

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
May 5, 2015**

The meeting was opened at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Dennis McKelvie, Kim Gravelle, Cathy Abramson, DJ Hoffman, Jennifer McLeod, Catherine Hollowell, Lana Causley, Keith Massaway, Bridgett Sorenson, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Rita Glyptis, and Aaron Payment.

Absent:

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Abramson, to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Morrow, to recess until the Board hears two member issues.

Motion carried with Directors Abramson, Causley, Sorenson abstaining.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2015-91, Tribal Climate Change Establish Budget for FY 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2015 budget for Tribal Climate Change with Federal BIA monies \$20,567.58. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2015-92, ACFS- Title IV-B SubPart 2 FY 2015 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2015 budget modification to Title IV-B Subpart 2 to decrease Federal HHS Revenue \$17,307.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2015-93, ACFS-USDA FY 2015- Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2015 budget modification to USDA to increase Federal USDA Revenue \$14,551.01 and Tribal Support \$5,738.18.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2015-94, Fiscal Year 2015 Midjim St. Ignace Capital Purchases Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves a total of \$266,522 as the MidJim St. Ignace Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Purchases Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Morrow, Abramson, Glyptis, Chase, Hoffman, Gravelle approving; Directors McKelvie, McLeod, Sorenson, Hollowell, Causley, Massaway opposing; with the Chairperson voting to approve, breaking the tie vote.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2015-95, 2015-2016 Farm to School Implementation Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the submission of a grant proposal to Michigan State University for a Farm to School Implementation Grant for 2015-2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aaron A. Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his duly authorized designees, are authorized to sign, negotiate, amend, or rescind any agreement thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2015-96, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Michigan Scholarship Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe Early Childhood Programs to participate in the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Michigan Scholarship Program through the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aaron A. Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his duly authorized designees, are authorized to sign, negotiate, amend, or rescind any agreement thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2015-97, Approving Data Sharing Agreement with the Michigan Department of Education Office of Great Start and Michigan's Center for Educational Performance and Information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the attached Data Sharing Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE, that this Board of Directors does hereby authorize the Chairperson or his designee to execute this document in whatever form may be necessary and for the continuing participation in this program in the coming years.

Motion carried with Direction Morrow opposing.

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Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2015-98, 2015 Head Start and Early Head Start Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby supports and recommends the submission of a grant to the Office of Head Start, American Indian and Alaskan Natives Program Branch for the annual grant application to provide Head Start and Early Head Start Services.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2015-99, 2015 Great Start School Readiness Program (GSRP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby supports and recommends the submission of a Sub-Recipient Application to the Eastern Upper Peninsula School District that will express our intent and interest to apply for any GSRP slots that may be available for the school year 2015-2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2015-100, Approving Amendment Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the attached amendment to the Sault Tribe Tax Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors does hereby authorize the Chairperson or his designee to execute this document in whatever form may be necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2015-101, Trust Land Status, Charles City Iowa Addition, Soo Township, Chippewa County, Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of Interior accept title to the following parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on behalf of the Tribe: The following lands situated in Soo Township, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan Charles City Iowa Addition Lots 1-25 Block 3 Charles City Iowa Addition Lots 4-30 Block 4

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parcel to be acquired is to increase tribal land base and is not intended for gaming purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 467.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2015-102, Trust Land Status, Fletcher's Addition Lot 5 Blk 2, Sault Ste. Marie, Mi, Chippewa County, Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of Interior accept title to the following parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on behalf of the Tribe: Fletcher's Addition Lot 5 BLK 2
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parcel to be acquired is to be used to accommodate school grounds expansion and is not intended for gaming purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Interior is hereby requested to declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 467.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the foregoing resolution rescinds Resolution No. 2011-246.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2015-103, Lease Cancellation to Larry E. Baker (Deceased) and Cheryl A. Baker BIA LEASE NOS: DD-0011(01) and DD-0043(02).

