



Native American Heritage Fund Board (NAHFB) Meeting

June 17, 2022

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Jamie Stuck called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

A. Native American Heritage Fund Board Members present:

Jamie Stuck, Chairperson
Dorie Rios, Vice Chair
Melissa Kiesewetter, Treasurer
Liz Kinnart, Secretary
Kimberly McClellan

Others present:

Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator/Controller
Susan Connolly, Calhoun County Executive Administrative & Legal Assistant
Lucy Blair, Calhoun County Communications Director

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda for Friday, June 17, 2022

Approved without objection.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Friday, April 15, 2022

Approved without objection.

4. Public Comment

There was none.

5. Old Business Items:

There were none.



6. Correspondence:

- A. Karen Gelardi email re: Rochester Schools 2021 Grant change in scope

Kelli Scott noted that Rochester Schools is asking whether they should return unspent grant funds from 2021 or whether they could use the funds for related community books and items. Chair Stuck requested that Ms. Scott seek legal opinion from Bill Brooks.

7. New Business Items:

- A. Acceptance of 2021 Audit

Ms. Scott highlighted the audit report received from Gabridge & Co. and explained that the firm's opinion was a clean opinion, the highest form of opinion, meaning that the financial statements presented fairly the finances of the NAHF.

Kinnart **motioned** to accept the 2021 Audit as presented.
McClellan – **Seconded**

On a Voice Vote, **Motion Passed**

- B. Financial Report for May 31, 2022

Kelli Scott reviewed the financial report for year-to-date ended May 31, 2022, and noted that there were no expenses yet, as the grant award and administrative expense checks will be issued starting in July. Ms. Scott noted that after the expected administrative expenses there would be approximately \$480,000.00 to be used for grant allocations.

- C. Consideration of 2022 Grant Applications (11 received, total request=\$1,744,010):

Dorie Rios proposed the board focus on applications related to mascot rebranding and on those organizations that hadn't received previous NAHF grants.

Jamie Stuck added that the expectation is that a focus now on helping with numerous school district mascot rebranding initiatives will result in future opportunities for different types of projects to receive funding, since presumably there will be few to no more applications received for mascot rebrandings.



1. Battle Creek Regional History Museum, \$200,000

Ms. Scott noted this application was for renovations and the addition of a history education center and cultural heritage lobby. She added that the applicant was a nonprofit agency and not a local government, though they did have support letters from several local school districts.

This application was removed from consideration.

2. Chippewa Hills School District, \$149,632

Kelli Scott stated that the application is related to grades K-12 rebranding to replace the current school mascot to the new Golden Knight image.

3. Clinton Community Schools, \$50,000

Kelli Scott noted Clinton Community Schools were awarded funds in 2021 and the current application is to complete their rebranding efforts.

4. Hartford Public Schools, \$377,855

Ms. Scott noted this application is for grades K-12 for their ongoing rebranding project to replace or revise the school mascot, curriculum, and program development.

5. Kalamazoo Nature Center/ (KRESA), \$45,183

Kelli Scott highlighted the request from the nature center is for a different project and at a reduced amount from their request in 2021. Ms. Scott shared the application is limited to educational curriculum along the trailway.

6. Lansing School District—J.W. Sexton High School, \$250,000

Kelli Scott informed the application is for the creation of a new mascot, logo, and branding just for the high school and not the entire district.



7. Michigan College Access Network (MCAN), Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, \$55,000

Kelli Scott shared the application is for one more year of funding to help the Tribal colleges participate in the college completion corps project without cash cost to the colleges.

8. Sandusky Community Schools, \$165,990.52

Kelli Scott noted that the application reported the school district has approximately 1000 students, and that the application is for the replacement of the school mascot. Ms. Scott noted the school board voted for the mascot replacement on April 18, 2022.

9. Saranac Community Schools, \$398,054

Kelli Scott highlighted the application related to the replacement of the school mascot.

10. Saugatuck Athletic Boosters (Saugatuck Public Schools), \$40,000

Kelli Scott shared this organization is an independent 501(C)(3) that supports the athletes of Saugatuck Public Schools.

Ms. Scott noted the application is for the replacement of uniforms with the change in the mascot.

11. Western Michigan University, \$12,295

Kelli Scott stated the application is within the specific curriculum or program category and proposed to host Dallas Goldtooth as a guest speaker in the fall of 2022.

After discussion within the Board, there was unanimous consent **not** to award funds to the following applications:

- Battle Creek Regional History Museum
- Clinton Community Schools
- Kalamazoo Nature Center/ (KRESA)
- Sandusky Community Schools
- Saugatuck Athletic Boosters (Saugatuck Public Schools)



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For the remaining applications, the Board reached unanimous consent to award the following requests based on available funds:

McClellan **motioned** to grant awards as follows:

Chippewa Hills School District, \$52,371.20 (35%)
Hartford Public Schools, \$132,249.25 (35%)
Lansing School District—J.W. Sexton High School, \$87,500 (35%)
Michigan College Access Network (MCAN), Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College,
\$55,000 (100%)
Saranac Community Schools, \$139,318.90 (35%)
Western Michigan University, \$12,295 (100%)

Kinnart – **Seconded**

VOTE:

Liz Kinnart -Yes
Melissa Kiesewetter-Yes
Kimberly McClellan-Yes
Jamie Stuck-Yes
Dorie Rios-Yes

Motion Passed

Ms. Scott noted she would email the grant award spreadsheet to Leia Fuller-Monk for the press release and would also email each applicant to notify them of the award or the decision not to award their applications.

D. Approval to Disburse funds:

1. Administrative Services Agreement, Calhoun County, approved Apr. 15, 2022, \$15,000.00

Kinnart **motioned** to approve the check disbursement for Administrative Costs, 2022 Administrative Services to Calhoun County in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Rios – **Seconded**



VOTE:

Melissa Kiesewetter – Yes
Kimberly McClellan – Yes
Jamie Stuck – Yes
Dorie Rios – Yes
Liz Kinnart - Yes

Motion Passed

2. 2021 Audit Invoice, Gabridge & Co., approved Apr. 15, 2022, \$2,950.00

Rios **motioned** to approve the check disbursement for Gabridge & Co., 2021 Audit Invoice in the amount of \$2,950.00.

Stuck – **Seconded**

VOTE:

Kimberly McClellan -Yes
Jamie Stuck-Yes
Dorie Rios-Yes
Liz Kinnart -Yes
Melissa Kiesewetter - Yes

Motion Passed

8. Open Discussion

There was none.

9. Next Meeting

Friday, August 19, 2022, 12:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment of the Meeting

Meeting adjourned by Jamie Stuck, NAHFB Chairperson, at 2:15 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY _____
Susan Connolly, Executive Administrative & Legal Assistant