

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
April 5, 2022**

The meeting was opened at 5:04 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Kim Gravelle, Austin Lowes, 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 Causley, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve the agenda as read.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve the Minutes of 1-4-2022; 2-1-2022; 2-22-2022; 3-1-2022; and 3-15-2022 with technical amendments.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Matson, supported by Director Freiheit, to transfer the fishing license of Lynn Rickley to Shawn Howard.**

**Motion carried with Directors Hoffman, Sorenson abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-98, Traditional Medicine FY 2022 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to Traditional Medicine to change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2022-99, Economic Development (EDC) Interim Position and FY 2022 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby appoints an Interim Director of Commercial Development position and approves a 5% increase in salary effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to EDC to decrease Other Revenue of \$31,963.68. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-100, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Ms. Courtney Brown.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Ms. Courtney Brown for the convictions of: Misdemeanor – Disturbing the Peace 5/08/2019.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2022-101, Approving 2022 Subcontract for Administrative and Biological Services with CORA.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and approves the 2022 Subcontract for Administrative and Biological Services between the Tribe and the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the expenditure of funds totaling \$117,112.00, to be remitted to CORA in biannual payments of \$58,556.00 in calendar year 2022, pursuant to the terms of the 2022 Subcontract for Administrative and Biological Services.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairperson, 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.

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

**Moved by Director Matson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve the resolution regarding the Recommended Whitefish Harvest Limit.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion denied with Directors McKerchie, Causley, Massaway, Freiheit, Sorenson, Lowes, Hollowell opposing; Directors Morrow, Matson, Hoffman, Chase, Gravelle approving.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2022-102, Authorization of Tribal Participation Forms Entering into Janssen Settlement and Distributors' Tribal Settlement and Amendment to Opioid Litigation Contingent Fee Agreement.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves Exhibits C & D, Tribal Participation Forms, entering the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians into the Janssen Settlement and Distributors' Tribal Settlement pursuant to the terms described in the respective Tribal Participation Forms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Amendment to Opioid Litigation Contingent Fee Agreement, incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairperson, 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.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Hollowell, Amending Tribal Code Chapter 48: Sports Betting Regulations.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby adopts the amended Tribal Code Chapter 48: Sports Betting Regulations, attached hereto and incorporated within.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairperson, 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.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Gravelle, Tribal Transportation Program for U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Transportation Program Staff to submit a grant application and all necessary and required documents,

to the U. S. Department of Transportation, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) competitive grant program for FY 2022, requesting up to \$25 Million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson or his designee, are authorized to submit, negotiate, execute, and amend any documents resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf.

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

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to accept the resignation of Sherry O'Crotty from the Child Welfare Committee and declare the seat vacant.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director Hollowell, to declare the seat of Jolene Nertoli vacant on the Child Welfare Committee.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve a Small Mesh Permit for Darren Mitchell, for the 2022 Fishing Season.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve a Small Mesh Permit for Bob Peterson, for the 2022 Fishing Season.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Matson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve the transfer of Jay Gillespie's fishing license to his son Terry Gillespie, pursuant to Chapter 20.102 (9): A tribal commercial fishing license may be passed on only to the natural son or daughter, spouse, or husband, as authorized by the Tribal Board of Directors.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Causley, to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director and offer the Assistant Executive Director position to the recommended candidate for the position, and approving an administrative budget modification to reflect appropriate wage review.**

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

Meeting adjourned: 5:28 p.m.

Date: 4-26-2022

Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, JR Loera, Jen Clerc, Joel Schultz, Leo Chugunov, Lauri Gamardella, Katelynn Griffin, Joanne Carr.