

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
June 20, 2022**

The meeting was opened at 5:07 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Hoffman.

Present: Kim Gravelle, Austin Lowes, Betty Freiheit, Michael McKerchie, Lana Causley, Bridgett Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Darcy Morrow, Denise Chase, Charles Matson, and DJ Hoffman.

Absent: Catherine Hollowell.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to excuse Director Hollowell from the meeting. (Director Causley was late)

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve the Minutes of 5-10-2022, 5-17-2022, and 6-6-2022 as written.

Motion carried with Director Chase abstaining for 5-10-2022.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2022-183, ARPA COVID Testing, Contact Tracing, Monitoring, and Mitigation 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 ARPA Covid Testing, Contract Tracing, Monitoring, and Mitigation to change the Personnel sheet, increase expense, and increase Federal IHS monies \$1,625,153.34 No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2022-184, ARPA Maintenance and Improvements, Leasing, Construction 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 ARPA Maintenance and Improvements, Leasing, Construction to increase expense with Federal IHS monies \$1,174,648.00 No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-185, Health Center Maintenance, Improvements, and Capital Outlays, and Third Party Revenue FY 2022 Budget Modifications.

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 the Health Center Maintenance, Improvements, and Capital Outlays to increase expenses, increase Federal IHS monies \$992,998.14 and increase Third Party Revenue monies \$98,869.40.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to Third Party Revenue increase the transfer out \$98,869.40.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2022-186, Letter of Intent Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors supports, approves, and authorizes, the Eldercare Service Division, to send a letter of intent to receive a grant application from the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress in order to secure funding to provide and expand direct services to Native American Elders.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Assistant Executive Director and/or Executive Director, to sign on behalf of the Tribe, the letter of intent, to be sent to the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress for a four year period, expiring on December 31, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2022-187, Amending Tribal Code Chapter 14: Rules of Parliamentary Procedure Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tribal Code Chapter 14: Section 14.109 is amended to include the following; 14.109 (1) (A)

Video Conferencing with voting shall be permitted for the Board of Directors and Committees, unless prohibited by federal law.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution replaces Resolution 2020-73.

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

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Res. 2022-188, ARPA Fund Appropriation – Facility Parking Lots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of remaining ARPA funds for construction and repair of Tribal Facility Parking Lots, as identified by the Tribes Facility Manager and in accordance with the developed ARPA plan regarding the construction and repair of these Facility Parking Lots; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the construction and facilitation of the Facility upgrades to include all necessary and appropriate actions, including the creation and execution of a bidding process and any 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 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 Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-189, ARPA Fund Appropriation New Natural Resources Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) of remaining ARPA funds for construction of a new Natural Resources Facility located near the current fish ponds in Odenaang; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the construction and facilitation of the new Natural Resources Facility to include all necessary and appropriate actions, including the creation and execution of a bidding process, budgeting allocations, and internal modifications, 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 Chairperson or CFO, 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 Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2022-190, Honorary Membership Madan Saluja.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby proudly recognizes that Madan Saluja has always been one of us and today we acknowledge that by declaring Madan to be an honorary member of our Tribe.

BE IT FINALLY AND MOST SINCERELY RESOLVED, Dbendaagoz nongwa mampii Aanishnaabeg Baawating. ""Today you belong to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians".

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2022-191, Authorizing Annual Contract Renewal Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby authorized to approve any annual contract renewals authorized within their respective Tribal Board approved Budgets:

- 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 all renewal contracts will be reviewed by the Tribes legal department prior to execution.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2022-192, Authorization for Gitchi Enterprises to enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement with Sault Tribe, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Vice-Chairperson to enter into an Independent Contractor Management and Operations Agreement with Sault Tribe, Inc., for the management and operation of Gitchi Auto, Home and RV, a dealership licensed by the State of Michigan to buy, repair, and sell passenger vehicles, light trucks, motor homes and recreational vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Gitchi Enterprises Management Board execute any and all documentation needed to facilitate the Independent Contractor Agreement with Sault Tribe, Inc.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2022-193, Authorization to Contract Enterprise Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes the Vice Chair Person to negotiate and enter into a contract with Sault Tribe, Inc. not to exceed funds available via the EDC - Cost Center #1155 budget to provide operational and asset management services to the Tribal Enterprises identified as Sault Tribe Business Solutions, Mid Jims, White Pine Lodge, Gitchi Enterprises, Northern Hospitality, DeMawating Development, Sawyer Village, Bill Board/Storage Units, and any other Enterprise effort deemed appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes an internal modification of \$120,000 for management services for DeMawating funds by EDC Director and CFO.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that current Sault Tribe Team Members compensated with EDC Cost Center #1155 will be retained by Sault Tribe, Inc. as part of the contract and authorizes an internal budget modification for the internal services.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to appoint Maureen Pavlat and Brendan Lehnert to the Higher Ed Committee, both for a four year term, expiring June 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McKerchie, to appoint Maureen Pavlat to the Election Committee, for a four year term, expiring June 2026...


Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Morrow, to refer the Vacant Chairperson seat to the June 27, Special Meeting at 3 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

Date: 10-4-2022

Secretary: 

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, JR Loera, Jessica Dumback, Joel Schultz, Susan Soltys, Clarence Hudak, Leo Chuginov, Joel Lumsden, Brad Silet, Eric Clark, Katelynn Griffin, Joanne Carr.