

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN**

**May 7, 2024  
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 4-23-24
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: FY24 Establish Budget Buildings Capital Expenditures  
FY24 Budget Modification Buildings – Marquette Health Center  
FY24 Establish Budget Ishkode Fire Project  
FY24 Establish Budget GLRI Distinct Tribal Program  
FY25 Establish Budget GLRI Capacity  
FY24 Budget Modification Education – YEA  
FY24 Budget Modification Government Relations  
FY24/25 Budget Modifications Elder Division  
Award Contract/Establish Budget – Sault Tribe Compensation Study  
Award FY24 and FY25 Janitorial Agreement  
LATCF Fund Appropriation Sault Tribe EDC  
Amending Ch. 21 Inland Hunting and Fishing  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court - Yamaha  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court Jurisdiction –  
Establish Pledged Account Huntington Bank  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court Jurisdiction –  
Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Authorize Letter of Intent Cherry Capital Connection, LLC –  
Reconnect 3 Grant  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court Jurisdiction – Cherry  
Capital Connection, LLC  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court Jurisdiction –  
Reconnect 3 Grant Security Agreement  
Accept ReConnect Grant 3 and Authorization of Documents  
BIA ARPA Home Rehab Program  
Unit 2 ARPA Funded Home Rehab Program  
Approving Tribal Code Ch. 102 Code of Ethics
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Key Employee  
Relinquishment

Election Commission Referral  
Missing Trailer in Unit II  
Improper Use of a Tribal Credit Card  
Board Concerns

- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FY 2024 GOVERNMENTAL - BUILDINGS  
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 Governmental Buildings Capital Expenditures budget for a total of \$760,000.00, which will come from Buildings Fund Balance.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDINGS – MARQUETTE HEALTH CENTER  
FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Buildings – Marquette Health Center for an increase in Other Revenue \$40,000.02 and a decrease in the transfer in from ARPA CC#12293 \$1,194,253.63.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

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**NATURAL RESOURCES –  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2024 BUDGET FOR ISHKODE FIRE  
PROJECT – PARTICIPATING AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for Ishkode Fire Project – Participating Agreement with Federal USDA Forest Service Revenue monies of \$74,688.64. No effect on Tribal Support.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NATURAL RESOURCES –  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2024 BUDGET FOR GLRI – DISTINCT  
TRIBAL PROGRAM CAPACITY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for GLRI – Distinct Tribal Program Capacity with BIA Revenue monies of \$84,560.27. No effect on Tribal Support.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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**NATURAL RESOURCES –  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2025 BUDGET FOR GLRI – CAPACITY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2025 budget for GLRI – Capacity with BIA Revenue monies of \$110,730.23. No effect on Tribal Support.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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**EDUCATION – YOUTH EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES  
FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Youth Education and Activities to change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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**LEGAL DIVISION - GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Government Relations to reallocate expenses and make changes to the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

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**ELDER DIVISION – HESSEL ELDERLY MEALS, ST. IGNACE  
ELDERLY MEALS, MANISTIQUE ELDERLY MEALS, ELDERCARE  
SERVICES, ELDERCARE TRANSPORTATION, AND TITLE VI 20-23  
FY 2024 & FY 2025 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification for Hessel Elderly Meals to increase Tribal Support monies \$3,663.52 and to make changes to the personnel sheet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification for St. Ignace Elderly Meals to increase Tribal Support monies \$3,632.52 and to make changes to the personnel sheet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification for Manistique Elderly Meals to increase Tribal Support monies \$3,642.50 and to make changes to the personnel sheet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification for Eldercare Services to increase Tribal Support monies \$4,714.65 and to make changes to the personnel sheet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification for Eldercare Transportation to increase Transfer-In monies \$4,649.65 and to make changes to the personnel sheet.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2025 budget modification for Title VI 20-23 to increase Tribal Support monies \$8,951.53 and to make changes to the personnel sheet.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against,

