



Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR R.T.C. MEETING HELD ON March 31, 2021 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LODGE EVENTS CENTER (and via ZOOM).

Chair calls meeting to order at: 3:30 P.M.

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

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by Marie Spry to approve the agenda, with the removal of the Head Start Report from 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:

We still have the same fiscal concerns reported in last meeting. We are pulling as much funding from operations – to be funded from other sources, a lot of our work together has been advocating for Federal funding.

The second round PPP loan is secured and supports the Enterprises operations currently. We are anticipating an increase in traffic as we enter the season of spring and summer.

We are monitoring the stimulus funding package, Chairman has watched it closely with our Lobbyist, including the American Recovery Plan which will be coming in a direct distribution from the Treasury. We will analyze on what programs or what services will fall under this eligibility. A point of interest is that some things could be covered that were not covered in the first round of CARES funding, for example for “loss of revenue” or “impacts to restaurant-type facilities” which could be new opportunities for the Band.

Grand Portage wrote a grant application for Information Technology Infrastructure in 2019, following the ransom ware cyberattack on July 4, 2019, from Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) Charitable Grant program. We received the award letter and are very grateful to SMSC council and committee for the crucial funding in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Grand Portage Agricultural Coordinator, Andrew Duhaime, thanked the Tribal Council for becoming a member of the Intertribal Buffalo Council, and provided an update on the Bison Project.

Grand Portage Health Director, Jenn Sorenson, provided an update regarding the COVID-19 cases in the County, zero cases in Grand Portage, and clinic plans extending a vaccination clinic in Duluth using our new Medical Mobile Unit.



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

Carried 4-0

Motion by Bill Myers, seconded by John Morrin adjourn at 4:14 P.M.

Carried 4-0



April M. McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer

