

ROLL CALL MATRIX

Meeting Date: July 7, 2015

P	A	Res. Number 2015	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148			
		Unanimous	U	U	U		U			U			
x		Cathy Abramson				Y		Y	Y				
x		Kim Gravelle				Y		Y	Y				
x		Denny McKelvie				Y	2	Y	Y				
x		DJ Hoffman				Y		A	Y	1			
x		Jennifer McLeod		2		2Y		Y	2Y	2			
x		Lana Causley	1			1Y	1	Y	Y				
x		Cath Hollowell			2	Y		Y	Y				
x		Bridgett Sorenson		1	1	Y		1Y	1Y				
x		Keith Massaway	2			Y		2Y	Y				
x		Denise Chase				N		N	A				
x		Darcy Morrow				N		N	A				
x		Rita Glyptis				N		N	Y				
x		Aaron Payment											

- 1 = Made Motion
- Y = Voted Yes
- A = Abstained
- S = Sponsored by Board Member
- 2 = Second/Support Motion
- N = Voted No
- U = Unanimous



PROCLAIMING ANNUAL MENS HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors wishes to declare the week leading up to and including Father's Day of every year following as Sault Tribes Men's Health Week; and

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and treatment, Native American men live significantly shorter lives and suffer higher death rates for many causes; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems can result in reducing mortality and morbidity rates; and

WHEREAS, men who are informed about the value of preventative health and supported in accessing it will be more likely to participate in health screening and treatment and fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Health Program will establish a Men's Health Week that will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, Sault Tribal members are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles, regular exercise and medical check-ups.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby proclaims the week leading up to and including Father's Day as Men's Health Week and annually thereafter and encourages all our Tribal Members to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

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 13 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 7 day of July 2015; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 12 members for, 0 members against, 0 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-142

**APPROVING HEALTH DIVISION POLICY
RECORD DISPOSITION**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Health Division has maintained many paper health records over the several years of the operation of the clinics; and

WHEREAS, the Health Division has segregated out a substantial number of medical records which have not been accessed in over ten years, and for whom the patient has not been to the clinic in excess of ten years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tribal policy, state of Michigan law, and Federal law, these records can be appropriately destroyed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors directs and authorizes the disposition of these records in a safe and secure manner in accordance with all applicable laws ensuring the HIPAA compliance and confidentiality of all such records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Division shall procure the assistance of a certified HIPAA records destruction company to ensure that all records are destroyed in the most secure possible manner.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-143

WEQUAYOC CEMETERY POLICY

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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, Wequayoc Cemetery is owned by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and has been designated as land-in-trust status; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for policy to establish rules for the operation of Wequayoc Cemetery and to govern burial eligibility; and

WHEREAS, Wequayoc Cemetery Policy has been developed with input from community members who have loved ones buried at Wequayoc Cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Wequayoc Cemetery Policy.

CERTIFICATION

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Title: Wequayoc Cemetery Policy

Purpose: The purposes of this Policy are to establish rules for the operation of Wequayoc Cemetery and to govern burial eligibility in Wequayoc Cemetery

Scope: This policy covers only Wequayoc Cemetery, which is owned solely by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (SSMTCI) and is held in trust by the federal government.

Definitions:

“Bio-Urn” means a biodegradable cremation urn that may or may not contain seeds or saplings to grow into a living memorial of the deceased individual.

“Burial Right” means the right to be buried in a specific plot in Wequayoc Cemetery.

“Cemetery Grounds Proper” means the area of Wequayoc Cemetery that is contained within the fenced in area.

“Cemetery Property” means all of the acreage at the Wequayoc Cemetery site owned by the SSMTCI, excluding the house.

“Children” means the natural, step, and adopted children of a person, or children of a common law marriage or Native traditional marriage where that marriage took place in a jurisdiction that recognizes common law marriages or Native traditional marriages where at least one spouse is an enrolled Tribal member.

“Committee” means the Wequayoc Cemetery Committee, as established by the SSMTCI Board of Directors. When the term “Committee” or phrase “the Committee” is used in this Policy, they shall mean the Wequayoc Cemetery Committee specifically.

“Immediate Family” means a person’s spouse and/or children.

“Sexton” means the person designated by vote of the Committee or appointed by the SSMTCI Board of Directors to serve the roles of primary point of contact for the Wequayoc Cemetery, liaison with funeral directors, recorder of burial locations at the Wequayoc Cemetery, and other duties as specified in the Committee Bylaws.

“Spouse” means a person’s husband or wife including a common law or Native traditional marriage husband or wife where that marriage took place in a jurisdiction that recognizes common law marriages or Native traditional marriages.

“Tribe” or “Tribal” means the SSMTCI.

“Vandalism” means the willful and unauthorized destruction or defacing of any land, monument, flush marker, tree, shrub, plant, building or other natural or artificial structure on Cemetery Property.

“Wequayoc Cemetery Committee” means the Committee that oversees burials and manages operations at Wequayoc Cemetery.

“Wequayoc Cemetery” means the Cemetery established by the SSMTCI Board of Directors located at 2354 E. M-134 in Hessel, MI 49745.

Policy:

1. *Repatriated Remains.* Human remains returned to the SSMTCI may be reburied in an appropriate location within Wequayoc Cemetery. The appropriate location shall be determined by the Sexton, in cooperation with the Cultural Repatriation Specialist of the SSMTCI. The actual location of specific repatriated human remains reburied in Wequayoc Cemetery shall be considered confidential information known only to the Sexton and Cultural Repatriation Specialist.
2. *Eligibility for Burial.* Eligibility for burial in Wequayoc Cemetery is limited to any of the following:
 - a. Enrolled SSMTCI members and their immediate family members
 - b. Any other person who has family members already buried in the Wequayoc Cemetery
 - c. Repatriated human remains
3. *Burial Orders.* All burial orders, including burial of urns, must be presented to the Sexton at least twenty-four (24) hours before burial.
4. *Weather considerations.* Due to weather conditions it may be necessary to postpone burial services temporarily. The decision whether or not to postpone burial services shall be made by the family, the funeral home and/or the Sexton.
5. *Allotted/Pre-Designated Burial Rights.* There shall be no allotted/pre-designated burial rights at Wequayoc Cemetery. Each burial request shall be reviewed and location determined by the Sexton and/or the Committee.
6. *Burial Rights Costs and Fees.* There shall be no fees for burial plots at Wequayoc Cemetery.

7. *Burial Expenses.* Any and all expenses associated with the burial, including but not limited to funeral expenses, plot opening, closing, marker fees, vault/cement liner, ceremonial/spiritual/religious service provider honorariums, etc. shall be the responsibility of the deceased individual's family or the person making final arrangements.
8. *Donations.* Cash donations shall be accepted by the SSMTCI for benefit of the Wequayoc Cemetery. Donors are to receive a receipt by the SSMTCI acknowledging the donation.
9. *Funeral Processions.* The Sexton shall be responsible for providing funeral directors with the necessary information so that funeral processions on Wequayoc Cemetery grounds are carried out in accordance with the Policy.
10. *Vault Liners.* A cement liner or vault is recommended but not required for the burial site; should a family choose to have a vault/vault liner, the vault company is required to deliver and install it in the designated burial site.
11. *Plot Sizes.* Each plot/grave shall be 4 feet wide by 10 feet in length, unless conditions are determined to limit dimensions as determined by the Sexton.
12. *Depth of Graves.* There shall be a minimum of 18 inches of soil above the vault/casket/remains, unless conditions are determined to limit depth as determined by the Sexton.
13. *Multiple Burials in Single Plot.* Burials can be two caskets/persons deep, one casket/person on top of another in a single plot, unless conditions are determined to limit depth as determined by the Sexton. Burials of urns, containing ashes, can be up to four urns in a single plot, unless conditions are determined to limit depth as determined by the Sexton.
14. *Orientation of Graves.* Orientation of graves shall be left up to the family, subject to approval by the Sexton and/or Committee.
15. *Monuments/Flush Markers.* Monuments and flush markers shall meet the following requirements:
 - a. Maximum size of the monument/flush marker shall not exceed the width and length of the plot.
 - b. Face of the monument shall be in the direction of the deceased's burial site.
 - c. Spirit Houses shall be permitted as an option and must fit within the width and length of the plot.

