



**Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON May 5, 2021  
AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LODGE EVENTS CENTER (and via ZOOM).**

Chair calls meeting to order at: 3:32 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, April McCormick, Bill Myers, and Marie Spry.

Absent: John Morrin.

Quorum Present

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by Marie Spry to excuse John Morrin from the meeting.

Carried 3-0

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

Carried 3-0

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the minutes as read.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Bill Myers to approve Resolution #08-21 Granting Conditional Certification for the US EPA Pollution Discharge Elimination General Permit for Pesticide Application.

Carried 3-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Bill Myers to approve Resolution #09-21 accepting the Project Summary Document for BEMAR, a new generator for the Clinic, funded through Indian Health Services (specific maintenance project funding) in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by Marie Spry to approve Resolution #10-21 Land Assignment Relinquishment from William A. Dahl.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by April McCormick to approve Resolution #11-21 Land Assignment to Levi Libra.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by April McCormick to approve Resolution #12-21 Land Assignment Revocation from Robert G. Dahl.

Carried 3-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Marie Spry to approve Resolution #13-21 Land Assignment to William A. Dahl.

Carried 3-0



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### **Treasurer's Report:**

Our first PPP loan (first round) for the Casino, has been forgiven, which is a really big milestone because we want to make sure all of the loans from this round are forgiven. We're also currently operating under the PPP second round of loans; these are covering our payroll and allowable expenditures for operating. We are still maintaining the position of critical expenses only and we're also looking forward to the American Recovery Plan, which Chairman Deschampe has said the first distribution is estimated at about 1.7 million for tribes initially with a second distribution later.

An update on our audit submissions for fiscal year 2020: the Casino audit was completed two days early for submission for the to the National Indian Gaming Commission. I want to thank the staff for all their hours worked in preparing for that submission. Further, for our grants single audit, WIPFLI auditors have proposed to take advantage of an extension offered by the Office of Management and Budget, which would schedule our audit, into a six months extension, and we feel that because of the volume of grants funding that has come into the Grants Accounting side that this will be a really great opportunity to ensure that the audit is smooth and everything is accounted for (in new COVID funding for fiscal year 2020).

Question regarding a plan: We have a plan, and we are continually adapting. We are continually strategizing on how to find additional funding sources. We've taken advantage of every possible funding source, for example these PPP loans, they are really what's carried us during the pandemic and during the closure help to bring our people back to work. Due to the pandemic and because of a decline in tourism, our revenues have not recovered to past year's performance that would indicate that we're still in this for the long haul. In regards to tight fiscal management, we're absolutely still in the same position for critical expenditures only, so anything that can be can wait is waiting, anything that needs to be funded we are prioritizing that and making sure it gets funded in the correct place. Questions were answered and discussion occurred.

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Bill Myers to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the receipt and review of the Head Start Report for the month of March 2021.

Carried 3-0

Grand Portage Health Director, Jenn Sorenson, provided an update regarding the COVID-19 cases in the County, four residential cases and one employee in Grand Portage, and clinic dates for vaccination clinic in Duluth, and Mammogram Mobile Bus.



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Additional speakers: Programs Administrator, Jared Swader, Human Services Director, Jacki Kozlowski, Elderly Nutrition Program/Community Center Director, Polly James, Human Resources Administrator Nicole Rousseau, Education Director, Maria Burnett.

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the Community Action Plan (CAP) grant application for fiscal year 2022-2023 through Minnesota Department of Human Services, this grant will fund Grand Portage Summer Camp for the children.

Carried 3-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Bill Myers to acknowledge the approval and submission of the Audit as prepared by WIPFLI, on April 28, 2021, including submission to the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Carried 3-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Bill Myers to acknowledge the Tribal Council's approval of a revision of the scheduled Single Audit dates with WIPFLI, as allowed by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 6 month filing extension for 2020 Single Audits (The OMB extension moves the due date from 6/30/2021 to 12/31/2021, which has been proposed by WIPFLI to allow the auditors and the organization more time to handle the increased work load due to all of the new COVID-19 grant funding and adjust to the COVID-19 work environment).

Carried 3-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Marie Spry to acknowledge the signing of the annual 2021 Memorandum of Agreement with Indian Health Service, regarding scattered sites funding.

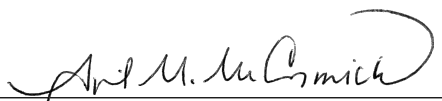
Carried 3-0

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 3-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Bill Myers adjourn at 4:13 P.M.

Carried 3-0

  
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April M. McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer

