

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN SHORES CASINO EVENT CENTER
ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN
MINUTES
June 4, 2024**

This meeting was opened at 5:02 p.m. by Chairman Austin Lowes.

Present: Shawn Borowicz, Tyler LaPlaunt, Bridgett Sorenson, Isaac McKechnie, Michael McKerchie, Kimberly Hampton, Rob McRorie (Z), Betty Freiheit, Kimberly Lee, Darcy Morrow (Z), Lana Causley-Smith

Absent: None

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve the agenda as read. Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Lee, to censor Director Freiheit \$1,000. Roll Call Vote: Motion to censor fails with Directors' Causley-Smith, Sorenson, Morrow, Lee supporting; Directors' Freiheit, McKechnie, Borowicz, McKerchie, McRorie, LaPlaunt, Hampton opposing.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Borowicz, to remove Unit 2 Trailer Information from Agenda.

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

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve the meeting minutes from Regular Meeting May 21, 2024.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-163, Enterprises – DeMawating Development Property Management and Maintenance FY 2024 Budget Modifications.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to DeMawating Development Property Management to make changes to the personnel sheet.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to DeMawating Development Maintenance to make changes to the personnel sheet.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-164, Natural Resources Division – Environmental Air Program Development Establishment of FY 2025 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 2025 budget for Natural Resources Division – Environmental Air Program Development with Federal EPA Revenue monies of \$70,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-165, Natural Resources – GLRI Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing FY 2024 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to GLRI Lake Whitefish Experimental to make changes to the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-166, Governmental – Board of Directors FY 2024 Budget Modification.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director McKechnie, to amend to be retroactive to January 1, 2024.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Board of Directors to make changes to the personnel sheet and to reallocate expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this budget modification will be retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-167, Education – Youth Education and Activities FY 2024 Budget Modification.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Youth Education and Activities to change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carries nnanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-168, Approving Contract Leanne Deuman.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Leanne Deuman, for the purpose of providing Chief Judge judicial duties, until a Chief Judge is hired.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director and CFO to execute administrative budget modifications to pay for the contract.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2024-169, Approving ARPA Interagency Agreement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the ARPA Interagency Agreement Program.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Resolution 2024-170, Unit 2 ARPA Honsing Award Contract – Sidock Group – Engineering Services - #24-045.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, any approved contract change order requiring a budget modification can be modified by the CFO and will not require a resolution to modify the existing approved budget.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman 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 Sidock Group for engineering services including any potential change orders that may become necessary in the course of construction work authorizes expenditures from Cost Center # 12293.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-171, Unit 3 ARPA Housing Award Contract – Sidock Group – Engineering Services - #24-047.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, any approved contract change order requiring a budget modification can be modified by the by the CFO and will not require a resolution to modify the existing approved budget.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman 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 Sidock Group for engineering services including any potential change orders that may become necessary in the course of construction work authorizes expenditures from Cost Center #12293.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Freiheit, supported by Director LaPlaunt, to approve Resolution 2024-172, Odenaang Homes Tribal Enterprise Award Contract – McGahey Construction – Trailer Replacement - #24-058.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, any approved contract change order requiring a budget modification can be modified by the Housing Director and approved by the CFO and will not require a resolution to modify the existing approved budget.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman 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 McGahey Construction for construction services including any potential change orders that may become necessary in the course of construction work authorizes expenditures from Odenaang Homes Tribal Enterprise funds - Cost Center # 8099.

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

Without objection, 5-minute break.

No objection.

Without objection, change the cost center number on Resolution 2024-170 and 2024-171 to 12293, clerical error.

No objection.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Resolution 2024-173, Sault Tribe Incorporated Charter Board Appointment Approval.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, pursuant to Article VI, section 6.6 of the Sault Tribe Corporate Charter, hereby appoints the following individual to the Corporate Board of Directors of Sault Tribe Incorporated to serve out the remaining vacant term as specified below:

LeRoy Frazier – for a term expiring June 30, 2025

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

Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve a Resolution, Sault Tribe Incorporated Charter Board Appointment Approval.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Morrow, to amend to have the term expiring in 2025 instead of 2026.