16. *Maintenance of Monuments/Flush Markers.* When markers deteriorate, the Committee will contact the respective family to inform them that the marker needs to be replaced/refurbished. If the respective family is unable to do so, the Committee will make effort to refurbish and/or replace it. The Committee will have the right to mark a grave in order to prevent unmarked graves.
17. *Water Burials.* Water burials of cremated remains may be considered by the Committee, where appropriate.
18. *Sanctuary.* The Committee shall designate a natural area, or Sanctuary, on the Cemetery Property, outside of the Cemetery Grounds Proper, for bio-urns. Only cremated remains shall be allowed in the Sanctuary. No mowing or unauthorized activities shall be allowed in the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary area shall be a no-spray/no pesticide zone.
19. *Plants and Other Memorials.* The planting of plants on or around burial sites shall comply with the following requirements:
 - a. All summer baskets, planters, and other containers shall be removed on or before October 1st of each year, with notice to be posted in the tribal newspaper and St. Ignace local newspaper.
 - b. All winter baskets, grave blankets, wreaths, and other containers shall be removed on or before April 1st of each year, with notice to be posted in the tribal newspaper and St. Ignace local newspaper.
 - c. Plants that exceed plot dimensions shall be removed by the Committee or its designee.
 - d. The planting of vegetables at a burial site is prohibited.
 - e. The use of glass plant and flower containers at a burial site is prohibited.
 - f. The use of individual water systems is prohibited.
 - g. Plants interfering with the maintenance of the Wequayoc Cemetery shall be removed.
 - h. Metal shepherd hooks or other plant hangers are prohibited due to lawn maintenance hazards.
 - i. The planting of trees within the Cemetery Grounds Proper is prohibited.
 - j. Solar lights are permitted.
20. *Flags and Banners.* Flags or banners shall be removed by the Committee, or its designee, when such flags or banners become unsightly, are flown in a disrespectful manner or could reasonably offend, incite violence, racial hatred or community unrest. The only flags that may be flown are the U.S. Flag, the Canadian Flag, the Tribal Flag, Clan flags, and veteran's or service flags. Flags should not exceed 12 inches by 18 inches. If a flag is removed from a veteran's grave it should be replaced by the Committee. There shall be a conscientious effort to ensure all veteran's graves have new flags every year.
21. *Ceremonies.* Ceremonies and special events are allowed within the Cemetery Grounds Proper with written approval, by the Sexton and/or Committee.

22. *Prohibited Behavior at Wequayoc Cemetery Property.* The following shall be prohibited on Cemetery Property:

- a. Planting invasive plants anywhere on the Cemetery Property.
- b. Travel off the roadways in any private vehicle.
- c. Unrestrained cats and dogs. Cats and dogs on leashes are allowed and owners must clean up all waste.
- d. Recreational activities such as ball playing, bike riding, jogging, golfing and other related activities on the Cemetery Grounds Proper. Families can feast and picnic with their buried ancestors.
- e. Alcoholic beverages.
- f. Possession and use of firearms, except upon the Sexton and/or Committee's written approval for military and memorial services.
- g. Advertising signage.
- h. Persons on Cemetery Grounds Proper after dusk. Cemetery Grounds Proper are only open from dawn to dusk unless special prior arrangements are made with the Sexton and/or Committee.
- i. Vandalism. Incidents of vandalism/abuse of property shall be reported to the Tribe's law enforcement agency.
- j. Washing of automobiles or other vehicles.
- k. Placing of fencing, curbing, enclosures, edgings, iron works, wire works, seats, posts, and steps at individual burial sites or groups of burial sites. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the Committee from providing for the improvement of the Wequayoc Cemetery as a whole by installing any of the above-mentioned structures.

23. *Expansion of Cemetery Grounds Proper.* Any decision to expand the area of the Cemetery Grounds Proper requires approval of the SSMTCI Board of Directors.

24. *Penalties.* Any person who violates a provision of this Policy may be subject to prosecution, civil fines, and court costs pursuant to applicable tribal law.

Complaints:

Any complaints regarding the Policy are to be lodged as follows:

1. (INITIAL COMPLAINT) Complainant shall contact the Sexton of Wequayoc Cemetery to address the complaint and have the issue resolved. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level and/or if the Complainant disagrees with the decision of the Sexton, the Complainant may file an Initial Appeal as set forth below.
2. (INITIAL APPEAL) If the original complaint is not resolved and/or the Complainant disagrees with the decision of the Sexton during the Initial Complaint phase, the Complainant may provide a written request to meet with Wequayoc Cemetery Committee to address the complaint and have the issue resolved. The Wequayoc Cemetery Committee shall set a time and place to meet with the Complainant and the Sexton regarding the complaint. The Wequayoc Cemetery Committee shall provide a written response to the Complainant, with regard to addressing/resolving the complaint, within

ten (10) business days of the meeting between the Complainant and the Wequayoc Cemetery Committee.

3. (FINAL APPEAL) If the Complainant disagrees with the decision made by the Wequayoc Cemetery Committee in the Initial Appeal phase, the Complainant may request to be placed on the agenda at a meeting of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. Notice must be provided to Wequayoc Cemetery Committee and the Sexton so they can be in attendance at the Board meeting.

Legislative History:

6/9/2015 Resolution 2015-128 "Wequayoc Cemetery Committee Bylaws"



RESOLUTION NO: 2015-144

**HEALTH CENTER – OPTICAL AND ST. IGNACE CLINIC
FY 2015 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

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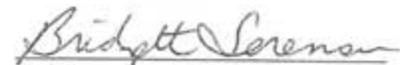
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2015 budget modifications to Health Center – Optical and St. Ignace Clinic for changes to the personnel sheet and the reallocation of expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

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 13 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 7 day of July 2015; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 9 members for, 3 members against, 0 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-145

**EPOUFETTE HARBOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2015 BUDGET**

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2015 budget for Epoufette Harbor with Great Lakes Fishery Trust monies \$601,972.85 and Fishermen's Fund monies \$41,250.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-146

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FY 2015 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

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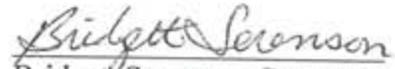
**Economic
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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2015 budget modification to Executive Office for changes to the personnel sheet, a reduction in Indirect Revenue monies of \$3,573.55, and a reduction in Tribal Support monies of \$2,284.73.

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 13 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 7 day of July 2015; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 members for, 3 members against, 1 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


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RESOLUTION NO: 2015-147

AMENDING CHAPTER 31:

MARRIAGE ORDINANCE

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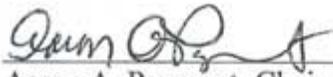
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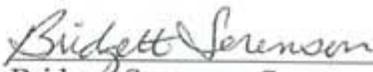
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby amends Chapter 31: Marriage Ordinance as attached.

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 13 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 7 day of July 2015; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 10 members for, 0 members against, 2 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



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TRIBAL CODE
CHAPTER 31:
MARRIAGE ORDINANCE

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HISTORY NOTE:

Current Ordinance:

Enacted as part of the Tribal Code July 5, 1995, Resolution No. 95-89, effective immediately. The enacting resolution provides that any marriage performed prior to the date of enactment pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance is ratified and declared lawful under tribal law.

Prior to the above action there is no record of the current ordinance actually having been adopted by the Board. The Board directed that a marriage ordinance be drafted at a meeting held on July 27, 1983. The ordinance was discussed and tabled by the Board at a meeting on August 21, 1984. The ordinance was "amended" by resolution on October 23, 1984. There is nothing in the minutes between August 21, 1984, and October 23, 1984, to indicate the ordinance was ever adopted. It was later "amended" by resolution on June 21, 1988. The current text is based on the original unadopted text and the two "amendments."

Cases:

Kobogum v. Jackson Iron Co., 76 Mich 498; 43 NW 602 (1889). Recognizes the validity of tribal customary marriages.

Amendments:

Resolution 2000-26, adopted February 23, 2000, amended " 31.107 (4) , 31.108 (1) and (2) and added '31.108 (5).

TRIBAL CODE
CHAPTER 31:
MARRIAGE ORDINANCE

31.101 Purpose.

This ordinance governs the solemnization of marriage within the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Reservation.

31.102 Recognition of Marriages.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians shall recognize as a valid and binding marriage any marriage between two persons formalized or solemnized in compliance with the laws of the place of formalization or solemnization.

31.103 Issuance of License.

The Clerk of the Tribal Court, or designee shall be authorized to issue a license to marry any two people, one of whom is a Tribal member within the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe's jurisdiction. The fee for issuance of a Tribal marriage license shall be an amount not to exceed that of the state court in the local county. The license shall remain valid for 30 days after issuance. The Clerk shall maintain records of the issuance of the marriage licenses and certificates of marriage as permanent records of the Tribe.

31.104 Qualifications for License.

A party seeking to be married shall fulfill all of the following requirements:

- (1) Freely consent to the marriage and have the mental capacity to marry.
- (2) One of the persons must be an enrolled member of the Tribe.
- (3) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, be at least sixteen (16) years of age or older and have the consent of the parent or legal guardian, which consent must be notarized; or have been emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (4) Not have an existing spouse.
- (5) Not be blood relatives to each other in each of the following degrees:
 - (a) Parent and child;

- (b) Grandparent and grandchild;
- (c) Brother and sister, or half-brother and half-sister;
- (d) Uncle/aunt and niece/nephew;
- (e) Cousins in the first degree.

