



Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 24, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 3:02 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick and Toby Stephens (via phone and Zoom).

Absent: Marie Spry.

Quorum Present

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by April McCormick to excuse Marie Spry due to illness.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the agenda.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve minutes with corrections.

Carried 3-0

Chairman opened the Public Hearing for the ACF Tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) at 3:13 P.M. Chairman asked Programs Administrator, Jared Swader, if there were any comments received, Jared reported there were none received. Jared presented a summary of the CCDF program. Chairman called for any additional questions, hearing none, Chairman closed the meeting at 3:14 P.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Update: Financial Report move out toward better weather in spring. We are working with WIPFLI to complete our audits for the Enterprises. Grants Single Audit completion in May 2023. Since December we have expended \$453,243.03 by covering employee health insurance, a stop loss payment, and three utilities through the Enterprise Relief Program. Answered questions about ARPA funding and Enterprise Relief Program.

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, and seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve the HeadStart Report for December 2022.

Carried 3-0



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Motion by Agatha Armstrong, and seconded by April McCormick to approve the Snowarama fundraiser request for 50/50 raffle and drawings to be held on February 11, 2023, in support of the Easter Seals Children.

Carried 3-0

Council Reports: Agatha Armstrong and Toby Stephens.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Deschampe described Governor and Lieutenant Governor's swearing in and that he is working with lobbyist on legislation. Minnesota Indian Gaming Association is addressing separate Sports Betting Compact and he answered questions regarding sports betting. NRCS meeting involving grant writing. Visit Cook County dues were paid, we are expecting results from tourism advertising targeting Northwestern Ontario. Explained how Canadian crossings have reduced compared to 2018 figures 440,000 vehicles to 2022 figures of 144,000 vehicles. Hosted a meeting today with BIA, MnDOT and FHWA regarding ferry boat pier project funding, a combined estimate of \$9.4 million in project scope. Provided update on Energy conversations with Department of Commerce grant resources and the power grid inconsistencies.

Secretary/Treasurer McCormick and Chairman Deschampe provided information about how Grand Portage Tribal Council and Bois Forte Tribal Council work collaboratively on the 1854 Treaty Authority Board. Secretary/Treasurer McCormick announced the Tribal Executive Committee conducted interviews and selected the new Executive Director of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe: Beth Drost.

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to pay all bills.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to adjourn at 4:04 P.M.

Carried 3-0


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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 10:55 A.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens

Quorum Present

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution #01-23 Support of Minnesota House of Representatives Proposed Bill HF 274 (Minnesota Senate Companion Bill SF 386) which supports indigenous representation on the State Emblems Redesign Commission, which has the purpose of developing, designing, and recommending to the Legislature and the Governor new designs for the official state flag and the official state seal.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to adjourn at 10:56 A.M.

Carried 4-0


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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 3:07 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Toby Stephens and Marie Spry.

Quorum Present

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the agenda.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve minutes.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution # 02-23 Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Forest Development Projects.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve Resolution # 03-23 Land Assignment Request by Stacey Spry.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution # 04-23 Land Assignment Request by Sharon Morrison.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution # 05-23 Land Assignment Relinquishment by Stacey Spry.

Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution #06-23 2023 Night Sky Proclamation declare April 15 – 22, 2023 as 'ANANGOKAA – *There is an Abundance of Stars: INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK*'.

Carried 4-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

In February, we have expended \$317, 442.66 by covering employee wages, and four utilities through the ARPA Relief Program. We have approximately 3.3 Million remaining of the ARPA Treasury funding. All entities Trading Post, Casino, Lodge are paid in full with no outstanding bills. Looking at just the month of January compared to the past three years we have seen higher volume of gaming play, but not enough revenue to cover expenses. Brief announcement about Trading Post repair needed in fuel line underground. Erik Redix hosted the Cook County School Teachers tour in Grand Portage, this is good for teachers to see our programs and our community. As the chair I hosted two special strategy sessions with the Natural Resources Subcommittee of MCT to address the concerns about addressing the state assuming jurisdiction



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on reservation wetland permitting, and concerns about genetic research engineering of wild rice. Answered questions about the Treasurer's Report, ARPA funding and funding sources shared. Based on discussion, Secretary/Treasurer McCormick passed around a piece of paper for anyone to write down information they would like to see as a part of the Grand Portage Financial Status Report.

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the HeadStart Report for January 2023.
Carried 4-0

Grand Portage National Monument, Superintendent Heather Boyd, addressed the council and audience regarding new projects and announced the Grand Portage Conservation Crew new emblem featuring the Lake, Grand Portage Island, Band seal and Ojibwe floral. Erik Redix presented about the opportunity to rename Washington Harbor,

Council Reports: Agatha Armstrong, Marie Spry, and Toby Stephens.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman testified to change formula for the 1854 Treaty payment with Chairwoman Chavers, the formula would garner \$5 million per year for Grand Portage and Bois Forte if passed by the Senate and House. Participated in Cross Border meeting with Neebing, ERFO funding for road and culvert damage estimated 2.8 million for 19 total projects. Ask from IJJA funding for an upgrade of \$35 Million on power lines for Arrowhead Electric and installation of a new substation to improve power quality and supply to Grand Portage. Updated on MIGA Sports betting efforts for tribal exclusivity. Grand Portage will host UMD group April 8th, regarding gateway to medicine for scholarships for doctors. Desire to rename the highway from the Y to the old border.

Discussion on plowing and snowshoeing plowed road, conservation code, trust lands and environmental management and how there needs to be more community engagement.

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to pay all bills.
Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to adjourn at 5:11 P.M.
Carried 4-0

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON MARCH 28, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LODGE AND CASINO EVENTS CENTER.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 3:05 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Toby Stephens and Marie Spry.

Quorum Present

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the agenda.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve minutes with corrections.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution # 07-23 a grant submission for the Health Resources and Services Association (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (HRSA-20-031).

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve Resolution # 08-23 Renaming the Windigo Ranger Station on Minong, Isle Royale, to *Ozaagaateng 'The Place the Light Shines Outward'*.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution # 09-23 a request for 12-15 buffalo from the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council for the purpose of food sovereignty and economic development.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve Resolution # 10-23 Home Loan Lease and Assignment to MCT Home Loan Program for Vallen Cook.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution # 11-23 Land Assignment Request for Nicol Susann Rousseau.

Carried 4-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

This week we have our WIPFLI auditors on site reviewing our Financial Enterprises. Remarkable on the current standing of the Band that all bills have been paid and we've been able to hold strong during this slow season. Shared expenses that are existing for the Enterprise Relief Program and Government Relief Program through ARPA to small repairs invoices, and dedicating majority to Stop Loss Insurance Payments, Health Insurance, Wages \$383,256.00



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since mid-February, and of that total approximately \$90,000 for March. I had privilege of going to MAST Impact Week with Chairman Deschampe and part of Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin and I's strategy with the MCT Natural Resources Subcommittee to bring forward a message to Ms. Jane Nishida the Assistant Administrator in the Office of International and Tribal Affairs of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency EPA about protecting our waters and tribal jurisdiction, state jurisdiction. When you meet with Jane, you are securing a positive step forward in governmental relations with the EPA. We are trying to get some movement on the state trying to assert itself in permitting on reservation and we want to see the Tribes and our federal agencies the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers retain that right. We are hoping to resolve this, our expressed ask of EPA was that they provide oversight over the state. I'm happy to speak further with you on efforts of the Natural Resources Subcommittee to protect waters and manoomin together. This is the first time that EPA is proposing governmental consultation on treaty reserved rights, thanks to the efforts of tribal leaders. Announced TEC Meeting will be hosted in Mille Lacs April 27-28.

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Carried 4-0

Council Reports: Agatha Armstrong, Marie Spry, and Toby Stephens.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to pay all bills.
Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Marie Spry to adjourn at 3:50 P.M.
Carried 4-0


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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON APRIL 25, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LODGE AND CASINO EVENTS CENTER.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 6:13 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Toby Stephens and Marie Spry.

Quorum Present

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the agenda.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve minutes.

Carried 4-0

TREASURERS REPORT

Shared Enterprise and Governmental Expenses from the ARPA Relief Programs for the later part of March-April, including \$261,197.16 in health insurance, wages, and \$24,929.87 in repairs, software, equipment. We have expended approximately 8 million of the total 10.1 million, and we are coming into the final stretch of the ARPA funding ability to support both the Enterprise and government operations. From a Tribal Leader viewpoint, it is important that we look at how the Enterprises is able to stand on its own two feet, and we must think critically about how we reinvest some of the remaining funds back into our community. Announced Financial Status Presentation to be held May 16, 2023, at the Grand Portage Lodge and Casino Events Center. I will present along with our Merrill Lynch representatives, and our Grants Controller and Finance Administrator will be present.

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution # 12-23 authorizing the signature of the MOU with the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa and Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa with the USDA- USFS.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve Resolution # 13-23 Land Assignment to Laura Youngbird.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the HeadStart Report for February and March 2023.

Carried 4-0



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Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the fundraiser request of sales from a pulled pork meal in support of Kadence Swader attending a Junior National Youth Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C., fundraiser to be held on May 19, 2023.
Carried 4-0

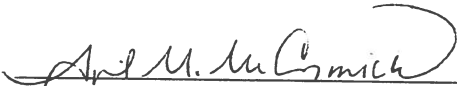
Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the Grand Portage Bison and Human Safety Ordinance.
Carried 4-0

Council Reports: Agatha Armstrong, Marie Spry, and Toby Stephens.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to pay all bills.
Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to adjourn at 7:28 P.M.
Carried 4-0


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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON MAY 30, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 6:07 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, and Toby Stephens.

Absent: Marie Spry.

Quorum Present

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Toby Stephens to excuse Marie Spry from the meeting.

Carried 3-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the agenda.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve minutes as read.

Carried 3-0

TREASURERS REPORT

Reviewed Enterprise Relief Program Expenses \$390,000 to government operations for Stop Loss, health insurance and wage reimbursements. Enterprise is holding its own, we are looking at how the summer will progress and still under 'needs only' spending. Regarding the NPS AFA, we met the NPCA National Parks Conservation Association, Kiera Davis, Tribal Liason and this group helps support parks legislatively. State Park Manager, Travis Novitsky, hosted the regional representatives including Regional Manager for Region 2 Parks and Trails Chuck Carpenter, to discuss much needed trail repairs. I spent some time with my son's fifth grade class to talk about Treaties, protecting our treaty resources and treaty rights. Many people are talking about treaties in class curriculum, it is so great for young people to get this information at an early age.

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 3-0

Trustlands Administrator, Vallen Cook, described that MTERA is a conglomerate of 30 Midwest Tribes, offering resources for energy efficient funding, energy conservation, rehab funding for climate change reduction, grant funding, and added that other Bands in Minnesota Chippewa Tribe are joining MTERA.

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution # 14-23 Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's membership in the Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA), regarding energy resources and appoints the Grand Portage Trustlands Administrator to the MTERA Board of Directors (person to vote), and the Grand Portage Environmental Specialist as the Tribe's proxy member.



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Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution # 15-23 Lease Cancellation for Bruce Waltz. Carried 3-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the HeadStart Report for April 2023. Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the Community Services Block Grant CSBG for the fiscal years October 1, 2023-December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$104,244.00. Carried 3-0

Discussion on Institutional Racism presented by Donovan Dahmen. Lengthy discussion, questions, and answers, suggestion of a committee being developed for whomever is interested. Vice Chair Armstrong asked Donovan to write an outline of a committee as a starting point. Chairman Deschampe offered getting a committee together.

Council Reports: Agatha Armstrong, and Toby Stephens.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Water Quality Specialist, Margaret Watkins presented about Water Quality Standards and its Triennial Review. Federally approved water quality standards looking at measures of salt, water, nitrogen, phosphorus, and chlorophyl A for nutrients, required to be added to specific conductance and nutrient criteria. Grand Portage Waters are in good condition. We can see from sediment cores that water quality has not changed here in a statistically significant way in 200 years, demonstrating that Grand Portage has cared for its waters for a really long time and always; the idea is to carry that forward that the waters stay in good condition as human activity changes and times change. Discussion on PFOAS and challenges in regulating this.