Motion to amend fails unanimously.

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

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-174, Sault Tribe Incorporated Charter Board Appointment Approval.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, pursuant to Article VI, section 6.6 of the Sault Tribe Corporate Charter, hereby appoints the following individual to the Corporate Board of Directors of Sault Tribe Incorporated to serve out the remaining vacant term as specified below:

Greg Kilkenny - for a term expiring June 30, 2025

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve a Resolution, Sault Tribe Incorporated Charter Board Appointment Approval.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Resolution 2024-175, Amending Chapter 71 Criminal Offenses: Illegal Dumping.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses as follows:

71.202 Definitions.

(20) "Litter" is defined as any non-hazardous solid or liquid domestic or commercial refuse, garbage, debris, or rubbish.

71.905 Illegal Dumping.

(1) Offense. A person commits the offense of illegal dumping, if he/she without the consent of Tribal Environmental Department:

a. dump, place, deposit, throw away, or allow a person to dump, place, deposit, or throw away solid waste or liquid on Tribal land or water other than in sites designated and set aside for such purposes; or

b. dispose of or permit the disposal of hazardous waste on Tribal land. Hazardous waste must be disposed of off-reservation at an Approved Site; or

c. run a transfer station or sanitary landfill on Tribal land without a permit from the Environmental Department. The Environmental Program may permit transfer stations, in its discretion, after considering impacts to the environment and community and imposing such restrictions and mitigation measures as the Environmental Program deems necessary to protect the environment and community; or

d. abandon vehicle(s) or vessel(s) on Tribal land.

(2) Sentence. A person convicted of Illegal Dumping may be sentenced to imprisonment for a period not to exceed one (1) year, or a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both and restitution of costs to return damaged resources to previous condition.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Lee, supported by Director Sorenson, to censor Director Freiheit \$1,000.

Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Hampton, to amend to censor Director Freiheit with a written warning rather than a fine.

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

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

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-176, Health Division Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Eligibility Change 2024.

Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Sorenson, to amend to give Sault Tribe Members preference for these services in the event of an extreme caseload.

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and directs the Health Division and Executive Director of the Tribe to implement the updated Benefit and Eligibility policy for the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of extreme caseloads, Sault Tribe Members shall be given preference for these services.

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

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Freiheit, to approve Resolution 2024-177, Naming MAT Clinic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby designates the MAT Clinic located at 2861 Ashmun Street to be named The Healing Place (Naandwejgegamig).

Motion carries unanimously.

Resolution, Amending Chapter 96 Open Meeting Act.

Without objection, only reading what is being added.

No objection.

No motion, dies due to lack of support.

Moved by Director LaPlaunt, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Resolution 2024-178, Authorization to Release a Condensed Version of the BlueStone Health Operational Assessment to Health Staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the release of a condensed version of the Bluestone Health operational Assessment to Health Staff to take place at a closed workshop on June 26/27, 2024, with the Health Committee, Health Administration, and each department receiving an hour block of workshop time.

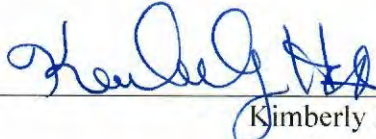
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the release of the FAQs prepared by Bluestone for membership after the completion of the workshop with Health Staff sharing the condensed version of the Operational Assessment.

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

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Michael Larson for a 2-year term on the Special Needs/Enrollment Committee, expiring in June 2026.

Motion carries unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Date: 6/18/24 Secretary: 
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Robert Schulte, Jessica Dumback, Christine McPherson, Ashlee Mielke, Lona Stewart, Josh Elliot, Joseph Street, Clarence Hudak, Joni Talentino, Stephanie Sprecker, Dan Doyle, Helen Wilkins (Z), Robin Clark (Z), Jack Tuomikoski (Z)