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\_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SAULT TRIBE COMPREHENSIVE CLASSIFICATION &  
COMPENSATION STUDY PROJECT# 24-028  
CONTRACT AWARD & BUDGET AUTHORIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors has determined that it is the best interest of the Tribe to undertake a comprehensive classification and compensation study of all of the Tribe's governmental, enterprise and gaming employment positions in order to maximize recruitment of suitable employment applicants and to increase retention of experienced and capable employees working at the Sault Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the selection and contracting with Bluestone Strategy Partners, to perform a classification and compensation study of the governmental, enterprise and gaming positions, as outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Sault Tribe Comprehensive Classification and Compensation Study Project# 24-028 dated 03/28/24, and authorizes the Chairperson to sign and execute all documentation to facilitate this agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes total funding of \$267,000 plus travel expenses to complete the Comprehensive Classification and Compensation Study Project# 24-028 from ARPA funding as authorized by Resolution 2021-167.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby obligates \$9,730,000 the remaining funds authorized by Resolution 2021-167 for the implementation of the Comprehensive Classification and Compensation Study Project #24-028.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute any and all documents for the services of Bluestone Strategy Partners and authorizes the Executive Director to create the necessary budget documents that appropriate the funds, utilizing of ARPA funds necessary to complete the project.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

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vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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**BUILDINGS – AWARD FY 2024 & FY 2025 JANITORIAL AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the cleaning company, Hunts Maintenance and Service for a two-year term, from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Janitorial service for 23 facilities that reside all across the seven-county service area, for the annual agreement amount of \$470,652.00.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or designee, to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents or forms that do not change the substantive terms of the agreements and project, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

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**LATCF FUND APPROPRIATION SAULT TRIBE EDC**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, LATCF Funds are available as an allowable expense for economic development, and in investments to neighborhoods to promote improved health outcomes by preempting any potential negative environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, Sault Tribe EDC Gas station infrastructure at one location (Midjim University BP) qualifies for the use of LATCF Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians allocates and approves the use of up to \$236,845.35 of the LATCF funding for the necessary upgrades and replacements for the Sault Tribe EDC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Midjim/University BP Gas station infrastructure project budget are approved, and signature authority over the budget is assigned to the Executive Director of Enterprise Operations and the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute and amend any and all contracts and purchase agreements related to the replacements and upgrades associated with the Midjim University BP infrastructure upgrade project.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
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**AMENDING CHAPTER 21: HUNTING AND INLAND FISHING**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is seeking to amend Chapter 21 to add the definition of cast net to replace the term hand net as defined in the Inland Consent Decree; and

WHEREAS, add the definition of cast net in Chapter 21 shall include and be construed to be in line with the definition of hand net as defined in the 2007 Inland Consent Decree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby adopts the proposed amendments to Chapter 21: Hunting and Inland Fishing attached and incorporated herein.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND CONSENT TO  
WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION  
YAMAHA MOTOR FINANCE LEASE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as follows:

**Section 1 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

The Board of Directors finds and determines that:

1.1 The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribal Government organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into a Lease (“Lease”) with Yamaha Motor Finance (“Lessor”) as negotiated by the Director of Enterprise Operations; and

1.3 Lessor will not consent to such agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity or Tribal Court jurisdiction; and

1.4 In order to induce Lessor to enter into an Lease, the Tribe is required to confirm that the Tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the Tribe will not claim sovereign immunity or exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the Tribe and Lessor that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the Lease, or object to the venue clauses found in the Lease. All the foregoing are referred to herein as the “Waiver and Consent Obligations”; and

1.5 It is in the Tribe's interest to resolve as stated herein.

**Section 2 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION; GOVERNING LAW**

2.1 The Tribe hereby waives its sovereign immunity from suit in favor of Lessor only should an action be commenced under the Lease referenced above.

This waiver:

Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Lease; and

Is granted solely to Lessor; and

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Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including, but not limited to, any lawsuit, arbitration, and judicial or non-judicial action to resolve disputes between the Tribe and Lessor and the assertion of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction or with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Lease; and

Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction, including courts in the State of California, the Tribal Court and federal courts in California (including the United States Bankruptcy Court or any arbitrator or arbitration pane); and

Shall be enforceable against the assets of the Tribe to the extent necessary to satisfy the Tribe's obligation in the Lease; and

The Agreement, and other associated finance documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by all applicable laws and regulations of governmental bodies with competent jurisdiction, as set forth in such documents.

