

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2021**

The meeting was opened at 5:08 p.m. by Chairperson Payment.

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

Absent: Michael McKerchie.

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Causley, to excuse Director McKerchie from the meeting.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve the Minutes of 3-2-2021, with corrections if necessary.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-58, FY 2021 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby appropriates a total of \$1,716,600 for the FY 2021 Governmental Capital Purchases Budget, of which \$1,508,000 will come from Other Revenue/Fund Balance and \$208,600 from Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2021-59, Industrial Warehouse and MEDC Warehouse Establish FY 2021 and FY 2022 Budgets.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for Industrial Warehouse with Department of Commerce Revenue monies \$1,166,666.66. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2021 budget for MEDC Warehouse with State of Michigan Revenue monies of \$83,333.36. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for MEDC Warehouse with State of Michigan Revenue monies of \$166,666.64. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2021-60, Sawyer Village – Soo Tribe Housing Authority FY 2021 Enterprise Capital Outlays Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the modification to the FY 2021 Enterprise Capital Outlay Budget to increase the expenses for Sawyer Village \$240,000.00 from fund balance.

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

**Moved by Director Chase, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2021-61, Sawyer Village-Escanaba Facility FY 2021 Enterprise Capital Outlays Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the modification to the FY 2021 Enterprise Capital Outlay Budget to increase the expenses for Sawyer Village \$175,000.00 from fund balance.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-62, Northern Hospitality FY 2021 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Northern Hospitality to change the personnel sheet and increase expenses \$25,253.98. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-63, Manistique Medical Nursing and Third Party Revenue FY 2021 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Manistique Medical Nursing to change the personnel sheets and reduce Third Party Revenue monies \$5,400.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Third Party Revenue reducing the transfer of monies \$5,400.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried with Director Freiheit opposing.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Hoffman, to table the H.C. Admin/Third Party Revenue Res.**

**Motion carried with Directors Gravelle, Hollowell opposing.**

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-64, Establish FY 2021 Budget COVID Vaccination Clinics and Third Party Revenue FY 2021 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2021 budget for Covid Vaccination Clinics with Third Party Revenue monies \$93,525.60. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Third Party Revenue increasing the transfer of monies \$93,525.60. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-65, IHS After Care FY 2021 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to IHS After Care changing the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-66, Buildings Chippewa Landings Establish FY 2021 and FY 2022 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 2021 budget for Chippewa Landing with transfer funds from Tribal Operations monies of \$30,200.04. This may have an effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2022 budget for Chippewa Landing with transfer funds from Tribal Operations monies of \$30,200.04. This may have an effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Hollowell, to approve Res. 2021-67, Buildings Internal Repairs and Maintenance FY 2021 and FY 2022 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Buildings Internal Repairs and Maintenance to change the personnel sheets, increase expenses, decrease Other Revenue monies of \$634.92 and increase use of Fund Balance monies by \$2,834.39. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2022 budget modification to Buildings Internal Repairs and Maintenance to change the personnel sheets, increase expenses, decrease Other Revenues monies of \$12,380.46 and increase use of Fund Balance monies by \$32,655.78. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Hollowell, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-68, Environmental –Invasive Species Establish FY 2022 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 2022 budget for Invasive Species with Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$4,596.39. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-69, Approving Contract Sonosky Chambers-Consulting.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the law firm of Sonosky Chambers, for the purpose of consulting on federal legislation issues and pending administrative actions, continuing through December 31, 2021.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-70, Support for Michigan Indian Legal Services BJA TCCLA Grant Application.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby endorses and supports the submission of an application under the BJA TCCLA grant by Michigan Indian Legal Services, through its collaborator, Montana Legal Services Association, to strengthen civil and criminal legal assistance to low-income members, including, but not limited to, public defender services, civil legal assistance addressing collateral consequences of conviction and arrest, and supporting annual veterans' clinics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes Michigan Indian Legal Services to implement the project of civil and criminal legal assistance within the boundaries of its Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Montana Legal Services Association will be the lead agency in the submission of the BJA TCCLA grant application and will assume full responsibility for the fiscal integrity, program development, and implementation of this application.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Lowes, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Res. 2021-71, Appointing Audit Committee Members.**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors appoints Mike McKerchie to serve on the Audit Committee until the expiration of his current term on the Board of Directors, which is July 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Audit Committee recommends reappointing Dr. Madan Saluja, with the approval of the Board of Directors, for a four year term, expiring March 2025.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-72, FY 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program – Budget totaling \$6,494,593.28 of which all comes from U.S. Treasury.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-73, U.S. Department of the Treasury FY 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Policy.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the FY 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Policy, as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, due to the frequently updated Treasury guidance on implementation requirements of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby delegates to the STHA the authority to revise the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Policy as necessary to carry out the program and maintain compliance with federal requirements. Revisions shall be reviewed and approved by the Grants Sub Committee Chairperson of the Executive Task Force prior to implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Emergency Rental Assistance Program eligibility to all enrolled members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians residing within the United States who qualify for the program. Program funding will be equally allocated fifty percent (50%) to eligible enrolled tribal members residing in the seven county service area and fifty percent (50%) to eligible enrolled tribal members residing in the balance of the United States outside the seven county service area.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors and Sault Tribe Housing Commission do agree to follow the approved U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, terms and conditions of the Emergency Rental Assistance program.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-74, U.S. Department of the Treasury FY 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program – On Line Submission.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby provides concurrence and authorization to the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director or its duly authorized representative, to complete the on-line submission, as noted above, to secure U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the Chairperson of the Tribe to accept the FY 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Funding and execute such documents and agreements as may be necessary to further this purpose.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-75, Naming of the New ACFS/CCDF Early Childhood Center.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby designates that the new ACFS/CCDF Early Childhood Center, attached to Chi Mukwa Arena, be named the Anne Suggitt Early Childhood Center.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Lowes, to hire the recommendation of the interview committee for the key employee position and to approve the committee selection, modify the budget to the level discussed in the executive session, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate within the parameters of the budget.**

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

**Without Objections, the meeting is adjourned. No objections.**

Meeting adjourned: 6:46 p.m.

Date: 4-6-2021

Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Tasha Caldwell, Robert Schulte, Jared Lucas, Jeremy Patterson/JR Loera, Linda Grossett, Joanne Carr.