

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2023**

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

Present: Michael McKerchie, Kimberly Lee, Betty Freiheit, Darcy Morrow (Z), Robert McRorie, Lana Causley-Smith, Kimberly Hampton (Z), Bridgett Sorenson, Tyler LaPlaunt (Z), Shawn Borowicz (Z), Isaac McKechnie, Austin Lowes
Absent: None

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

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to remove the following items from the agenda:

- 1. Honoring Non-Binding Referendum Results on Resolution No: 2023-189 Reinstating Positive Majority Requirements for Past Actions.**
- 2. Honoring Non-Binding Referendum Results on Resolution No: 2023-190 Canceling Special Advisory Election.**

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

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve the minutes from 9/05/23 Regular Meeting and 9/26/23 Special Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Director Sorenson abstaining from 9/26/23 Special Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Director Causley-Smith to move Resolution Selling Hessel Ridge Golf Course to the beginning of the agenda, without objection. Director Freiheit objected; Chairman Lowes approved. No Other Objections.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve a Resolution, Selling Hessel Ridge Golf Course.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McRorie, to amend Resolution.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to Table Resolution.

Roll Call Vote: Motion to Table carries with Directors' Causley-Smith, McKerchie, Lee, Morrow, Sorenson, Borowicz supporting; Directors' Freiheit, LaPlaunt, McKechnie, McRorie, Hampton opposing.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Resolution 2023-303, Internal Auditor and Indirect Costs 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 Internal Auditor for a decrease in Tribal Support of \$146.57 and an increase in Indirect of \$4,812.23. This budget modification reflects the extra pay period in January, a correction to fringe benefits, and an adjustment to the indirect percentage allowed.

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 Indirect Costs to increase Tribal Support \$4,812.23 and increase the transfer to Internal Auditor \$4,812.23.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-304, Tribal Gaming Commission 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 Tribal Gaming Commission for a decrease in Tribal Support of \$27,115.78. This budget modification reflects changes to the personnel sheet and savings within the budget.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-305, Governmental – Federal Transit ARPA 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 Federal Transit ARPA with Department of Transportation monies of \$300,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-306, Employment – WIOA Work Experience FY 2024 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to WIOA Work Experience for an increase in Department of Labor Revenue monies of \$17,140.61. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-307, ACFS Division – USDA FY 2024 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the personnel change to the Detour Clinic.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-308, Health Division – DeTour Clinic.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the personnel change to the Detour Clinic.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2023-309, Health Division – St. Ignace Medical/Nursing.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the personnel changes to the St. Ignace Medical/Nursing.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-310, Big Bear – Building Operations 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 Big Bear Building Operations for a decrease in Tribal Support of \$1,292.27. This budget modification reflects changes to the personnel sheet.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Resolution 2023-311, Governmental – Sault Tribe Thrive 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 FY 2024 budget for Sault Tribe Thrive with Federal Department of Commerce monies of \$96,490.83. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-312, National Congress of American Indians 2023 Annual Convention Delegates and 2024 Dues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the NCAI Constitution the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians designates the following individuals as Delegates and Alternate Delegate and instructs them to become Individual Members in good standing in the NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities:

Delegate: Austin Lowes, Chairman

Alternate: Tyler LaPlaunt, Director, Vice-Chair

Alternate: Kimberly Hampton, Director, Secretary

Alternate: Isaac McKechnie, Director, Treasurer

Alternate: Robert McRorie, Director

Alternate: Betty Freiheit, Director

Alternate: Michael McKerchie, Director

Alternate: Kimberly Lee, Director

Alternate: Lana Causley-Smith, Director

Alternate: Shawn Borowicz, Director

Alternate: Bridgett Sorenson, Director

Alternate: Darcy Morrow, Director

Alternate: Michael McCoy, Legislative Director

Alternate: Michael Pins, Gaming Commission Director

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Delegates and Alternate Delegates are allowed to hold an officer position within the NCAI.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve all 5 Trust Land Resolutions in one vote with separate Resolution Numbers.

RESOLUTION 2023-313: Trust Land Status – 1110 & 1120 N. Boundary Rd, St. Ignace, MI Mackinac County, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following described parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:
SEE ATTACHED DESCRIPTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairman and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as may be necessary to complete such conveyance.

RESOLUTION 2023-314: Trust Land Status – Boundary Rd, Parcel 2, St. Ignace, MI, Mackinac County, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following described parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:
SEE ATTACHED DESCRIPTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairman and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as may be necessary to complete such conveyance.

RESOLUTION 2023-315: Trust Land Status – Everett and Eveland's Subdivision Parcels A & B, Chippewa County, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following described parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:
Land situated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, Michigan

Parcel A:

Lots 29, Block A, Everett and Eveland's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 31, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

Parcel B:

Lots 1 and 2, Block A, Everett and Eveland's Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 31, Chippewa County Records, Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairman and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as may be necessary to complete such conveyance.

RESOLUTION 2023-316: Trust Land Status – Evergreen Shores St. Ignace Township, Mackinac County, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following described parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:
SEE ATTACHED DESCRIPTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairman and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as may be necessary to complete such conveyance.

RESOLUTION 2023-317: Trust Land Status – Sugar Island 10 Acres, Chippewa County, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior accept title to the following described parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:

Land situated in the Township of Sugar Island, County of Chippewa, Michigan

The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 46 North, Range 2 East. EXCEPT any portion lying within the South 10 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Michigan Meridian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.

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

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McKerchie, to accept the unanimous vote of the Conservation Committee to reappoint Larry Barbeau to the Conservation Committee for a 4-year term expiring October 2027.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to accept the unanimous vote of the Conservation Committee and issue a Small Mesh Permit to Donovan McNeely.

Motion carries unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Date: 10/17/2023

Secretary: 
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Aaron Schlehuder, Jessica Dumback, Robert Schulte, Lona Stewart, Dan Doyle, Ashlee Mielke, Juanita Bye (Z), Sheryl McKerchie, Tammy LaCoursiere, Michael Pins, Wendy Hoffman, Brenda Cadreau (Z), Michael McCoy (Z), Dr. Leo Chugunov (Z), Jennifer Clerc (Z)