### Section 3. WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION

3.1 The Board of Directors waiver the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court over any action arising under the Agreement. The Board authorized the Tribe to consent to the jurisdiction of any courts with competent jurisdiction, including any courts to which decisions may be appealed, with respect to any controversies arising from this resolution or any of the finance documents, note or Lease.

### Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4.1 This waiver shall become effective upon the final execution of the Lease executed by the Chairman or his designee. Failure or refusal of any individual to execute the Lease shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately. Failure or refusal to execute the Lease prior to the close of business on December 31, 2024, shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2024-29.

## C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
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**WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND CONSENT TO  
WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION  
TO ESTABLISH PLEDGED DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT HUNTINGTON  
BANK FOR RECONNECT 3 GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is required for the Tribe to establish a new pledged deposit account to receive funds from the ReConnect 3 Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, one or more individuals from USDA Rural Utility Service will be listed on the account for audit purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as follows:

**Section 1 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

The Board of Directors finds and determines that:

1.1 The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribal Government organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into a Pledged Deposit Account Agreement (“Agreement”) with Huntington Bank., (“Bank”) as negotiated by CFO for the Reconnect 3 Broadband Grant; and

1.3 Bank will not consent to such Agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity or Tribal Court jurisdiction; and

1.4 In order to induce Bank to enter into an Agreement, the Tribe is required to confirm that the Tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the Tribe will not claim sovereign immunity or exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the Tribe and Bank that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the Agreement, or object to the venue clauses found in the Agreement. All the foregoing are referred to herein as the “Waiver and Consent Obligations”; and

1.5 It is in the Tribe's interest to resolve as stated herein.

**Section 2 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; CONSENT TO  
JURISDICTION; GOVERNING LAW**

2.1 The Tribe hereby waives its sovereign immunity from suit in favor of Bank only should an action be commenced under the Agreement referenced above.

This waiver:

- i) Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Agreement; and
- ii) Is granted solely to Bank; and
- iii) Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including, but not limited to, any lawsuit, arbitration, and judicial or non-judicial action to resolve disputes between the Tribe and Bank and the assertion of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction or with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Agreement; and
- iv) Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction, including courts in the State of Ohio, the Tribal Court and federal courts in Ohio (including the United States Bankruptcy Court or any arbitrator or arbitration pane); and
- v) Shall be enforceable against the assets of the Tribe to the extent necessary to satisfy the Tribe's obligation in the Agreement; and
- vi) The Agreement, and other associated documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by all applicable laws and regulations of governmental bodies with competent jurisdiction, as set forth in such documents.

### Section 3. WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION

3.1 The Board of Directors waiver the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court over any action arising under the Agreement. The Board authorized the Tribe to consent to the jurisdiction of any courts with competent jurisdiction, including any courts to which decisions may be appealed, with respect to any controversies arising from this resolution or any of the documents associated with the Agreement.

### Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4.1 This waiver shall become effective upon the final execution of the Agreement executed by the Chairman or his designee. Failure or refusal of any individual to execute the Agreement shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately. Failure or refusal to execute the Agreement prior to the close of business on July 1, 2024, shall ender the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

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BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following list is approved signers for the ReConnect 3 Pledged Deposit Account:

Austin Lowes, Tribal Chairman  
Tyler LaPlaunt, Tribal Vice-Chairman  
Isaac McKechnie, Tribal Treasurer  
Robert Schulte, Tribal CFO  
Christine McPherson, Tribal Executive Director

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors grants inquiry access to these accounts for obtaining transactional information to the following Accounting Department staff:

Lisa Sawruk, Tribal Comptroller  
Holly Haapala, Tribal Senior Accountant  
Heather Weber, Executive Assistant

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND CONSENT TO  
WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION  
CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as follows:

**Section 1 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

The Board of Directors finds and determines that:

1.1 The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribal LICENSOR organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into a License Agreement ("Agreement") Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Licensor") negotiated by the Broadband Group for a pole agreement to installing fiber for broadband services; and

1.3 Licensor will not consent to such Agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity or Tribal Court jurisdiction; and

1.4 In order to induce Licensor to enter into an Agreement, the Tribe is required to confirm that the Tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the Tribe will not claim sovereign immunity or exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the Tribe and Licensor that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the Agreement, or object to the venue clauses found in the Agreement. All the foregoing are referred to herein as the "Waiver and Consent Obligations"; and

1.5 It is in the Tribe's interest to resolve as stated herein.

**Section 2 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; CONSENT TO  
JURISDICTION; GOVERNING LAW**

2.1 The Tribe hereby waives its sovereign immunity from suit in favor of Licensor only should an action be commenced under the Agreement referenced above.

This waiver:

i) Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Agreement; and

ii) Is granted solely to Licensor; and

iii) Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including, but not limited to, any lawsuit, arbitration, and judicial or non-judicial action to resolve disputes between the Tribe and Licensor and the assertion of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction or with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Agreement; and

iv) Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction, including, Courts within the state of Michigan, Tribal Court and Federal Courts within the state of Michigan (including the United States Bankruptcy Court or any arbitrator or arbitration pane); and

v) Shall be enforceable against the assets of the Tribe to the extent necessary to satisfy the Tribe's obligation in the Agreement; and

vi) The Agreement, and other associated documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by all applicable laws and regulations of governmental bodies with competent jurisdiction, as set forth in such documents.

### Section 3. WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION

3.1 The Board of Directors waiver the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court over any action arising under the Agreement. The Board authorized the Tribe to consent to the jurisdiction of any courts with competent jurisdiction, including any courts to which decisions may be appealed, with respect to any controversies arising from this resolution or any of the documents associated with the Agreement.

### Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4.1 This waiver shall become effective upon the final execution of the Agreement executed by the Chairman or his designee. Failure or refusal of any individual to execute the Agreement shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately. Failure or refusal to execute the Agreement prior to the close of business on October 1, 2024, shall ender the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

## CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against,



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\_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION OF LETTER OF INTENT WITH CHERRY CAPITAL CONNECTION, LLC FOR RECONNECT 3 GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is seeking to work with Cherry Capital Connection (“CCC”) as an operating partner for Broadband services provided from the ReConnect 3 Grant; and

WHEREAS, the ReConnect 3 Grant Documents require a Letter of Intent from CCC to work with the Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to sign the Letter of Intent with CCC.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND CONSENT TO  
WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION  
WITH CHERRY CAPITAL CONNECTION, LLC**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as follows:

**Section 1 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

The Board of Directors finds and determines that:

1.1 The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribal CCC organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into a Development Agreement ("Agreement") with Cherry Capital Connection, LLC ("CCC") negotiated by the Broadband Group for operation of broadband services; and

1.3 CCC will not consent to such Agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity or Tribal Court jurisdiction; and

1.4 In order to induce CCC to enter into an Agreement, the Tribe is required to confirm that the Tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the Tribe will not claim sovereign immunity or exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the Tribe and CCC that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the Agreement, or object to the venue clauses found in the Agreement. All the foregoing are referred to herein as the "Waiver and Consent Obligations"; and

1.5 It is in the Tribe's interest to resolve as stated herein.

**Section 2 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; CONSENT TO  
JURISDICTION; GOVERNING LAW**

2.1 The Tribe hereby waives its sovereign immunity from suit in favor of CCC only should an action be commenced under the Agreement referenced above.

This waiver:

i) Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Agreement; and

ii) Is granted solely to CCC; and

iii) Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including, but not limited to, any lawsuit, arbitration, and judicial or non-judicial action to resolve disputes between the Tribe and CCC and the assertion of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction or with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Agreement; and

iv) Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction, including, Courts within the state of Michigan, Tribal Court and Federal Courts within the state of Michigan (including the United States Bankruptcy Court or any arbitrator or arbitration pane); and

v) Shall be enforceable against the assets of the Tribe to the extent necessary to satisfy the Tribe's obligation in the Agreement; and

vi) The Agreement, and other associated documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by all applicable laws and regulations of governmental bodies with competent jurisdiction, as set forth in such documents.

