

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
December 1, 2020**

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

Present: Kim Gravelle, DJ Hoffman, Betty Freiheit, Michael McKerchie, Austin Lowes, Lana Causley, Catherine Hollowell, Bridgett Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Denise Chase, Charles Matson, and Aaron Payment.  
Absent: Darcy Morrow.

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve the Minutes of 9-1-2020; 9-15-2020; 10-27-2020; and 11-17-2020 with any technical corrections.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2020-299, Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2021 January to December.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost centers for fiscal year 2021, at their 2020 spending levels, for a period not to exceed March 31, 2021:

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors Hollowell, Freiheit, Hoffman, Gravelle, Lowes, Causley, Chase, McKerchie, Matson, Sorenson approving; Director Massaway opposing.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2020-300, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Ms. Marissa MacDonald.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Ms. Marissa MacDonald for the convictions of: Felony – Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing Police Officer 2/13/2020.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Causley, to approve the partial waiver resolution for Justin Davenport.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion denied with Directors Gravelle, Matson, Hoffman, Causley approving; Directors Massaway, Chase, Hollowell, Freiheit, Lowes, Sorenson, McKerchie opposing.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Causley, to refer the American Legion resolution to Administration and to bring back a proposal within 30 days.**

**Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors McKerchie, Causley, Matson, Hoffman, Chase, Massaway, Freiheit, Sorenson, Lowes approving; Directors Hollowell, Gravelle opposing.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Chase, to approve Res. 2020-301, Agreement Michigan Technological University.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Chairperson or their designee to negotiate, amend, and execute an Agreement between Michigan Technological University and the Tribe, for the business counseling support for the business interests of Sault Tribe members, with the cost not exceeding \$20,000 per year for three (3) years.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2020-302, Authorization to Negotiate and Purchase, Manistique, MI Property Acquisition.**

RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Sault Tribe EDC Executive Director or his designee, to negotiate the purchase of 126 New Delta, Manistique, MI 49854, using Covid Cares Funding for the purpose of Emergency Housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Director authorizes the Tribal Chairperson, or his designee to sign any and all documentation to complete the purchase.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2020-303, Mackinac County Cooperative Agreement.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Chairperson or his designee, to sign the Cooperative Agreement between Mackinac County Road Commission a duly organized County Government and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and authorizes expenditures up to \$55,000, from the Transportation Maintenance Fund, cost center 2931.

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2020-304, Transportation Program 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors supports and adopts the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan for the projects listed in the attached TIP forms that were developed between us and the BIA for Tribal Shares Funding.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Massaway, to extend the current decree to June 30, 2021, because of the difficulties we have encountered with COVID19 the past year. This extension will allow all parties the proper time needed to finalize the entire document.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors McKerchie, Causley, Matson, Hoffman, Massaway, Freiheit, Sorenson, Lowes, Hollowell, Gravelle approving; Director Chase opposing.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to reappoint Kimberle Gravelle, Diane McLeod to the Special Needs Enrollment Committee, both for a two year term, expiring December 2022.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve the 2021 Board Meeting Calendar.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned: 5:30 p.m.**

**Board Concerns:**

Director Sorenson: FMLA/Intermittent FMLA; St. Ignace Cage.

Director Hoffman: Written update – Employee exit interview; HC-cancelation of appts; Vaccination Process.

Director Causley: Key positions; Changes to Codes; Recruitment.

Director Gravelle: Clean Slate Program; Ch. 10 Election Ordinance.

Director Morrow: Manistique HC – no new patients.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: *Bridgett Sorenson*

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Jeremy Patterson, Jennifer Clerc, Jared Lucas, Linda Grossett, Joanne Carr.