

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

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

Present: Shawn Borowicz, Tyler LaPlaut (Z), Bridgett Sorenson (Z), Isaac McKechnie, Kimberly Hampton, Robert McRorie, Betty Freiheit, Kimberly Lee, Darcy Morrow (Z), Lana Causley-Smith (Z), Austin Lowes.

Absent: Michael McKerchie.

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

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Without objection, will add the following Resolution to the agenda:**

- 1. Added Resolution Right-of-Way Easement N 5104 Mackinac Trail.**

**No objections.**

**Moved by Director LaPlaut, supported by Director McKechnie, to excuse Director McKerchie.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Borowicz, to approve the minutes from 11/7/23 Regular Meeting.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director LaPlaut, to approve Resolution 2023-354, Governmental – Sault Tribe Thrive Establishment of FY 2024 Budget.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of FY 2024 budget for Sault Tribe Thrive with Federal Department of Commerce monies of \$300,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

**Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-355, Video Production FY 2023 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 Video Productions to decrease Tribal Support monies \$39,907.46 and Other Revenue \$3,600.00.

**Motion carries with Director Morrow opposing.**

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2023-356, Referendums FY 2023 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 Referendums to increase Tribal Support \$24,601.39.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2023-357, Elections FY 2023 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 Elections to increase Tribal Support \$12,243.60.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McRorie, to approve all 8 Tribal Liquor Licenses in one vote with separate Resolution Numbers.**

**Resolution 2023-358, Tribal Liquor License Kewadin Casino Hessel.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby issues a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Kewadin Casino Hessel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this license shall be posted and kept in a conspicuous place on the premises.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, this license shall expire on December 31, 2024.

**Resolution 2023-359, Tribal Liquor License Kewadin Casino Manistique.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby issues a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Kewadin Casino Manistique.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this license shall be posted and kept in a conspicuous place on the premises.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, this license shall expire on December 31, 2024.

**Resolution 2023-360, Tribal Liquor License Kewadin Shores Casino.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby issues a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Kewadin Shores Casino.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this license shall be posted and kept in a conspicuous place on the premises.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, this license shall expire on December 31, 2024.

**Resolution 2023-361, Tribal Liquor License Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby issues a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this license shall be posted and kept in a conspicuous place on the premises.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, this license shall expire on December 31, 2024.

**Resolution 2023-362, Tribal Liquor License Kewadin Casino Christmas.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby issues a CLASS A: Retailer License and CLASS B: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Kewadin Casino Christmas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this license shall be posted and kept in a conspicuous place on the premises.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, this license shall expire on December 31, 2024.

**Resolution 2023-363, Tribal Liquor License Midjim Convenience Store Sault Ste. Marie.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby issues a CLASS B: Retailer License and CLASS A: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Midjim Convenience Store, Sault Ste. Marie.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this license shall be posted and kept in a conspicuous place on the premises.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, this license shall expire on December 31, 2024.

**Resolution 2023-364, Tribal Liquor License Midjim Convenience Store St. Ignace.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby issues a CLASS B: Retailer License and CLASS A: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the Midjim Convenience Store, St. Ignace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this license shall be posted and kept in a conspicuous place on the premises.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, this license shall expire on December 31, 2024.

**Resolution 2023-365, Tribal Liquor License White Pine Lodge Convenience Store Christmas.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby issues a CLASS B: Retailer License and CLASS A: Retail Intoxicating Liquor License to the White Pine Lodge Convenience Store,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this license shall be posted and kept in a conspicuous place on the premises.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, this license shall expire on December 31, 2024.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Borowicz, to approve Resolution 2023-366, Amending Chapter 20 Tribal Licenses and Permits.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 20: Great Lakes and St. Mary's River Treaty Fishing Regulations as follows:

**20.104 Limitations on the Use of Tribal Licenses and Permits.**

(1) No licensee of the Tribe shall fish as an employee of or for shares with a person not licensed to exercise treaty fishing rights. This section shall be liberally interpreted to prohibit a licensee from exercising treaty rights for the benefit of non-Indian entrepreneurs.

(2) A helper may fish only in the presence of his employer, save in exceptional circumstances of a temporary nature which prevent the employer from being present in the boat.

(3) **Any person issued a license or permit by the Tribe or Law Enforcement must adhere to all stipulations encompassed in that permit or license. If discovered that a person is violating any of the stipulations encompassed in a license or permit issued to them, that person will receive a civil citation under this Code. Any violation will automatically suspend a person's license or permit pending a hearing on the citation. A guilty finding by the Tribal Court will result in the revocation of a person's license or permit, and a finding of not guilty will result in reinstating a person's license or permit.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McRorie, to approved Resolution 2023-367, Approval of Tribal License for Sault Tribe Youth Facility.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby issues a facility license, attached and incorporated herein by this reference, for the Sault Tribe Youth Facility to operate within the boundaries of the Tribe; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or designee, to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents or forms that do not change the substantive terms of the License as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2023-368, Right of Way Easement N 5104 Mackinac Trail.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians grants Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Inc. the permission to construct, operate, and maintain an easement on and across said premises, with the right of ingress and egress.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Tribal Chairman to execute appropriate documents pursuant to applicable law and regulations.

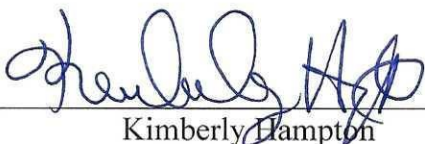
**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to appoint Joseph Nolan to the Housing Commission, for a 4-year term expiring November 2027.**

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

Adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Date: 12/15/23

Secretary:   
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Ashlee Mielke, Lona Stewart, Jessica Dumback, Robert Schulte, Jennifer Clerc, Michelle Moore, Cathy DeVoy, Helen Wilkins, Josh Elliot, Robert Marchand, Aaron Schlehuder, Jennifer Dale-Burton, Dan Doyle, Elaine Clement