



Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2022 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LODGE EVENTS CENTER AND VIA ZOOM.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Bobby Deschampe, Bill Myers, John Morrin, Marie Spry and April McCormick (via ZOOM).
Quorum present

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by John Morrin to approve the agenda.

Carried 4-0

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

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by John Morrin to approve Resolution #01-22 Land Assignment Relinquishment for Diane Bennett.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by Marie Spry to approve Resolution #02-22 Land Assignment for Dan Ansello.

Carried 4-0

Motion by John Morrin, seconded by Bill Myers to approve an Eminence Credential for Cynthina Bergloff, an Ojibwemowin teacher in St. Paul Public Schools American Indian Magnet School, reviewed with letter of support from Local Indian Education Committee Chairman Erik Redix.

Carried 4-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone in the community for continuing to 'shop local' and sustain our businesses during this time. The Canadian Border is still operating with restrictions so we have not seen the 'normal' volume of patrons compared to a 'normal' year (pre-pandemic). In light of this, we are doing the best that we can. We are looking to diversify our patron base, and we are putting more pressure on Enterprise Marketing to do so. We are putting the Explore Minnesota Tourism Grant from the State of \$250,000 to work for us. We are hoping that additional numbers will continue to improve as we come out of this slow season. Grand Portage will host the Tribal Executive Committee Meeting on January 28, 2022 and by zoom on the MCT website, the four subcommittees will be held on January 27, 2022. We enjoy seeing you at these meetings in person or online by Zoom.



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Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by John Morrin to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by John Morrin to acknowledge the receipt of the monthly Head Start Report (with small correction to the date of the report).

Carried 4-0

St. Cloud State University requested to host the annual workshop in Grand Portage this summer, 2022: *Native Studies Summer Workshop for Educators*. It was originally planned for Grand Portage to host in 2020 however it was postponed due to the pandemic.

Health Director, Jenn Sorenson, presented an update on COVID cases within the Reservation. Several cases have come in since the beginning of the new year. Cook County Schools ISD No. 166 will do what they are calling a "10 day reset" due to several cases within the school. She highly recommended testing, as symptoms 'mimic like a cold', the tests are available at the clinic. We are continuing vaccination events. There is an initiative for increased tribal testing.

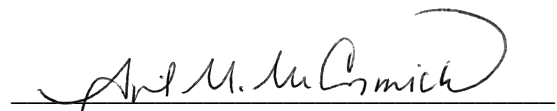
Chairman Deschampe shared that he is working on an initiative for tribal testing between partners: Minnesota Department of Health, IRRB, Cook County. An initial three-million-dollar cost (potentially funded by the Cook County that could be reimbursed by FEMA) that could test upwards of 120 people per day. The details are still being worked out. It came as a directive from Governor Walz that these partners would make it happen with Grand Portage. There is a new training between Cook County Higher Education and Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to offer a training for more people to receive their CDL licenses. Chairman discussed the Minnesota Indian Gaming Association tribal strategy for sports betting. Further, announced the first *Tribal County Training* for 87 county commissioners to be hosted next week. Snowarama events are delayed a month due to higher COVID numbers currently. Jenn Sorenson added that the mushers will receive COVID tests at the Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon on January 30th.

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by John Morrin to pay all bills.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by April McCormick to adjourn at 7:04 P.M.

Carried 4-0


April M. McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer