

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
MUNISING TRIBAL CENTER  
MUNISING, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
April 18, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

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

Absent:

**Without Objection will recess to finish membership issues. No objections.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Without Objection, will add the Purchase of Property and Kewadin Audit Resolutions. No Objections.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2017-60, Approving 2016 Kewadin Casinos Audit.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts and approves the 2016 Kewadin Casinos Audit (An Enterprise Fund of the Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority) & Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority Audit (Component Unit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) as presented by Rehmann, contingent upon the Gaming Authority accepting the 2016 Kewadin Casinos Audit.

**Motion carried with Directors Morrow, Chase abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2017-61, Property Purchase DeMawating.**

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, at a price not to exceed the amount discussed in the workshop on 4-18-2017, plus any legal fees, and closing costs for the following parcels:

008-280-119-00 15 FOREST LODGE, KINCHELOE MI 49788

008-280-063-00 12 FOREST LODGE, KINCHELOE MI 49788

008-280-107-00 10 CLUBHOUSE DR, KINCHELOE MI 49788

008-280-057-00 24 FOREST LODGE, KINCHELOE MI 49788

008-280-062-00 14 FOREST LODGE, KINCHELOE MI 49788

Funds utilized for the purchase shall be from DeMawating Retained Earnings.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2017-62, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Ms. Tara Sawasky.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Ms. Tara Sawasky for the convictions of: 1. Misdemeanor-Domestic Violence (2015); 2. Misdemeanor-Malicious Destruction of Personal Property-Less than \$200 (2015).

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2017-63, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Mr. Christopher Hebert.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. Christopher Hebert for the convictions of: 1. Felony-Larceny in a Building (2012); 2. Attempted Misdemeanor-Police Officer-Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing (2012); 3. Felony-Police Officer-Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing (2014); 4. Misdemeanor-Retail Fraud-Third Degree (2014); 5. Felony-Larceny from a Motor Vehicle (2014).

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

**Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2017-64, BIA OTJS One-Time Funding Confirmation.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby confirms that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Court requested funds in the amount of \$31,157 to host a VAWA training, and that such training is aimed at the tribal court personnel and individuals working with tribal courts, however, the Tribe would welcome other tribes and interested parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby confirms that funds in the amount of \$10,202 requested for Domestic Violence Court training will be used for tribal justice system team members who participate on the Domestic Violence court team for the purpose of enhancing our Domestic Violence court program.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2017-65, Appointment of Elisabeth Dietz Appellate Judge (Elder Position).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby appoints Elisabeth Dietz to serve as the Elder Appellate Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals, for a four (4) year term beginning April 11, 2017.

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

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2017-66, Appointment of Rick Corbiere Appellate Judge (Community Member Position).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby appoints Rick Corbiere to serve as the Community Member Appellate Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals, for a four (4) year term beginning April 11, 2017.

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

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Hollowell, to table the res. regarding Am. Chapter 20: Co-Captains #1.**

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

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Chase, to table the res. regarding Am. Chapter 20: Co-Captains #2.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion denied with Directors Causley, Nelson, Morrow, Sorenson, Chase, Hollowell approving; Directors Massaway, McKerchie, Gravelle, Hoffman, McLeod, McKelvie opposing; Chairperson Payment opposing breaking the tie vote.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director McKelvie, to approve the resolution titled Amending Chapter 20: Co-Captains #2.**

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

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2017-67, Transportation Planning FY 2017 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2017 budget modification to Transportation Planning for an increase in Federal BIA monies of \$18,466.50. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2017-68, Judicial Services, 2017 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2017 budget modification to Judicial Services to increase Federal BIA monies \$44,859. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2017-69, Sault Tribe Construction – Prevailing Wage FY 2017 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2017 budget modification to Sault Tribe Construction for an increase in Other Revenues (Sales) \$38,346.64 and an increase in Tribal Support monies \$3,371.51 for a total increase of \$41,718.15.

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

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director McLeod, to table the resolution regarding Sault Tribe Construction to a time certain... right after Sault Tribe Construction #2 is voted on.**

**Motion carried with Directors Causley, Sorenson, Chase, Morrow, Massaway opposing.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director McLeod, to approve Res. 2017-70, Sault Tribe Construction #2 FY 2017 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2017 budget modification to Sault Tribe Construction for changes to the personnel sheet and an increase in Other Revenue (Sales) \$2,030.21 and an increase in Tribal Support monies \$2,030.21.

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

**Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2017-71, Sault Tribe Construction #1 FY 2017 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2017 budget modification to Sault Tribe Construction for changes to the personnel sheet and an increase in Other Revenue (Sales) \$20,867.79 and an increase in Tribal Support monies \$2,318.64.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKelvie, to suspend the rules and add the Enrollment Committee and Housing Authority appointments to the agenda.**

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

**Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Massaway, to reappoint Ken Ermatinger to the Special Needs/Enrollment Committee, for a two-year term, expiring April 2019.**

**Motion carried with Director Hoffman opposing.**

**Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Causley, to reappoint Ken Ermatinger to the Housing Authority, for four year terms, expiring April 2021.**

**Motion carried with Directors Morrow, Nelson opposing; Director Hoffman abstaining.**

**Moved by Director McLeod, supported by Director Causley, to reappoint Debra Pine to the Housing Authority, for four year terms, expiring April 2021.**

**Motion carried with Director Hoffman abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Hollowell, to appoint Kevin Leonard to the Higher Education Committee, for a four year term, expiring April 2021.**

**Motion carried with Director Gravelle opposing.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Causley, to reappoint Lisa Burnside to the Cultural Committee for a four year term, expiring April 2021.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to appoint Mary Jenerou to the Cultural Screening Committee, for a four year term, expiring April 2021.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Sorenson, to refer the CORA BSD Request to the Executive Director to bring back to the next regular or special meeting.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to formalize the fishing investigation to report to the membership; have the Executive Director prepare a statement to be released of what the findings were and how the issues were dealt with for Board approval by April 25.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to direct the Executive Director or their designee, to develop written options/plan to incorporate educational and cultural programming/staffing (onsite) within the Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Arena in a community center based approach within 60 days for Board review and consideration.

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

**Board Concerns:**

Director Causley: Lake Trout – 2000 to Present info on one sheet.  
Director Sorenson: Emails – tone; Team Member Files.  
Director Hollowell: Fishing Workshop.  
Director Nelson: Unit 5- Marquette Elders.  
Director Gravelle: Policy for Vacation Payout.  
Director Hoffman: Pictures on S.T. Website; Unit Wars.  
Director Morrow: Great Lakes Commission Report.

Meeting adjourned: 10:14 p.m.

Date: 5-22-17 Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present:, Christine McPherson, Bill Connolly, Jessica Dumback, Joel Schultz, Courtney Kachur, Officer Hunkele, Russ McKerchie, Joanne Carr.