



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 28, 2024 AT THE GRAND PORTAGE LOG COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Chair calls meeting to order at: 5:04 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 Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve minutes.

Carried 4-0

Tribal Transportation - BIA Long Range Transportation Plan – Public Hearing and Presentation – Tom Fronk Kurt Slettvedt and Brian Hewitt. Tom Fronk (BIA) presented the LRTP plan (updates required by BIA every 5 years) with the purpose of this is the announce the tribe's priorities around transportation and allow public to give feedback. Tom described the process and added routes to the plan (26 routes). Open Comment Period closes June 7. Resolution needed for approval by June 15. Question and discussion session followed. Tom will be retiring, and Bryan is training in, will be assuming the planning position alongside Kurt.

TREASURERS REPORT

Reported out ARPA expenditures \$47,775.29 in expenditures covering stop loss insurance and wages, direct support to the government to support employees. Current period expenditures were \$381,549.89, the remaining funding is \$131,226.97. We have just been notified by the State that there is a delay in the Tribal State Aid coming in July, they had originally stated it would be coming in June. I will be reporting about Tribal State Aid (later shared formula amount for GP: \$2,450,914.00). I'm on the Maada'ookiing Board, we had a great board meeting and announced deadline September 15, we distribute 3 times a year, describing it is a very easy grant application that individuals related to the seven priorities – could be culturally related, education related, almost anything advancing Anishinaabe ways of being. We on board increased the next round to \$5,000 so we are excited to announce that. Cayla Belanger is the contact at Northland website and will be happy to help anyone with an application, she is planning to be at our wellness fair in June. We just got word today that a grant that I wrote with Northhouse around wild rice harvesting, making cedar wild rice knocking sticks (knockers) and tamarack push poles for ricing, that we were funded through the MN Humanities Organization! Northhouse will be the fiscal agent, I'm super excited about the education and programming about harvesting including how to make the tools and importance of Manoomin and water quality. There were over 380 applicants, and we were one of the ones selected, so great to have Grand Portage leading on this! On June 1st, this Saturday, I'll be giving a presentation on the Band's Water Quality Standards and all of our efforts to protect wild rice and water, including 'what does this mean?' to Grand Portage members and for citizens of the State. Head Start Graduation – so exciting to see all the



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five- and six-year-olds graduate, in attending JOM we have several High School graduates and many students moving on to the next year grade – For me as a young person and as a parent — we are all very proud of each of you for what you are achieving in school, and for all those supporting students in school (parents, aunties, uncles, grandparents) everyone who are important in that support system for students, Miigwech!

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 # 15-24 Request for Emergency Funding from Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation for Emergency Roof replacement of the Grand Portage Log Community Building and Grand Portage Museum.
Carried 4-0

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Resolution #16-24 Land Assignment for Brandy Frazer.
Carried 3-0-1 Silent (Agatha Armstrong Silent)

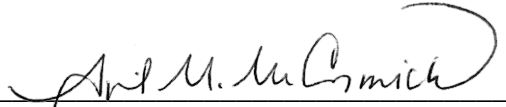
Motion by Marie Spry, seconded by Toby Stephens to approve Head Start Report.
Carried 4-0

Motion by Toby Stephens, seconded by Agatha Armstrong to approve Amendment No. 1 to Annual Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of \$385,105 for 8 projects.
Carried 4-0

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

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

Motion by April McCormick, seconded by Toby Stephens to adjourn at 5:58 P.M.
Carried 4-0


April M. McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer