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairperson and Treasurer to execute this lease cancellation, and land being described as: Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan Lots 616 and 617, Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate lease cancellation documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to cancel Lease Nos. DD-0011(01) and DD -0043(02) pursuant to applicable law and regulations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2015-104, Trust Land Lease –Lots 616 and 617, Littell. Kinross, Michigan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairperson, Aaron A. Payment and Treasurer, Dennis McKelvie, to execute a lease to the land located at Kinross, Michigan to, Pamela A. Littell, a single woman, and land being described as follows: Lots 616 and 617 Cedar Grove Estates III.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2015-105, Authorization to Convey Property, 1857 E 16TH Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Mi 49783.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe through its Board of Directors specifically authorizes and directs its Tribal Chairman and Treasurer, or their designee as may be appropriate, to enter into a Trust Unit Sales Agreement with Lona B. Stewart for the agreed upon terms of the Purchase Agreement. The Chairman and Treasurer are specifically authorized to execute all agreements, certificates, instruments, or other documents as may be required, and to take any and all action necessary or convenient to complete the Conveyance of Property.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2015-106, Attendance Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors enacts the proposed revisions to the Casino, Government and Enterprise Attendance Policies as attached on Page 1 beginning on June 1, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Sorenson, Causley, Abramson, Glyptis, Gravelle, Hollowell, McLeod, Chase, Massaway, McKelvie approving; Director Morrow opposing.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2015-107, Grand Marais Dock Project Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians fully supports the efforts of the Grand Marais Project and partnership between the M.E.D.C. and the Sault Tribe, and the application for a grant of \$88,370.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Massaway, to accept the resignation of Brandi McCoy from the Child Welfare Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Massaway, to appoint Tammy Pinkoski to the Child Welfare Committee, contingent upon passing a background check. Tammy's term would expire May 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Glyptis, supported by Director Morrow, to appoint Paul Garrish and Judi Daley to the Unit 5 Marquette Area Elders Subcommittee, both for four year terms, expiring May 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to appoint Annette King, as Representative to the Elder Advisory Committee, for the Unit One Elders Subcommittee. Terms on the EAC expires on the current Elder's appoint to their unit's Elder Subcommittee appointment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Without objection, will go into closed session for a property issue. No objections.

Reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

Moved by Director Abramson, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2015-108, Authorization to Purchase Real Estate Parcels, Adjacent to JKL School (Bonacci).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Chairperson, Aaron A. Payment and its Treasurer, Dennis McKelvie or their designee to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of the following parcels of land adjacent to JKL Bahweting School at a price not to exceed \$90,000, plus any closing costs for the following parcels, contingent upon the appraisal supporting the purchase price:

A B WILGUS ADD ENTIRE 30 LOTS BLK 2.
A B WILGUS ADD ENTIRE 30 LOTS BLK 3.
A B WILGUS ADD LOTS 11 TO 20 INCL BLK 4.
A B WILGUS ADD N 80 FT LOTS 1, 2 & 3 PLUS LOTS 10 TO 30 INCL BLK 1.
SEC 8 T47N R1E W 2/3 OF E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4.
SEC 8 T47N R1E SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4. 2.5 A M/L
W C TETERS ADD. LOTS 1- 4 BLK 3. and W C TETERS ADDITION LOT 9 BLK

Funds utilized for the purchase shall be from the building fund.

Motion carried with Director Hollowell opposing.

Without Objection, will adjourn the meeting. No objections.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Date: 10-27-15

Secretary: Bridgett Bonacci

Others present: John Wernet, Bill Connolly, Christine McPherson, Angeline Bouley, Trisha Gough, Brenda Johnson, Fred Buro, Juanita Bye, Anne Suggitt, Brenda Jeffreys, Candace Blocher, Jeff Holt, Eric Clark, Nick VanAlstine, Steve Forrest, Tom Gorenflo, Les Ailing, Russ McKerchie, Joanne Carr.