



**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 3, 2024
AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.**

Chair calls meeting to order at: 5:01 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 Agatha to approve minutes as read.

Carried 4-0

TREASURERS REPORT

Reported ARPA expenditures, \$183,171.14, Wages and Health Insurance, including specific lighting repairs and maintenance lift for the Community Center. Total remaining in ARPA is \$903,220.35. We estimate that it could last through March or April depending on volume of expenditure mainly focused on the governmental needs or the community center. For the entire fiscal year 2023 we have not had to utilize ARPA funding to support the Enterprises, meaning the Enterprises are standing on their own revenue. This is an exciting milestone because we had to rely on ARPA funding heavily in past years. Sharing about the Enterprise: on New Years Eve we were open 24 hours a day for three days straight, highest performing start of the new year, it has had greatest performance over the past three years, and we were ahead of 2019. We expect that these stats will continue in the new year. We are current on all bills. I am working with our Accounting Team to plan a Finance Presentation for the spring, and comparing with the community calendar too. More information to come on a date. An update from Native Governance Center Finance Program, they have one spot remaining of four, and I have been in communication with them to hopefully seek an opportunity to participate in their finance program, we shall see what comes of that. Announced the TEC meeting for January 10 and 11 hosted by Fond du Lac. Currently an election is occurring across the MCT, you've likely seen the election calendar posted in the community. I've brought copies tonight, and extra copies of the Election Calendar and Ordinance are available at the RTC Office. Upcoming events are the *Election Announcement* will occur on January 11, the opening for *File for Elected Office* is January 12. MCT revised the Election Calendar on 12/28/2023, please refer to that revised calendar dated 12/28/2023 and not the one originally posted in the community. As an update to tribal members, in regards to the Secretarial Election, right now the BIA is holding back the progress with the Secretarial Election on the Enrollment Resolution we put forward last year. Tribal Leaders recommended to meet directly with the BIA to find out where it has stalled. TEC will have more information for you after we meet with the BIA.

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

Carried 4-0



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Water Quality Specialist, Margaret Watkins, presented information on the Resolution for 401 Certification for USEPA 2026 NPDES General Permits for Pesticide Applications.

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to approve Resolution #01-24 Granting Conditional 401 Certification for USEPA 2026 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System General Permit For Pesticide Applications fiscal year 2024-2025.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to table a resolution on Energy Sovereignty and Resilience Program (typo to correct).

Carried 4-0

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

Carried 4-0

Chairman requested Health Director, Jenn Sorenson, to present clinic updates and recommendations: If you are having symptoms, come in for testing or OTC tests for COVID, if you are sick, please stay home. Explained the steps for COVID leave for employees, 80 hours available, they need to come into the Clinic and confirm a positive test and give that confirmation paperwork to Human Resources.

Council Reports: Marie Spry, Toby Stephens, Agatha Armstrong
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to pay all bills.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by Toby Stephens to adjourn at 5:39 P.M.

Carried 4-0


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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2024
AT THE GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE.**

Chair calls meeting to order at: 10:30 A.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 certify the following candidates for the Grand Portage Election 2024:

Candidate for Chairman:

Robert Deschampe (Incumbent *unopposed)

Candidates for Committeeperson:

Marie Spry (Incumbent)

William 'Bill' Myers

Donovan Dahmen

Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Marie Spry to adjourn at 10:33 A.M.

Carried 4-0


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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2024
AT THE GRAND PORTAGE RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE.**

Chair calls meeting to order at: 3:00 P.M.

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

Quorum Present

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by Toby Stephens to appoint the Grand Portage Election Board:

Chair – Levi Libra
Clerk – Teresa Hahn
Teller – Leslie Olson
Alternate – Mary Harrelson

Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Marie Spry to adjourn at 3:03 P.M.

Carried 4-0


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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024
AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.**

Chair calls meeting to order at: 5:09 P.M.

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

Quorum Present

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to excuse Marie Spry from the meeting.
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.
Carried 3-0

TREASURERS REPORT

Reported ARPA expenditures \$95,605.10 expended for Stoploss support for January and February. Remaining balance of ARPA funding is \$796,862.70. Enterprise: Completed signed contract for the Trading Post renovation for the Pumps this construction season and deployed new systems at the Lodge. Hosted Heart of the Continent Partnership – group of land managers both U.S. and Canadian side— Grand Portage has partnered with Heart of the Continent Partnership for many years. We hosted the Isle Royale Superintendent today, and will be hosting the Forest Service this week in government consultation and training – positive meetings.

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Carried 3-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve the HeadStart Report for Namebini-Giizis February 2024.
Carried 3-0

Council Reports: Toby Stephens, Agatha Armstrong

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by April McCormick to pay all bills.
Carried 3-0

Motion by Agatha Armstrong, seconded by April McCormick to adjourn at 5:42 P.M.
Carried 3-0

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