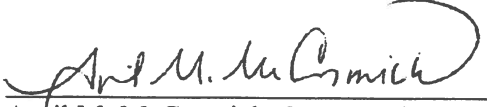
Chairman Deschampe asked ZOOM guest Superintendent Denise Swanke of Isle Royale if she would like to share. Comments regarding AFA anniversary of 25 years, co-stewardship of Isle Royale, Ozagaatag Resolution renaming the Ranger Station, Grand Portage Band Flag Rasing Ceremony, Wilderness Stewardship Plan, meeting to come in June, Band will have the plan before June 30th. Secretary/Treasurer reiterated a community meeting in June open for us to all participate, and protocol for consultation is early and often. Discussion Questions and answers.

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to pay all bills.

Carried 3-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Toby Stephens to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.

Carried 3-0


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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 11:30 A.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.

Quorum Present

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve the fundraiser request from the Rendezvous Days Powwow Committee to be held on June 29th, including 50/50 draws, raffle prizes, silent auctions, bingo, and sloppy joe meal.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to adjourn at 11:32 A.M.

Carried 4-0


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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON JULY 25, 2023
AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.**

Chair calls meeting to order at: 6:05 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.

Quorum Present

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the agenda.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve minutes as read.

Carried 4-0

TREASURERS REPORT

Reported expenditures from ARPA Treasury Funding for Government Operations: Total: \$617,661.55 annual property insurance and two months' salary fringe. \$1.8 Million remaining in ARPA. The annual treaty payment process is completed. Once the 1854 Treaty Agreement funds are secured in our account in the payment from the State, the payments will be dropped off in the post office no later than August 1st. Thank you to Treaty Payment Accountant Téa Drift and to the finance team for supporting Téa. Generally, the Band has limited staffing and many open positions and needs more jobs filled to best serve our community. It is good having a higher volume of patrons at the height of this season.

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the HeadStart Report for June 2023.

Carried 4-0

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT


Council Reports: Toby Stephens, Marie Spry and Agatha Armstrong.

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by April McCormick to pay all bills.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to adjourn at 6:31 P.M.

Carried 4-0


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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON JULY 26, 2023
AT THE GRAND PORTAGE TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE.**

Chair calls meeting to order at: 9:40 A.M.

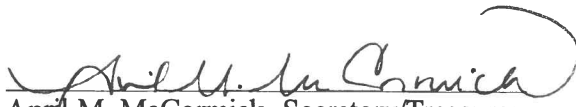
Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, April McCormick, Agatha Armstrong and Toby Stephens.
Absent: Marie Spry.

Quorum Present

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approved Amendment No. 2 To the Annual Funding Agreement between the National Park Service and the Grand Portage Band for 25 projects in the amount of \$634,509.00.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by Toby Stephens to adjourn at 9:42 A.M.
Carried 3-0


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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 11:09 A.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.

Quorum Present

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution #19-23 Language Revitalization Grant Application from Minnesota Indian Affairs Council.

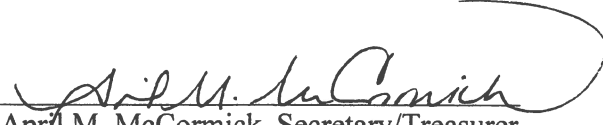
Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution #20-23 in supporting R21 research grant application by Dr. Warry and Dr. Jacklin, MK-MDJ, using partnership research approaches with existing ICARE Grand Portage research team, including to develop life space performance metric (LSP) for aging-in-place.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to adjourn at 11:15 A.M.

Carried 4-0


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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2023
AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.**

Chair calls meeting to order at: 6:07 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.

Quorum Present

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens approve the agenda.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve minutes as read.

Carried 4-0

TREASURERS REPORT

Excited to Report: There's an opportunity with our current language instructors, they are going to teach me some Anishnaabemowin, perhaps I can read some of the action items in Anishnaabemowin if I practice hard and add it to the next couple of meetings. I am announcing it as a personal goal – I think we can have a lot of fun doing that!

Reported expenditures from ARPA Treasury Funding for Government Operations: Total: \$133,069.08 for government reimbursement of wages, Pool Repairs, Community Center Propane. Approximately \$1.6 Million remaining in ARPA. An additional \$33,417.90 ARPA funding is coming from Treasury. Bills are paid full and within 30 days. Enterprise Administrator presented critical Capital Expenditures list for the Enterprises to the Tribal Council, all management participated and we are thrilled to make priority expenditures on this. I am very proud of this good start to prioritize the larger investments in our Enterprises, Chairman requested this list in preparation for additional grant funding. Proud of the Administrators for their work together as a team, they went through training together and determined to meet regularly to address projects.

Another exciting opportunity, Native Governance Center recently announced a Tribal Finance Pilot Program. We have heard great things from Bois Forte leadership who have participated in this program. We have prepared a presentation so that perhaps Grand Portage can be a future participant in this Finance Pilot project. This is a solid opportunity to work with an organization such as NGC that understands Tribes and sovereignty, this can help us build up our skillset that we have, plus put us in a good foundation to address projects that we have been wanting to do. More information to come on this program! I am very happy and I hope that this report finds you well!

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 4-0





Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution #21-23 Homesite Lease Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Finance Corporation for April and Jacob McCormick.

Carried 3-0-1 (1 Silent April McCormick)

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve Resolution #22-23 Adopting Numeric Nutrient, Conductivity, and Aluminum Criteria for Grand Portage Water Quality Standards.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to table the Resolution for the Grand Portage Band to participate in the Native Governance Center's Tribal Finance Program based on Tribal Council request for additional discussion.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the HeadStart Report for July 2023.

Carried 4-0

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

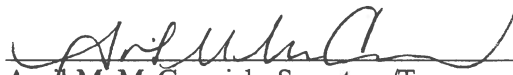
Council Reports: Agatha Armstrong, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to pay all bills.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to adjourn at 6:43 P.M.

Carried 4-0


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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
AT THE GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE.**

Chair calls meeting to order at: 1:20 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.

Quorum Present

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Amendment No. 3 between the National Park Service and the Grand Portage Band in the amount of \$1,045,857 for 10 projects.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution #23-23 Tribal Adult Protection State Grant SFY24-27.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve Resolution #24-23 105(1) Public Law 93-638: Leasing regarding buildings of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa that can benefit from the BIA's 105(l) leasing program and funding.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to adjourn at 1:32 P.M.

Carried 4-0


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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 6:12 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.
Quorum Present

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry approve the agenda.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve minutes as read.

Carried 4-0

TREASURERS REPORT

Three Bands issued a Joint Press Release (Grand Portage, Bois Forte and Fond du Lac Bands) stating that we are very proud of the USFS for making the decision on the Special Use Permit and the 500 acres of forest will be preserved for future generations. The Grand Portage Constitution Delegates meeting was hosted in Grand Portage. They are working on educating members on the alliance document and terminology they are putting forward to the Tribal Executive Committee. The Officers of the TEC (Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President) had a meeting about the BIA refusing to act without clarification on the Secretarial Election on enrollment. Our hope is that we can put forward a November Secretarial Election and we are still waiting on a response from the BIA after we have been very clear about our intention. Announced TEC Sub-Committee meetings October 24, and 25th in White Earth. I serve on the National Tribal Caucus for EPA Region 5 (all the Midwest Tribes) we are planning for our meeting in Washington DC, we are pressing EPA to promote action including EPA enforcement action for protecting the water and environment. We had a meeting with Human Services and State, Jacki and I are excited about advocating for a "direct allocation" from the State which will streamline grant processes. Another important conversation we are having regarding Isle Royale, and I want to have it understood by the Superintendent and staff that we belong in the decision-making process in what occurs out there on the Island. I've learned how to say this in Ojibwe: *Niin debendagoz Minong*. I hope that I can share that with her in the next consultation to assert that the Band is a shared decision maker with the Park Service. Reported on ARPA expenses: \$148,427.09 Health Insurance, \$113,238.51 Wages, and remaining is \$1,349,590.91 - I attribute that to strong fiscal management. We will have more to report on needed Capital Expenditures prioritization put together with the Enterprise Administrator.