### Section 3. WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION

3.1 The Board of Directors waiver the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court over any action arising under the Agreement. The Board authorized the Tribe to consent to the jurisdiction of any courts with competent jurisdiction, including any courts to which decisions may be appealed, with respect to any controversies arising from this resolution or any of the documents associated with the Agreement.

### Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4.1 This waiver shall become effective upon the final execution of the Agreement executed by the Chairman or his designee. The Agreement shall not be executed until approved by RUS. Failure or refusal of any individual to execute the Agreement shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately. Failure or refusal to execute the Agreement prior to the close of business on October 1, 2024, shall ender the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

## C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND CONSENT TO  
WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION  
RECONNECT 3 GRANT SECURITY AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as follows:

**Section 1 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

The Board of Directors finds and determines that:

1.1 The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribal Government organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into a Grant Security Agreement ("Agreement") with United States of America, acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service., ("RUS") ("Government") for the Reconnect 3 Broadband Grant; and

1.3 Government will not consent to such Agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity or Tribal Court jurisdiction; and

1.4 In order to induce Government to enter into an Agreement, the Tribe is required to confirm that the Tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the Tribe will not claim sovereign immunity or exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the Tribe and Government that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the Agreement, or object to the venue clauses found in the Agreement. All the foregoing are referred to herein as the "Waiver and Consent Obligations"; and

1.5 It is in the Tribe's interest to resolve as stated herein.

**Section 2 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; CONSENT TO  
JURISDICTION; GOVERNING LAW**

2.1 The Tribe hereby waives its sovereign immunity from suit in favor of Government only should an action be commenced under the Agreement referenced above.

This waiver:

i) Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Agreement; and

- ii) Is granted solely to Government; and
- iii) Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including, but not limited to, any lawsuit, arbitration, and judicial or non-judicial action to resolve disputes between the Tribe and Government and the assertion of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction or with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Agreement; and
- iv) Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction, including, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Tribal Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (including the United States Bankruptcy Court or any arbitrator or arbitration pane); and
- v) Shall be enforceable against the assets of the Tribe to the extent necessary to satisfy the Tribe's obligation in the Agreement; and
- vi) The Agreement, and other associated documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by all applicable laws and regulations of governmental bodies with competent jurisdiction, as set forth in such documents.

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4.1 This waiver shall become effective upon the final execution of the Agreement executed by the Chairman or his designee. Failure or refusal of any individual to execute the Agreement shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately. Failure or refusal to execute the Agreement prior to the close of business on July 1, 2024, shall ender the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

## CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians



**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ACCEPTANCE OF RECONNECT 3 GRANT AND AUTHORIZATION OF RECONNECT 3 GRANT DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Tribe received the Reconnect 3 Grant to expand Broadband services to Tribal lands.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts a grant from the United States of America (the “Government”) acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (“RUS”) an amount not to exceed \$24,944,355 (“Grant”) to be used for such purposes as approved by RUS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute and deliver under its corporate seal, which the secretary is directed to affix and attest, as many counterparts, respectively, as shall be deemed advisable of grant documents, including a Grant and Security Agreement, Deposit Account Control Agreement and financing statements, as required by RUS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes a separate account (hereinafter called the: Pledged Deposit Account”) be opened in Huntington Bank and all proceeds of the Grant shall be deposited in such account which shall be pledged to the Government and held in accordance with the provisions of the Grant Security Agreement and the Deposit Account Control Agreement.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes Austin Lowes, Tribal Chairman; Tyler LaPlaunt, Tribal Vice-Chairman; Isaac McKechnie, Tribal Treasurer; Robert Schulte, Tribal CFO; and Christine McPherson, Tribal Executive Director to execute all such instruments, make all such payments, and do all such other acts that may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said

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meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (B.I.A.)  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT  
HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM (HRP)**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the B.I.A. American Rescue Plan Act allocation for home improvement is in the amount of \$1,172,700; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the American Rescue Plan Act is to help with the response to the public health and economic challenges resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the B.I.A. Section 11002 of the ARP Act housing improvement funds require tribes to utilize funding for housing improvements as defined by Tribe; and

