Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the Sault Tribe Health Division Manistique Health HVAC Project contract, involving installation and construction of the Manistique HVAC system, and its related expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes and approves the Tribal Vice-Chairman, or his designee, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents resulting therefrom on a contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and recommended bidder for installation and construction of the Manistique HVAC system.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ARPA FUND APPROPRIATION - UNIT 1 HOMELESS SHELTER**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (the “Tribe”) is organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the National Alliance to End Homelessness considers Native Americans to have the second highest rates of homelessness for all ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, unemployment is an indicator for homelessness, which is elevated in Chippewa County (6.7%) compared to the national average (3.6%), according to unemployment data from March 2022; and

WHEREAS, the closest homeless shelter to the west of Sault Ste. Marie is in Marquette (164 miles away) and in Petoskey to the south (93 miles away); and

WHEREAS, 148 tribal members received emergency housing assistance in Unit 1 in 2021 due to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe spent \$97,970 temporarily housing these individuals in motels in 2021 due to a lack of homeless shelters in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors appropriated \$20,000,000 of ARPA funds for housing and culture within the Unit 1, with \$1,500,000 remaining unallocated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes the Tribe’s Purchasing Department to use these remaining funds (\$1,500,000) to purchase a commercial property within Unit 1 to be used as a homeless shelter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes this purchase to include all necessary and appropriate actions as authorized by the Chief Financial Officer for the completion of this project.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARPA FUND APPROPRIATION  
UNIT 2 HOUSING**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors has appropriated Four Million Dollars, (\$4,000,000) of Unit 2 approved ARPA funds to accomplish new home purchases within Unit 2;s area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, due to COVID-19, the Unit 2 members have been forced to quarantine and overcrowd existing homes, resulting in increased infection rates due to the lack of ability to socially distance when members within the home test positive for COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Tribe's Purchasing Department to create and execute a bidding process to facilitate the Unit 2 home purchases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the construction and facilitation of the Unit 2 home purchases to include all necessary and appropriate actions, including budgeting allocations for external construction management and design services as authorized by the Chief Financial Officer, for completion of the project.

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

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**ARPA FUND APPROPRIATION – UNIT 2  
CULTURAL AND RECREATION PROJECT/RENOVATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors has appropriated Three Million Four-Hundred, Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars, (\$3,424,000) of Unit 2 approved ARPA funds to accomplish the Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Renovation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Renovation Project shall consist of the bidding, design, construction and renovation necessary to update and expand the existing facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Tribe’s Purchasing Department to create and execute a bidding process for the hiring of an external contractor to construct and facilitate the Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Renovation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the construction and facilitation of the Unit 2 Cultural and Recreation Renovation Project to include all necessary and appropriate actions, including budgeting allocations for external construction management and design services as authorized by the Chief Financial Officer, for completion of the project.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF  
HEALTH PROVIDER POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (the “Tribe”) is organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s Board of Directors has identified the Tribe’s health provider positions as essential to the health and welfare of the Tribe and Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has identified the recruitment and retention of the Tribe’s health provider positions as a current priority of the Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and approves that all Tribal health provider positions, as identified and determined by the Tribe’s Health Director, shall be budgeted at the maximum of the applicable minimum to maximum compensation range for that position(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribe’s Health Director to execute any and all documents as may be necessary to ensure that the Tribe’s health provider positions are budgeted within the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution, as

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribe’s Health Director to execute any administrative modifications for signing and relocations within available funding Health Related funding sources, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the use of any and all applicable Health funds, including ARPA, to facilitate the recruitment and retention of positions

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRIBAL PERSONNEL TO APPROVE  
EXPENDITURES OF TRIBAL FUNDS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 1(m) of the Tribe's Constitution, the Tribe's Board of Directors is empowered to manage any and all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, to promote efficient deployment and allocation of tribal funds, the Board of Directors has determined it is in the best interest of the Tribe to streamline the process for approving budgeted expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby authorized to approve any expenditure of funds within the amount and purpose of their respective Board-approved budgets, appropriation, or allocation:

Executive Director of the Tribe  
Assistant Executive Director  
Division Directors of the Tribe  
The Chief Financial Officer of the Tribe  
The EDC Director

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any expenditure of tribal funds over \$50,000 shall be reported by the Chief Financial Officer, to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis.

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