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 4-0

Financial Program Presentation: Secretary/Treasurer McCormick and Michaela Madrid, Native Governance Center.

Committeewoman Toby Stephens requests guest speaker to leave meeting and requests discussion.

Following her remarks, Committeewoman Stephens motions to table the Resolution supporting Grand Portage Band's participation in the Financial Program with the Native Governance Center.



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Secretary/Treasurer McCormick makes a subsidiary motion, clarifying regarding the lack of discussion and motion to table the resolution without further discussion. Respectfully Robert's Rules of Order maintains that subsidiary motions, when utilized, must be acted on prior to the motion on the floor. Chairman acknowledges the subsidiary motion. Secretary/Treasurer McCormick begins by offering a point of clarification, that Committeewoman Stephens asked for more discussion and then motioned creating the effect of closing discussion and question session, and forcing an action of tabling the resolution before more discussion may be had. Secretary/Treasurer McCormick offers the subsidiary motion that she would like to hear more discussion on the benefits of the Finance Program.

Secretary/Treasurer McCormick explains that NGC has confirmed it will sign a non-disclosure agreement that the Band drafts and approves, in order to address Committeewoman Stephens remarks about confidentiality. Chairman calls for a second, the subsidiary motion died due to lack of a second. Chairman addresses the motion on the floor, Committeewoman Armstrong seconds.

Carried 3-1-0 (1 Opposed April McCormick)

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution #25-23 Land Assignment Relinquishment for Mary E. Stack. Carried 4-0

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution #26-23 Land Assignment for Dawn Paro-Strother. Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve Resolution #27-23 Land Assignment Relinquishment for Joan Johnson. Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution #28-23 Land Assignment for Brent Sorenson. Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution #29-23 Land Assignment Relinquishment for Jack Blackwell. Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve Resolution #30-23 Land Assignment Relinquishment for John P. LeSage. Carried 4-0


Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the HeadStart Report for August. Carried 4-0

Council Reports: Toby Stephens, Agatha Armstrong.

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to excuse Marie Spry at 6:59 P.M. Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to pay all bills. Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. Carried 3-0


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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 6:07 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.

Quorum Present

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Agatha Armstrong approve the agenda.

Carried 3-0-1 (1 Silent Toby Stephens)

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve minutes as read.

Carried 4-0

TREASURERS REPORT

Maada'ooking Board is grass roots grant making issued a report for 2021-2023, 67 grants in the amount of \$165,344.00. Gichi Onigaming has had 8 awardees equaling the amount of \$20,000. Reported ARPA expenditures: \$37,451.86 Community Center Century link, freezer repair, and October Stop Loss fees, there is 1.3 Million ARPA remaining. Administrators put together and presented proposal to the Council. We are thrilled to announce that we are lifting the 'wage freeze' that has been occurring due to the pandemic and other fiscal constraints of the Band: Phase I of this will be offering a 4% increase in our entire wage scale, resulting in the quickest and most effective way for every employee to receive it. Phase II: will be that the Administrator team will develop a structure for merit-based performance review, including performance evaluations employees working with managers on the performance, to be deployed next year. Reported on leadership with National Tribal Caucus Meeting in D.C. where NTC pressed EPA for trust responsibility and real meaningful consultation, tribes need EPA's regulatory action using EPA's authority and asserted that we are the co-regulators in the ceded territories. Announced Environmental Justice Grants. The TEC Natural Resources Subcommittee is addressing States encroachment on tribal lands and jurisdiction regarding state statute, more information to come.

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution #31-23 the American Indian Food Sovereignty State Grant in the amount of \$285,425.00 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Marie Spry to approve Resolution #32-23 Land Assignment for Alicia Hein.

