



Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON February 3, 2021 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LODGE EVENTS CENTER (and via ZOOM).

Chair calls meeting to order at: 2:08 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, April McCormick, Bill Myers, John Morrin and Marie Spry.
Quorum Present

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the agenda.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by John Morrin to approve the minutes as read.

Carried 4-0

Treasurer's Report:

Secretary/Treasurer McCormick stated, we are entering the beginning of February now, and our January season has been very slow. We've made some reductions to the Enterprise hours of operation, and fiscally the Band still has some large outstanding obligations that we are working to figure out how to prioritize for payment. As a result of reduced revenue, our main focus is still in continuing to secure federal and state funding, private foundation funding to support any Operations that aren't already covered or supported by the Enterprise revenue coming in. We are still the same fiscal climate that we have been in. We want to reassure everyone that we're taking every step that we can to secure the additional funding and prioritize the resources to pay anything that happens to be remaining, as we go down this road.

We have received a direct distribution from the Treasury for supporting Rent Assistance. This new program will be housed under our Programs Department, and our Programs Administrator, Jared Swader, will be able to ensure that we meet the guidelines from the Treasury Department on that.

Further the Treasury Department has extended the 2020 CARES ACT expenses eligibility into 2021, and we expect that we'll expend these funds by mid-March 2021, if not sooner.

The Tribal Council has prioritized the remaining CARES Act funds:

- Enterprise Assistance Program (eligible expenditures Payroll and Health Care January-February)
- Public Health and Safety (CCLE reimbursement for the services of a Cook County Law Enforcement Officer per agreement, Fire crew).
- COVID Fiscal Analyst

Chairman Deschampe announced that the Tribal Council is looking at refinancing the Band's loan with Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community as an addition to the Treasurer's Report.



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Grand Portage Health Director, Jenn Sorenson, provided an update regarding the COVID-19 cases in the County and vaccinations.

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by John Morrin to acknowledge Tribal Council's receipt and review of the Head Start Report for December 2020.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by April McCormick to pay bills as prioritized by the payment prioritization process, that have been prepared by our team.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Bill Myers to adjourn at 2:46 P.M.

Carried 4-0

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "April M. McCormick".

April M. McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer



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