31.105 Application for License.

(1) The application for a Tribal marriage license shall be in the form of an affidavit and shall contain the following as to each person:

- (a) The full legal name, including last name before first marriage, if previously married;
- (b) Mailing and street address.
- (c) Age;
- (d) Sex;
- (e) Tribal affiliation;
- (f) Date and place of birth;
- (g) If either party was previously married, his or her name, and the date, place, and Court in which the marriage was dissolved or declared invalid or the date and place of death of the former spouse;
- (h) The names of each person's parents and the place of birth for each parent, if known. For each person's mother, the mother's name before first marriage shall be identified, if known;
- (i) If either person is a minor, the name and address of the parents, adoptive parent, or guardian of each party; or if emancipated, certified copies of papers granting emancipation;
- (j) Whether the parties are related to each other and, if so, their relationship;
- (k) The name and date of birth of any child of which both parties are parents, born before the making of the application, unless their parental rights and the parent and child relationship with respect to the child have been terminated;

31.106 Persons Entitled to Solemnize Marriages.

No marriage performed pursuant to a license to marry issued by the Tribal Court of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians shall be valid and recognized unless performed by:

- (1) a person having the authority to perform marriages under Michigan law; or
- (2) the Tribal Chairperson, or a person designated by the Chairperson in writing; or

(3) a Tribal Judge or Magistrate of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe or another federally recognized tribe, the tribal court of which authorizes its tribal judges to perform marriages; or

(4) an Indian traditional practitioner or spiritual leader who is recognized by the parties making the application for the license.

31.107 Permissible Location.

A marriage performed in accordance with this Ordinance shall be solemnized within the territory of the Tribe.

31.108 Qualifications to Perform Traditional Indian Marriages.

(1) For the purpose of this Chapter, a traditional Indian marriage shall be defined as one performed by an Indian traditional practitioner or spiritual leader who has accepted the responsibility to solemnize and formalize marriage by the applicants and further that such person shall be recognized by Order of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court.

(2) It is the expressed policy of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe to recognize traditional marriages so performed provided that the person who has been designated to solemnize or formalize the said marriage by the applicants shall be recognized as an Indian traditional practitioner or spiritual leader by a significant number of Indian persons and provided further that such person shall be recognized by Order of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court as being an Indian traditional practitioner or spiritual leader.

(3) Such recognition may come about upon the Court's own motion, or upon the motion of any other person, and such Order of recognition shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(4) The Court or Tribal Board of Directors may prescribe standards for such recognition.

(5) An Indian traditional practitioner or spiritual leader who is recognized by the parties making the application for the license shall be authorized to perform traditional marriages.

31.109 Execution and Return of License.

The person who performs the marriage shall execute the Tribal marriage license and return it to the Tribal Court Clerk as required by this Chapter. It shall be the responsibility of the Tribal Court Clerk to maintain records of marriages performed under the authority of the Tribe.

31.110 Procedure for Recognition of Marriage After Solemnization.

(1) Subsequently to the solemnization or formalization of a marriage performed pursuant to a license to marry issued by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Court and within ten (10) days thereof, two fully executed and conformed copies of the marriage license, executed by two witnesses to the ceremony and the person who conducted the ceremony, shall be returned to the Clerk of the Tribal Court.

(2) The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall, within three days, examine the application for a marriage license and the said license and certificate of the person performing the marriage to insure that the information appearing thereupon is properly in accordance with the provisions of the license. Upon a determination that the materials are in proper form and that there has been compliance with the terms of the license, the Court Clerk shall endorse his/her approval upon the license and shall cause a Certificate of Marriage to be issued by the Tribal Court over his or her signature.

(3) The parties to such marriage, should they desire, may obtain such additional copies of the Certificate of Marriage if they should desire, and such certified copies shall be issued by the Clerk of the Court for the same charge as is made for certified copies in any other proceeding.



RESOLUTION NO: 2015-148

ACCEPTANCE OF CASE EVALUATION RECOMMENDATION
TRIBE V. SECOND STREET STORAGE

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians remains in litigation against Second street Storage, LLC, Marquette County, Michigan, 25th Circuit Court, case no. 13-051577-CK; and

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WHEREAS, that litigation arises out of the damages done to the Tribe's hangars on the KI Sawyer airbase by the tenant of the building; and

WHEREAS, court mandated case evaluation, which is non-binding unless accepted by both parties, has recommended that the Tribe be awarded \$300,000.00 to be paid by the defendant; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's attorneys, Insurance Department, and Property Management Department have all recommended that the Tribe accept the evaluation award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors directs and authorizes the attorneys for the Tribe to accept the Case Evaluation Award in case number 13-051577-CK, and to the extent that the evaluation is also accepted by the Defendant, to proceed with full and complete resolution of the lawsuit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson, or his designee, may execute such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution if all parties accept the evaluation award.

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 13 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 7 day of July 2015; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 12 members for, 0 members against, 0 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson
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