

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MANISTIQUE TRIBAL CENTER
MANISTIQUE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

This meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Austin Lowes.

Present: Michael McKerchie, Kimberly Lee, Betty Freiheit, Darcy Morrow, Robert McRorie, Kimberly Hampton, Bridgett Sorenson, Tyler LaPlaunt (Z), Shawn Borowicz, Isaac McKechnie, Austin Lowes

Absent: Lana Causley-Smith

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to excuse Director Causley-Smith.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McRorie, to approve the minutes from 10/03/23.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-318, Grimes Building FY 2023 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to the Grimes Building for an increase in Other Revenue from Tribal Operations monies of \$17,000.00.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-319, Sanitation BE-23-M98 Establishment of FY 2024 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for Sanitation BE-23-M98 with Federal IHS monies \$827,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-320, Acceptance of the 2022 Housing Authority Audit.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby accepts and approves the 2022 Housing Authority Audit, as presented to the Sault Tribe Audit Committee by Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC.

Motion carries with Director Morrow abstaining.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-321, Authorization for Signature Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Self Governance Annual Funding Agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or designee, to sign, negotiate, amend, and execute any agreement thereof for the Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Self-Governance Program and Tribal Transportation Program.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-322, Authorization to Transfer Funds from Nicolet Bank to Huntington Bank – Elder Land Claims Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the CFO or his designee, to transfer funds between Nicolet Bank and Huntington Bank.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and Tribal CFO to execute any and all documents to facilitate this transfer.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-323, Amending Travel Policy.

Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director McKechnie, to Amend to strike the second sentence in Section 11 of the Travel Policy.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Amend carries with Directors' Sorenson, LaPlaunt, McKerchie, McKechnie, Borowicz, Freiheit, Morrow, Lee, Hampton approving; Director McRorie opposing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the travel policy is amended as attached.

Motion carries with Director Morrow opposing.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-324, Approving Contract Foster Garvey.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the law firm of Foster Garvey for the purposes of providing legal services to the Tribe.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' McKerchie, Lee, Freiheit, LaPlaunt, Sorenson, McKechnie, Borowicz, Hampton approving; Morrow and McRorie opposing.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2023-325, Approval of a Contract to Blue Stone Strategy Group LLC for an Assessment of Tribal Health Services.

Moved by Director Lee, supported by Director Sorenson, to Call for the Vote.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Call for the Vote carries unanimously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the proposal from Blue Stone to provide a specialized

health care assessment of the organization and structure, policy and procedure, and delivery of health care services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the tribe wishes to award a contract to Blue Stone Strategy Group LLC; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute any and all documents to engage the consulting services of Blue Stone Strategy Group LLC, and authorizes the Executive Director to create the necessary budget documents that appropriate the funds, utilizing third party funds necessary to complete the project.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' McRorie, Sorenson, LaPlaunt, McKerchie, McKechnie, Borowicz, Freiheit, Lee, Hampton approving; Director Morrow opposing.

Adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Date: 11/7/23

Secretary: 
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Aaron Schlehuber, Christine McPherson, Jessica Dumback, Robert Schulte, Lona Stewart, Ashlee Mielke, Jennifer Clerc (Z), Mariae Mongene (Z)