

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

This meeting was opened at 5:03 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Lowes.

Present: Betty Freiheit, Austin Lowes, Isaac McKechnie, Michael McKerchie, Robert McRorie, Lana Causley, Shawn Borowicz, Bridgett Sorenson, Kimberly Hampton, Darcy Morrow, and Tyler LaPlaunt.

Absent: Kimberly Lee

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve the agenda as read.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2022-239, FY2023 – Budget Document 002 (No Health Division).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY2023 Budget Document 002 totaling \$12,459,758 of which \$1,422,494 comes from Tribal Support.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2022-240, Continuing Funding Authority – Health Division for FY2023 Schedule B Budgets October through September.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost center list for fiscal year 2023, at their 2022 spending levels, for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2022-241, Judicial Services FY2022 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves FY2022 budget modification to Judicial Services to increase Federal BIA monies \$61,605.00.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Morrow, McKerchie, Causley, Freiheit, Borowicz, Hampton, Sorenson, and McRorie approving.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2022-242, Emergency Preparedness Establishment of FY2022 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves establishment of FY2022 budget for Emergency Preparedness with State of Michigan monies of \$13,952.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors McRorie, Sorenson, LaPlaunt, McKerchie, Causley, McKechnie, Borowicz, Freiheit, Morrow, and Hampton approving.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2022-243, Health Sault Housekeeping/Maintenance and Third Party Revenue FY2022 Budget Modifications.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY2022 budget modification to the Sault Housekeeping/Maintenance to increase expenses and increase Third Party Revenue monies \$14,350.88.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY2022 budget modification to Third Party Revenue increasing the transfer out \$14,350.88.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2022-244, COVID 19 Vaccine Clinics and Third Party Revenue FY2022 Budget Modifications.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY2022 budget modification to the Covid 19 Vaccine Clinics to increase expenses and increase Third Party Revenue monies \$2,393.54.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY2022 budget modification to Third Party Revenue increasing the transfer out \$2,393.54.

Motion carried with Director Causley abstaining.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2022-245, Health Sault Walk-In Clinic and Third Party Revenue FY2022 Budget Modifications.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY2022 budget modification to Health Sault Walk-In Clinic to increase expenses and increase Third Party Revenue monies \$182,621.86.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY2022 budget modification to Third Party Revenue increasing the transfer out \$182,621.86.

Roll Call Vote: Motioned carried with Directors McKerchie, Morrow, LaPlaunt, Sorenson, McKechnie, Borowicz, and Hampton approving, Director Freiheit opposing, and Directors Causley and McRorie abstaining.

Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2022-246, Eagle Lending Gitchi Enterprises Relocation/Expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes Eagle Lending to loan the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to Gitchi Enterprises, at a rate of 4% for 20 years for the purpose of relocating Gitchi Operations to 3 Mile Road, including infrastructure, parking lot and setup of an Office/Manufactured Home.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the STI CEO, and the Sault Tribe's Chief Financial Officer to execute the loan documents using the above approved terms.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried with Directors LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Morrow, McKerchie, Causley, Freiheit, Borowicz, Hampton, Sorenson, and McRorie approving.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Causley, to approve Resolution 2022-247, Lease Modification to Stephanie D. Sprecker and Jamey C. Michaels Lease No: STHA-ODN-009(20).

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairman, and Treasurer to execute this lease modification, and land being described as:

A parcel of land located in the North ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 29, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Soo Township, Chippewa County, Michigan being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the East ¼ corner of Section 29, Town 47 North, Range 1 East; thence North 1° 39' 16" East, along the East line of the Northeast ¼ of said Section 29, a distance of 660.75 feet to the Southeast corner of the North ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of said Section 29; thence North 87° 39' 02" West, along the South line of said North ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼, 50.00 feet to the Westerly right-of-way of Shunk Road; thence North 1° 39' 16" East, along said Westerly right-of-way, 262.48 feet; thence South 61° 06' 31" West, 442.44 feet; thence North 87° 39' 02" West, along a line parallel to the South line of said North ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼, 615.52 feet to the Point of Beginning of the herein described parcel; thence North 87° 39' 02" West, continuing along a line parallel to the South line of said North ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼, 155.00 feet; thence North 2° 20' 58" East, 249.82 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of Timberwolf Drive; thence South 88° 20' 44" East, along said Southerly right-of-way, 38.25 feet; thence 120.06 feet, continuing along said Southerly right-of-way, and along a curve with its center to the North having a radius of 308.00 feet, a chord of 119.30 feet, and a chord bearing of North 80° 29' 15" East; thence South 2° 20' 58" West, 274.80 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.91 acres of land more or less.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the STI staff is requested to prepare the appropriate lease modification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to modify STHA-ODN-009(20)/BIA Lease #469-23-00072-19 pursuant to applicable law and regulations.

Motion carries with Director Freiheit abstaining.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2022-248, Approve Contract Award and Federal Funds for Sault Tribe USDA Reconnect Broadband Consultant Project 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the Sault Tribe Broadband project and authorizes Austin Lowes, Tribal Vice Chair or his designee, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents resulting therefrom, on the Tribe's behalf, on a contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Consultant, for contracted services required to complete the Sault Tribe Broadband Project, and authorizes up to \$80,000 from ARPA funding, and approving an administrative budget modification.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors Freiheit, Borowicz, Morrow, McRorie, Hampton, McKerchie, LaPlaunt, Sorenson, and McKechnie approving.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to approve Resolution 2022-249, Acceptance-2023 Indian Housing Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the 2023 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.

Motioned carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to refer Resolution Terminating Board of Directors Retirement Income Plan to legal.

Roll Call Vote: Motion approved with Directors Sorenson, Morrow, LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Borowicz, McKerchie, Hampton, McRorie, Causley, and Freiheit approving.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2022-250, Support for Museum and Cultural Center on Alcatraz.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians does hereby support the IOAT in their mission to encourage the Department of Interior and the National Park service to allow for the development of a museum and cultural center on Alcatraz.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians will also pledge support from the United Tribes of Michigan and Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2022-251, Amending Indigenous Peoples Day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians does hereby support the change of Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to be known in the future as Indigenous Peoples Day and will now be recognized as a paid holiday for Governmental and EDC, effective October 10, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians officially recognizes Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday of October and “urges the Cities of Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace, and Communities throughout the State of Michigan, to officially recognize it as well, along with celebrating the thriving culture of indigenous peoples and to encourage other businesses, organizations and public entities and support celebration among the broader community.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution Approving Amendments to Tribal Code Chapter 70: Criminal Procedure and Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses to Implement the Expanded Terms of the Violence Against Women Act.

Motion to table by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors Freiheit, Borowicz, Morrow, McRorie, Hampton, Laplaunt and Sorenson approving, Directors Causley, McKerchie and McKechnie opposing.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution Adopting Tribal Code Chapter 102: Non-Profit Ordinance.

Motion to table by Director Hampton. Supported by Director McKechnie.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors Causley, McKechnie, Freiheit, Morrow, Sorenson, McKerchie, Borowicz, McRorie, and Hampton approving.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to reappoint Darcy Morrow to the Enrollment Committee for a two year term, expiring September 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors Causley, McKerchie, Morrow, LaPlaunt, Sorenson, McKechnie, Borowicz, Mcrorie, and Hampton approving; Director Freiheit opposing.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley, to reappoint Bill McDermott and Boyd Snyder to the Enrollment Committee, both for two year terms, expiring September 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2022-252, Acceptance of the 2021 Governmental Audit.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts and approves the 2021 Governmental Audit as presented by Dennis, Gartland, and Niergarth.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2022-253, Authorization to Negotiate – Marquette, MI Property Acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes the Sault Tribe Inc. CEO or his designee, to negotiate the purchase of the property and business located at 301 W. Fair Avenue, Marquette, MI using funds from the Mid Jim's, tribal enterprise(s); not exceed the agreed upon terms approved by the Board of Directors;

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

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors Freiheit, Borowicz, Morrow, McRorie, Causley, Hampton, McKerchie, LaPlaunt, Sorenson, and McKechnie approving.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Resolution 2022-254, Authorization to Construct Billboards Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the STI CEO or his designee is hereby authorized to use funds of up to \$54,000 from Company #609, Signboards and Storage to construct up to 8 billboard faces on the above properties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that STI Enterprise Management staff are requested to prepare an internal Capital Expenditure Budget Modification for company 609;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the STI CEO, or his designee to execute all documents necessary to facilitate the construction and management of such billboards

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors Sorenson, Morrow, LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Borowicz, McKerchie, Hampton, McRorie, Causley, and Freiheit approving.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2022-255, Pamela Cable Gershon Memorial Scholarship.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians supports the funding of the Pamela Cable Gershon Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000 from the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Fund, with the previous established scholarship criteria.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2022-256, George K. Nolan Scholarship.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians supports the funding of the George K. Nolan Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000 from the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Fund, with the previous established scholarship criteria.

Motion carried unanimously.

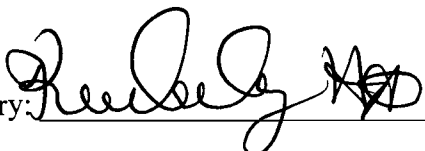
Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2022-257, Michigan Indian Elders Association Tribal Elder Delegate Appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians appoints Lou Anne Bush of Sault Ste. Marie, and Dianne Compo of Brimley as Delegates, and Anita Nelson of Munising as the Alternate Delegate representing the Elders of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, expiring in December, 2022. They will exercise the duties of the delegates as outlined in the MIEA by-laws.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 6:52 p.m.

Date: 12/20/22

Secretary: 

Others Present: Christine McPherson, Robert Schulte, Jessica Dumback, Katelynn Griffin, Jenna Killips, Jeremy Patterson, Jennifer Clerc, Jocelyn Fabry, Joel Lumsden, Leo Chugunov, Joel Schultz, Larry Jacques, Joni Talentino.