

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
JULY 8, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging, Presentation of Grandfathers
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PRESENTATION:
- V. MINUTES:

- VI. RESOLUTIONS:

- VII. NEW BUSINESS: Nomination and Election of Officers
 Rescinding Res. 2012-146

- VIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- IX. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM

- X. ADJOURN

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Joanne Carr, Board Secretary
DATE: July 3, 2014
RE: Installation of Officers

The Installation of Officers will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, Sault Ste. Marie, at 6 pm, on Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

A small reception will be held immediately following the nominations and elections of officers, in the Ballroom.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Joanne Carr, Board Secretary
DATE: July 3, 2014
RE: Special Meeting Notice

Per Chairperson Payment, this is your notice of a Special Meeting, for July 8, 2014, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, Sault Ste. Marie.

Agenda items:

Nominations/Elections of Officers
Rescinding Res. 2012-146

Thank you

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2012-146: LIMITED DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
TO THE CHAIRPERSON**

WHEREAS, a majority of tribal Members did vote in 2010 to eliminate the CEO title from the Chairperson position when Darwin "Joe" McCoy was Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, the Board subsequently refused to delegate the administrative authority to either Chairperson who served until the 2012 Tribal election when Aaron Payment was elected Chairperson with 58% of the vote (nearly a landslide) winning victories both inside and outside of the service area; and

WHEREAS, following such a strong show of the "Will of the People" the Board voted unanimously to delegate administrative authority to the Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, the Payment Administration has balanced the budget every year; has lead successfully in withstanding sequestration; has sought and was successful in attaining over \$450,000 in new treaty rights implementation funds; has successfully lead the conversion of lands into trust saving over \$100,000 on tax revenues with another \$200,000 in savings pending; has led in the recovery of \$1.3 million of Contract Support Costs funds and successfully lobbied for an additional \$600,000 in Contract Health Funds; has established solid and respectful supervisory relationships with the Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer, Treaty Rights Implementation Team and others; and has established a national presence for the Sault Tribe including testifying in Congress nearly a dozen times; and

WHEREAS, despite the "the Will of the People" a minority faction on the Board of Directors is relentless in their intent to make the Chairmanship nothing more that "a Ceremonial Figure Head" using words taken directly from Director Jennifer McLeod's draft language in a resolution she submitted for consideration; and

WHEREAS, continued political conflict is threatening our Tribe's reputation including putting at risk our Gaming Expansion Projects including Lansing and Romulus Area; and

WHEREAS, such political conflict suggests to the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the Chairperson has done something to warrant the striping of said delegated administrative authority or that the tribal government is so unstable as to not warrant approval to operate a gaming facility in other venues; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Constitution and ByLaws, provide an absolute right of referendum to take this decision away from those who would otherwise put the Tribe at risk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2012-146 making a limited delegation of authority to the Chairperson, thereby providing the Members the opportunity to exercise their right of referendum and demonstrate the "Will of the People" with respect to the authority of the Chairperson.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as Chairperson 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 _____ 2014; 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.

Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

Cathy Abramson, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

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NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination and Election of Officers – Per Chapter 10
Rescinding Res. 2012-146 – Chairperson Payment