Carried 4-0



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Native Governance Center (NGC) Tribal Finance Program: Wayne Ducheneaux, Danielle Gangelhoff. Secretary/Treasurer introduces that NGC is here to address any questions that Council may have for the NGC about the program. Opening remarks by NGC. Councilwoman Stephens shares that Secretary/Treasurer shared a memo listing documents requested by NGC with Tribal Council and requests her to screen share this list. NGC – continues to present about how NGC provides an assessment, and works with Tribal Council to make goals and set priorities based on what the Tribe's areas that we want to address. Secretary/Treasurer presents the list of documents requested by the NGC and read it aloud, asserting these documents will be protected by a non-disclosure agreement and describes the important parts of the program that could benefit Grand Portage by deciding to participate in the program. Discussion continues, question and answer session.

Motion by April McCormick to approve the Resolution in support of the Grand Portage Band participating in the Native Governance Center Finance Program.
Chairman calls for a second, motion died due to lack of a second.

Chairman introduces Superintendent Boyd, who announced that this year will be the 25th anniversary of the AFA agreement between the Band and NPS. Reflected in this year is a Base increase to the Park and funding for indirect, and we are planning an event to celebrate the milestone of 25th anniversary.

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve National Park Service Annual Funding Agreement for 2024 in the amount of \$422,360.00.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the HeadStart Report for October 2023.

Carried 4-0

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Council Reports: Toby Stephens, Agatha Armstrong

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to pay all bills.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to adjourn at 6:29 P.M.

Carried 4-0

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

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 5:07 P.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.

Quorum Present

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the agenda.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to approve minutes as read with corrections.

Carried 4-0

TREASURERS REPORT

Reported ARPA expenditures, \$270,007.34, Wages and Health Insurance and Stop Loss, smaller amounts Community Center Arrowhead Electric and Jamar work on water leak. Remaining in ARPA is \$1,086,391.49. Two large projects being accomplished between Finance and Enterprise: the Hotel and Lodge Enterprise and IT will be deploying new systems and we are in the final stages of the Trading Post gas pump repair contracts and rebranding for a Marathon including regular maintenance of Pumps infrastructure. We will be dealing with slow pumps this winter but hold on because improvements are coming early next year! Mid-November Superintendent Boyd and I were asked to present alongside a six-member panel on successful tribal co-management of National Parks at the National Park Conservation Association. NPCA helps parks in a variety of ways as a non-profit. It was great to hear all the stories between the three sets of speakers and fun event to present at. Overall, we are operating business as usual, our bills paid within 30 days, entering the final month of the year we are running smoothly.

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution #33-23 the Stable Housing Organization Relief Program (SHORP) Grant in the amount of \$285,425.00 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Resolution #34-23 Bison request for two bulls from Yellowstone.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve the Powwow Committee's fundraiser request of a special raffle being sold at \$10.00, including: 50/50 draws, raffle prizes, silent auction, bingo, and a soup cook off to be held on January 25, 2024.

Carried 4-0



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Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the HeadStart Report for November 2023. Carried 4-0

Council Reports: Toby Stephens, Marie Spry, Agatha Armstrong

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to pay all bills. Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Marie Spry to adjourn at 5:40 P.M. Carried 4-0

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 10:20 A.M.

Roll Call: Robert Deschampe, Agatha Armstrong, April McCormick, Marie Spry and Toby Stephens.

Quorum Present

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the 2024 Food & Beverage Permits: Grand Portage Elderly Nutrition Program, Casino Deli, Human Services, Waaban Healing Center, Early Head Start, Nick's Gift Shop, American Legion Post 2009 Lodge, Health Services, Food Distribution, Trading Post, Community Center, Head Start, and Oshki Ogimaag Charter School.

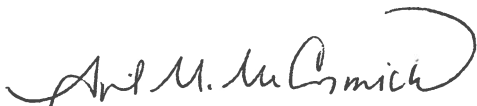
Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the Stop Loss Insurance for Hudson Insurance Company renewal in the amount of \$511,134.00 to be funded by ARPA for the fiscal year 2024.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to adjourn at 10:23 A.M.

Carried 4-0



April M. McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer



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