

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

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

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

Absent: Catherine Hollowell, Darcy Morrow.

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Massaway, to excuse Directors Hollowell, Morrow from the meeting.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Causley, to approve the Minutes of 6-1-2021, as written.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-136, Enrollment 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 Enrollment for a decrease in Tribal Support Revenue monies of \$624.23. This modification is for changes to the personnel sheet and reallocation of expenses.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Res. 2021-137, Youth Education & Activities 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 Youth Education & Activities to change the personnel sheet, increase expenses and increase BIA monies \$63,415.98.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-138, St. Ignace Medical Nursing 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 St. Ignace Medical Nursing to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-139, Healthy Start Grant 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 Healthy Start Grant with Other Revenue – Inter Tribal Council monies \$68,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-140, Mental Health 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 the Health Division Mental Health budget, to change the personnel sheet and reduce expense, resulting in a savings to Third Party Revenue monies \$49,285.37. 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 for a decrease to Third Party Revenue transfer of \$49,285.37.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-141, Naming of the New Facilities Garage.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in honor of his dedication, the new Facilities Storage Garage is hereby designated the Chip MacArthur Facilities Garage.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-142, Family Violence Prevention and Services Program.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes application to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families/Family and Youth Services Bureau for funding of a Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aaron A. Payment, Tribal Chairperson, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families/Family and Youth Services Bureau, to negotiate, execute, and amend any documents resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-143, Approving Contract Amendment Sonosky Chambers.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves an amendment to the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Sonosky Chambers, ending December 31, 2021, approved by Resolution 2021-69, increasing monthly fees by \$2,500, for the purpose of providing consulting services to the Tribe.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-144, Indian Health Services Project Summary Sanitation Facilities Memorandum of Agreement Project BE 21-M18.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, hereby authorizes the Chairperson of the Tribe, to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement entitled “Construction of Sanitation Facilities to Serve Other Category Homes”, and such other documents as may be necessary to further this purpose.

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Res. 2021-145, Authorization to Apply for Funding from the Minority Business Development Agenda (MBDA).**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe EDC Executive Director, to apply to the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), for a grant of up to \$600,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the Sault Tribe Thrive program, for the grant years beginning September 1, 2021, and ending August 31, 2023. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to submit, sign, negotiate, amend, execute and accept any agreement and grant funding of up to \$600,000.00, if awarded, from the MBDA, for the purpose of the continuation of the Sault Tribe Thrive program’s economic development efforts.

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

**Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-146, Authorization to Purchase – Cedarville, Mi and Property Acquisition.**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, authorizes the Sault Tribe EDC Executive Director or his designee, to negotiate and enter into an agreement to purchase the Hillcrest Property, using funds approved by the Board of Director’s Resolution 2021-129:

Property located in the Township of Clark, Mackinac County, Michigan,  
Tax parcel ID 49003-229-002-25

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful completion of those negotiations, the Board of Director of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Chairperson, Aaron A. Payment and its Treasurer, Keith Massaway or their designee, to negotiate and execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of the parcels of land using funds from DeMawating Development.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Lowes, to approve the resolution titled Distribution to Membership American Rescue Act.**

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

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Hoffman, to approve Res. 2021-147, COVID-19 Rescue Act Membership Assistance Program.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby approve the COVID-19 Rescue Act Membership Assistance Program to offer financial assistance to address impacts incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the intent of the Board of Directors that all assistance provided under these programs is done so under exigent circumstances as the sovereign act of a legislative body under the General Welfare Doctrine and thus eligible for non-taxable treatment to the fullest extent allowable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 Rescue Act Membership Assistance Program shall consist of \$2,000.00 payments to all eligible Tribal members.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors reserves the right to amend the COVID-19 Rescue Act Membership Assistance Program on an ongoing and as needed basis as additional guidance, funds, and needs arise.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-148, Approving Loan from Tribe to Kewadin Casinos.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and approves the Promissory Note between the Tribe and Kewadin Casinos, incorporated herein by reference. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its 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.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-149, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Ms. Amber Tremblay.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Ms. Amber Tremblay for the convictions of: Misdemeanor – Disturbing the Peace 05/02/2019.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Causley, to appoint Connie DePlonty to the Health Board, for a four year term, expiring June 2025.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve a Small Mesh Permit, to Lynn Rickley, for the 2021 Fishing Season.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-150, Purchase of Property, Sault Ste. Marie.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairperson, or their designee, is authorized to negotiate and execute the purchase of property as attached, at terms previously identified, from the Facility Fund Balance.

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

**Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-151, Land Transfer, Sault Ste. Marie.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairperson, and the Treasurer, are authorized to sign, negotiate and execute the land transfer with Bay Mills Indian Community as attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any additional funds required shall come from the Facility Fund Balance

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

**Meeting adjourned: 6:50 p.m.**

Date: 7-20-2021

Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, JR Loera, Sheila Berger, Kristyn Libby, Linda Grossett, Joanne Carr.