

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
September 7, 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, Catherine Hollowell, Bridgett Sorenson, Keith Massaway, Denise Chase, Darcy Morrow, Charles Matson, and Aaron Payment.
Absent:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Lowes, to suspend the rules and add a motion to the agenda regarding the mandatory vaccinations at the health clinics.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve the Minutes of 8-17-2021, with technical corrections if necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-206, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Head Start Establishment of 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 ARPA Head Start and Early Head Start with Federal HHS Revenue monies of \$37,019.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-207, Establish FY 2022 Budget for COPS TRGP.

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 COPS TRGP with Federal Department of Justice monies \$227,660.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-208, Enterprise Sub Recipient Emergency Housing Establishment of FY 2021 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 Enterprise Emergency Housing Other Revenue monies of \$25,000.00. There is \$11,250.00 in expenses, leaving a Net Income of \$13,750.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-209, Economic Development (EDC) 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 EDC for an increase in Tribal Support of \$24,027.13.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gravelle, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Res. 2021-210, Judicial Services 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 Judicial Services to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Res. 2021-211, Manistique 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 Manistique Medical Nursing to change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Matson, to approve Res. 2021-212, Munising Health Administration 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 Munising Health Administration to change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Lowes, that the Health Director's mandate regarding the vaccine cannot be implemented until the issue is workshopped with the Board of Directors.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-213, Acceptance – 2021 Indian Housing Plan American Rescue Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the 2021 Indian Housing Plan – American Rescue Plan, Grant No. 21AH2654680 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 and Sault Tribe Housing Commission does agree to follow the HUD approved Indian Housing Plan in order to provide housing opportunities.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Massaway, to approve Res. 2021-214, Acceptance – 2022 Indian Housing Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the 2022 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 and Sault Tribe Housing Commission does agree to follow the HUD approved Indian Housing Plan in order to provide housing opportunities.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-215, National Congress of American Indians 2021 Annual Convention Delegates and 2022 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:

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| Delegate: Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson | Alternate: Kimberle Gravelle, Director |
| Alternate: DJ Hoffman, Director, Vice Chair | Alternate: Catherine Hollowell, Director |
| Alternate: Bridgett Sorenson, Director, Secretary | Alternate: Darcy Morrow, Director |
| Alternate: Keith Massaway, Director, Treasurer | Alternate: Betty Freiheit, Director |
| Alternate: Michael McKerchie, Director | |
| Alternate: Austin Lowes, Director | |
| Alternate: Lana Causley-Smith, Director | |
| Alternate: Denise Chase, Director | |
| Alternate: Charles Matson, Director | |
| Alternate: Michael McCoy, Legislative Director | |
| Alternate: Michael Pins, Gaming Commission Director | |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Delegates and Alternate Delegates are allowed to hold an officer position within the NCAI.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Massaway, supported by Director Gravelle, to approve Res. 2021-216, Acceptance of the 2020 Governmental Audit.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts and approves the 2020 Governmental Audit as presented by Dennis, Gartland, & Niergarth.

Motion carried unanimously.

Without Objection, the October 5 meeting is canceled due to the Board traveling. No objections.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Gravelle, to accept the resignation of Paul Barbeaux as the Chair of the Conservation Committee and declare the seat vacant. Paul will continue to be a committee member.

Motion carried with Director Morrow opposing.

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Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Massaway, to approve the recommendation of the Conservation Committee and appoint Clarence Hudak as the Chair of the Conservation Committee.

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

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to reappoint Dianne Compo to the Health Board, for a four year term, expiring September 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Gravelle, to appoint Chloe Kannan to the Election Committee, for a four year term, expiring September 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Hoffman, supported by Director Gravelle, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried with Director Chase opposing.

Meeting adjourned: 5:31 p.m.

Date: 9-21-2021

Secretary: Bridgett Sorenson

Others present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Joel Schultz, Jeremy Patterson, Linda Grossett, Leo Chugunov, Susan Soltys, Clarence Hudak, Joanne Carr.