WHEREAS, if Tribe elects to use the ARP funding for housing improvement other than the HIP program, Tribes must define housing improvements that are necessary for their community needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors approves the attached HRP program policy as written.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Housing Authority Director, or designee, to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents, contracts, or forms, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**UNIT II ARPA FUNDED HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors allocated ARPA funds for each specific Board Unit for housing and community centers; and

WHEREAS, the Unit II Board members wish to use a portion of their designated ARPA funds to provide home rehabilitation services to tribal member homeowners residing in Unit II; and

WHEREAS, the attached Unit II ARPA funded Home Rehabilitation Program Policy will govern members eligibility and services provided; and

WHEREAS, the Unit II Board members request the Housing Authority select eligible applicants from the existing waiting list to receive HRP services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors approves the attached HRP program policy as written.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director to administratively establish a budget for the Unit II ARPA funded Home Rehabilitation Program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Housing Authority Director, or designee, to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents, contracts, or forms, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVING TRIBAL CODE CHAPTER 102  
CODE OF ETHICS**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Board of Directors are role models and leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has standards by which they require employees to conduct themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to establish standards in which the Board of Directors conduct themselves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves Tribal Code Chapter 102 Code of Ethics, attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby rescinds resolution 1993-123.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**May 7, 2024**  
**Sponsor's List**

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

FY24 Buildings – Capital Expenditures – Andrew Lane  
FY24 Buildings – Marquette Health Center – Andrew Lane  
FY24 Natural Resources – Ishkode Fire Project – Robin Clark  
FY24 Natural Resources – GLRI Distinct Tribal Program – Robin Clark  
FY24 Natural Resources – GLRI Capacity – Robin Clark  
FY24 Education – YEA – Lisa Burnside/Stephanie Sprecker  
FY24 Government Relations – Mike McCoy  
FY24/25 Elder Division Budget Modifications – Jessica Dumback  
Award Contract/Establish Budget – Sault Tribe Compensation Study – Christine McPherson  
Award FY24 and FY25 Janitorial Agreement – Andrew Lane  
LATCF Fund Appropriation Sault Tribe EDC – Dan Doyle  
Amending Ch. 21 Inland Hunting and Fishing – Clarence Hudak/Ryan Mills  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court – Yamaha – Dan Doyle/Josh Elliot  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court Jurisdiction – Establish Pledged Account Huntington Bank – Broadband Team  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court Jurisdiction – Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Broadband Team  
Authorize Letter of Intent Cherry Capital Connection, LLC – Reconnect 3 Grant – Broadband Team  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court Jurisdiction – Cherry Capital Connection, LLC – Broadband Team  
Waiver Sovereign Immunity/Tribal Court Jurisdiction – Reconnect 3 Grant Security Agreement – Broadband Team  
Accept ReConnect Grant 3 and Authorization of Documents – Broadband Team  
BIA ARPA Home Rehab Program – Directors' Lee, Causley-Smith  
Unit 2 ARPA Funded Home Rehab Program – Directors' Lee, Causley-Smith  
Approving Tribal Code Ch. 102 Code of Ethics – Directors' Hampton, McKechnie

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Key Employee – Christine McPherson  
Relinquishment – Julie Salo  
Election Commission Referral – Board of Directors  
Missing Trailer in Unit II – Director Freiheit  
Misuse of a Tribal Credit Card – Director Freiheit  
Board Concerns

# ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO: Board of Directors**  
**FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator**  
**DATE: May 2, 2024**  
**RE: Workshop Agenda for May 7, 2024**

## **AGENDA** **Closed Session**

10:00  
ARPA/Building Projects

10:15  
Health Report

10:30  
Executive Reports – Legal/Governmental

**12:00 – 1:00**  
**Lunch Break**

1:00  
STI Complaint Review (CLOSED)

2:00  
Broadband Project (CLOSED)

3:00  
Administration Building Front Entrance

3:30  
Agenda Review

5:00  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting