

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
JULY 18, 2023**

This meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Austin Lowes.

Present: Tyler LaPlaunt, Isaac McKechnie, Darcy Morrow, Michael McKerchie, Lana Causley, Betty Freiheit, Shawn Borowicz, Kimberly Hampton, Bridgett Sorenson, Kimberly Lee, Rob McRorie, Austin Lowes  
Absent: None

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McRorie, to approve the agenda as read. Motion carries unanimously.**

Without objection, will add the following items to the agenda:

1. Added Introduction of Interns under Presentations.
2. Added Naming Transformational Shelter Resolution under Resolutions.

No objections.

**Presentations: Sault Tribe Interns – Introduction of all 2023 Interns**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-234, Health Division – Sault Ste. Marie Administration FY2023 Budget Modification.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Sault Ste. Marie Health Center – Administration for changes to the personnel sheet and a reallocation of expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Morrow, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-235, Health Division – Purchased Referred Care and Third-Party Revenue FY 2023 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to the Purchased Referred Care for an increase in Third-Party Revenue monies of \$840,800.49. This budget modification will reallocate expenses and increase direct services. 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 2023 budget modification to Third-Party Revenue increasing the transfer out of \$840,800.49. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' Sorenson, Morrow, LaPlaunt, Borowicz, McKerchie, Lee, Hampton, McRorie approving; Directors' McKechnie, Causley-Smith, Freiheit opposing.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2023-236, Health Division – St. Ignace Pharmacy and Third-Party Revenue FY 2023 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to St. Ignace Pharmacy for an increase in Third-

Party Revenue monies of \$94,157.19. This budget modification will increase expenses. 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 2023 budget modification to Third-Party Revenue increasing the transfer out of \$94,157.19. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2023-237, Health Division – Wellness Program and Third-Party Revenue FY 2023 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to the Wellness Program for an increase in Third-Party Revenue monies of \$29,917.47 and Other Revenue monies of \$7,638.70. This budget modification will update the personnel sheet and other expenses. 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 2023 budget modification to Third-Party Revenue increasing the transfer out of \$29,917.47. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2023-238, Health Division – Sault Ste. Marie Pharmacy and Third-Party Revenue FY 2023 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Sault Ste. Marie Pharmacy for an increase in Third-Party Revenue monies of \$298,354.36. This budget modification will increase direct services. 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 2023 budget modification to Third-Party Revenue increasing the transfer out of \$298,354.36. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' Lee, Freiheit, Borowicz, Morrow, McRorie, Causley-Smith, Hampton, McKerchie, LaPlaunt, Sorenson approving; Director McKechnie opposing.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to approve Resolution 2023-239, Enterprises – Tanglewood and Hessel Ridge Golf Course FY 2023 Budget Modifications.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Tanglewood Golf Course to make changes to the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Hessel Ridge Golf Course to make changes to the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses.

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

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2023-240, IHS Multi-Year Funding Agreement, as amended.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to negotiate, amend, and execute such Agreement on behalf of the Tribe; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the I.H.S. Multi-Year Funding Agreement shall be brought back to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors for final approval.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-241, 2023 America the Beautiful Challenge.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Austin Lowes, Tribal Chairman, or his duly authorized representative to sign, negotiate, amend and execute any agreements thereof for the America the Beautiful Challenge administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

**Motion carries with Unanimous Consent.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-242, Award Agreement to UPEA Engineers & Architects for Professional Services for Unit 5 Marquette Community Center.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves Task Order N0. 06 Agreement with UPEA Engineers & Architects for Professional Services related to the Unit 5 Marquette Health & Community Center Renovation Project. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the Task Order amount of \$142,950.00 for design work and project management services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the use of any available ARPA funds for Unit 5.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee (Facilities & Operations Manager), to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents, including appropriate internal budget modifications or forms that do not change the substantive terms of the agreements and project, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' Causley-Smith, Lee, Freiheit, LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Borowicz, McRorie, Hampton approving; Directors' McKerchie, Morrow, Sorenson opposing.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2023-243, Approve Proposal for Professional Services for Fisheries Video Production Project.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the proposal of Aaron Peterson Studios for video production services to document the Sault Tribe Fisheries program and the ongoing work to sustainably manage the Great Lakes Fishery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to negotiate a contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Aaron Peterson Studios, with review of the Legal Department, to carry out the intent of this resolution.

**Motion carries with Director Freiheit opposing.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director Hampton, to approve a Resolution, Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction Service Contract for Magellan Advisors, LLC.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McRorie, to Table.**

**Motion to Table carries with Directors' Causley-Smith, Lee, Freiheit, Morrow, Sorenson, McKechnie, McRorie, Hampton approving; Directors' McKerchie, LaPlaunt, Borowicz opposing.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to overrule Chairman's decision to remove the person from the closed session meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion fails with Directors' Sorenson, McKerchie, Causley-Smith, Borowicz, Morrow supporting; Directors' McRorie, LaPlaunt, Freiheit, Lee, Hampton opposing; Director McKechnie abstaining; Tie vote - Chairman Lowes opposing.**

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2023-244, Amending Chapter 14: Rules of Parliamentary Procedure Ordinance Section 119: Disciplinary Procedures.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chapter 14 Section 119: Disciplinary Procedure, shall be amended to read as follows:

**14.119 Disciplinary Procedures.**

(1) All persons present at a meeting shall obey the legitimate orders of the Chairperson. The Chairperson has the duty to rule on all questions of parliamentary procedure affecting the proceedings of the Board.

(2) The Chairperson has the authority to rule any Board member as being out of order if he or she violates the rules of parliamentary procedures set forth in this Chapter or *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, as applicable.

(3) For serious or repeated violations of order, any Board member can move to penalize the offending member or the Chairperson can inquire as to whether the Board desires to penalize the offending member. A motion to penalize can include that the offending member be censured or be required to leave the meeting, or both. As used herein, "censure" refers to the authority of the Board to impose a fine or reduce or suspend any benefit(s) that Board members receive (except the right to attend subsequent meetings); provided, however, that any such fine or reduction or suspension of any benefit(s) shall not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per censure. The motion requires a second and must be approved by a **Simple Majority**. The provisions of Section 14.110 may be utilized to prevent the offending Board member from voting on a motion to penalize.

All other sections and subsections of Chapter 14 shall remain unchanged

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Lee, Hampton, McRorie, Freiheit approving; Directors' Sorenson, Morrow, Borowicz, McKerchie, Causley-Smith opposing.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2023-245, Resolution to Support the Legislation to Create the Truth and Healing Commission on Federal Indian Boarding School Policies Act in the United States.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians does hereby support the "Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools Policies in the United States Act"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians urges the House and Senate to pass the "Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools Policies in the United States Act"; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians calls on President Joe Biden and Interior Secretary Debra Haaland to garner the full authority of the Biden Administration to support these bills.

**Motion carries with Unanimous Consent.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-246, Naming Transformational Shelter.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby designates the Transformational Shelter be known as "Bgwasendam Gamigong" Lodge of Hope.

**Motion carries with Unanimous Consent.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to appoint Kimberle K. Gravelle to the Special Needs/Enrollment Committee, for a 2-year term (technical correction, indicated 4-year term in request) expiring July 2025.**

**Motion carries with Director Freiheit opposing.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to send two removal petitions on Kim Hampton to an external hearing board to decide the outcome; Tribal Court can facilitate the process using the Legal Department's Special Projects budget.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to Table.**

**Motion to table carries, with Directors' LaPlaunt, McKechnie, Lee, Hampton, McRorie, Freiheit approving; Directors' Sorenson, Morrow, Borowicz, McKerchie, Causley-Smith opposing.**

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Date: 8/29/2023

Secretary:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Aaron Schlehber, Jessica Dumback, Robert Schulte, Elaine Clement, Lona Stewart, Michelle Moore, Jen Clerc, Leo Chuginov, Carrie Horton, Dan Doyle, Eric Clark, Andrew Lane, INTERNS: Kaya Beaudoin, Kaalin Crawford, Jacob Goetz, Jeremy Goetz, Charles Leighton, Juliana Perry, Michaela Quinn, Avery Teneyck