

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

The meeting was opened at 6:05 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Dennis McKelvie, Kim Gravelle, DJ Hoffman, Jennifer McLeod, Michael McKerchie, Lana Causley, Catherine Hollowell, Bridgett Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Anita Nelson, and Aaron Payment.

Absent:

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Massaway, to suspend the rules and add the NIHB designees and Enrollment to the agenda.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKelvie, supported by Director Massaway, to approve the Minutes of 7-12-16; 7-19-16; 7-21-16; 7-26-16; 8-2-16; and 8-16-16; with corrections to 7-21-16 and 8-2-16.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2016-213, National Congress of American Indians 2016 Annual Convention Delegates and 2017 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: Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson; Alternate: DJ Hoffman, Director, Vice Chair; Alternate: Bridgett Sorenson, Director, Secretary; Alternate: Dennis McKelvie, Director, Treasurer; Alternate: Keith Massaway, Director; Alternate: Michael McKerchie, Director; Alternate: Jennifer McLeod, Director; Alternate: Kimberle Gravelle, Director; Alternate: Lana Causley, Director; Alternate: Catherine Hollowell, Director; Alternate: Denise Chase, Director; Alternate: Darcy Morrow, Director; Alternate: Anita Nelson, Director; Alternate: Kenneth J. Ermatinger, Gaming Commission Director.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve any Board Member to travel to the National Indian Health Board conference in September.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2016-214, Standing with Standing Rock Nation.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby expresses its unequivocal support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's efforts to defeat the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors urges the Army Corps of Engineers to reject the river crossing permit for that pipeline project under section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and, further, urges the Secretary of the Interior to exercise her trust responsibility to ensure that the Federal Government rejects the Pipeline.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairperson and Chief Financial Officer are hereby directed to make a donation of \$10,000.00 to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to be used by that Tribe in support of its efforts to defeat the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline. \$10,000 is hereby appropriated from unexpended tribal support to Tribal Operations, cost center 1160, which shall serve as the source of this contribution.

**Motion carried with Director McKelvie abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2016-215, Trust Land Status Bonacci Parcels A, B, C, G, H Sault Ste. Marie 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: See Attached Exhibit A

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.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2016-216, Trust Land Status Clark Parcels Sault Ste. Marie 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:

In the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan:

Lots No. 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 4, Ellis Addition to the City of Sault Ste. Marie, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 25, Chippewa County Records.

AND

That portion of the adjacent vacated North/South Alley in said Block No. 4, Ellis Addition to the City of Sault Ste. Marie, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 25, Chippewa County Records.

EXCEPT that part lying within the vacated 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parcel to be acquired 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 Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2016-217, Trust Land Status, Teeter's Addition and Fletcher's Addition City of Sault Ste. Marie 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 the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan

Lots 1-17 inclusive, and Lots 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, and 29, Block 1, W. C. Teeter's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 30, Chippewa County Records.

Lots 12-14 inclusive, Block 2, W. C. Teeter's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 30, Chippewa County Records.

Lots 14 and 15, Block 1, Fletcher's Addition, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 50, Chippewa County Records.

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 McLeod, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2016-218, Authorization for Signature 2017 Bureau of Indian Affairs 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 Aaron Payment, Chairperson or designee, to sign, negotiate, amend, and execute any agreement thereof for the 2017 Bureau of Indian Affairs Self Governance Program, and Tribal Transportation Program.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2016-219, Acceptance – 2017 Indian Housing Plan.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors accepts the 2017 Indian Housing Plan, Grant No. 55-IH-26-5480, as presented and does hereby request funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors does agree to follow the Sault Tribe Housing Commission Board and HUD approved 2017 Indian Housing Plan in order to provide housing opportunities.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Hollowell, Nelson, Massaway, Chase, Sorenson, McLeod, Morrow, McKerchie, McKelvie, Causley approving; Directors Hoffman, Gravelle opposing.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2016-220, Authorize the Chairperson to Enter into Contracts, and Execute Associated Documents, for Construction of a Fish Barrier at the Tribe's Walleye Culture Pond.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize the Chairperson of the Tribe, or his designee, to negotiate and execute contracts and other related documents between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and USDA-NRCS for the Fish Barrier project.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2016-221, ACFS – USDA FY 2016 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2016 budget modification to USDA for an increase in Federal USDA Revenue of \$86,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2016-222, ACFS-Emergency Assistance FY 2016 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2016 budget modification to the Emergency Assistance for an increase in Tribal Support \$27,059.12. This budget modification reflects an increase to direct services.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2016-223, Executive Office FY 2016 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2016 budget modification to the Executive Office for a decrease in Tribal Support \$31,720.25. This budget modification reflects reallocation of expenses and changes to the personnel page.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Massaway, McKerchie, Causley, Nelson, Morrow, Sorenson, McLeod, Chase, Hollowell approving; Directors Gravelle, Hoffman, McKelvie opposing.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to accept the recommendations of the Special Needs Enrollment Committee and relinquish the following from the Tribe: Michele L. Hillman; Mia L. Eilers (Vertz); Mona L. Wojtas; Michael L. Vertz; Joseph Harkema (McLeod); Benjamin Harkema (McLeod).**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director McKelvie, to accept the recommendations of the Special Needs Enrollment Committee and disenroll the following from the Tribe: Kitanna Sylvester; Shawn Hascall.**

**Motion carried with Director McKerchie opposing.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to accept the recommendations of the Special Needs Enrollment Committee and disenroll the following from the Tribe: Maria Mushinski; Jacob Mushinski.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to accept the recommendations of the Special Needs Enrollment Committee and disenroll the following from the Tribe: George Dingee; Daniel A. Dingee; Daniel J. Dingee; Brandy Dingee; Tina Dingee; James Spearman II; Kevin Stevens; Michael Dingee.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Chase, to accept the recommendations of the Special Needs Enrollment Committee and disenroll the following from the Tribe, with a notation that the Tribal Registrar will accept a proposal from the Board of Directors to reinstate the Haller's family membership should adoption records be provided and he is able to trace to the Tribe through his biological ancestry: Timothy Haller; Robert Haller; Christopher Haller.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to accept the recommendations of the Special Needs Enrollment Committee and disenroll the following from the Tribe, with a notation that the Tribal Registrar will accept a proposal from the Board of Directors to reinstate the these persons membership if they become US citizens or if our tribal constitution or code changes: Catherine V. Mitchell; Jennifer R. Smith; Emily H. Mitchell; Shannon Wilson.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Gravelle, McLeod, Morrow, Sorenson, Hollowell, McKelvie, Nelson, Chase, Massaway approving; Directors McKerchie, Hoffman, Causley opposing.**

**Moved by Director Nelson, supported by Director Chase, to appoint Paul Gerrish as an alternate for the Unit 5-Marquette –Elder Advisory Committee, expiring May 2019.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Sorenson, to accept the resignation of Sharon Barber from the Health Board and declare the seat vacant, effective immediately.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:05 p.m.**

Date: 11-1-16

Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: John Wernet, Christine McPherson, Bill Connolly, Jessica Dumback, Sheila Berger, Joni Talentino, Tony Nertoli, Julie Salo, Melissa Morehouse, Juanita Bye, Lisa Bumstead, Russ McKerchie, Joanne Carr.