

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
MAY 20, 2025

This meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Treasurer Isaac McKechnie.

Present: Larry Barbeau, Michael McKerchie, Bridgett Sorenson, Kimberly Hampton, Rob McRorie, Isaac McKechnie, Kimberly Lee, Shawn Borowicz, Lana Causley-Smith, Aaron Payment

Absent: Tyler LaPlaunt, Kimberle Gravelle, Austin Lowes

**Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director Hampton, to excuse Director LaPlaunt, Director Gravelle and Chairman Lowes.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director Barbeau, to waive the rules and add NRD 2025 Back Bay Walleye Enhancement, Amending the Internal Loan for Settlement of JLLJ Development, LLC and Lansing Future Development II, LLC V Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority, Tanglewood Personnel Restructure, Amending Resolution 2024-135 and 2025-68 Reconnect 3 and 4 Grant Documents under Resolutions and commercial license transfer – Halberg, under New Business.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director McRorie, to approve the agenda as read.**  
**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve the 5/6-7/25 Regular Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion carries with Director Causley-Smith abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve the 5/13/25 Special Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2025-100, ACFS – LIHEAP Establishment of FY 2025 Budget.**

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 LIHEAP with Federal HHS Revenue monies of \$19,835.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Resolution 2025-101, 105(L) IHS Facility Lease Program.**

**Moved by Director Payment, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to amend for clerical errors if needed.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairman is hereby authorized to submit lease proposals under Section 105(l) of Public Law 93-638 to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, for the following facilities:

ST Health Center, located at 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Manistique Community Center, located at 5698W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI

Munising Health Center, located at 622 W Superior St, Munising, MI

Newberry Health Center, located at 4935 Zee-Ba-Tik Lane, Newberry, MI

Gladstone Health & Fitness Center, located at 2002 Minneapolis Ave, Gladstone, MI 49837.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the negotiation and execution of said lease agreements and the implementation of such leases for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2025, and for any subsequent lease periods for which funding is available.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are designated as the appropriate officials to verify and attest to the accuracy of information submitted for the purpose of calculating lease compensation under Section 105(l) of Public Law 93-638.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve Resolution 2025-102, Approving Contract MetalQuest.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the contract with MetalQuest for the Health Division for \$66,500 plus additional monthly fees as detailed in the attached RIS.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2025-103, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Mr. James Allard.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Mr. James Allard.

**Motion carries with Directors' Sorenson, Hampton opposing; Director Payment abstaining.**

**Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Resolution 2025-104, Authorization to Enter into a Contract with World Wide Technology.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves awarding the security assessment and testing contract to World Wide Technology up to \$125,805 and up to \$7,500 for consultant travel and incidentals related to completing this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes Governmental CFO to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, intent, and administration of this Resolution, including but not limited to the ability and authority to implement any budgetary changes administratively without the need for formal Board of Directors budget modifications utilizing tribal support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Governmental CFO to perform administrative budget modifications necessary to refund tribal support between the different divisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to enter into and execute the contract and any supporting documents with World Wide Technology to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2025-78.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve Resolution 2025-105, Award Contract to Core Telecom Systems for Broadband Equipment and Services – ADTRAN and Batteries/Rectifiers.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the Broadband Electronics, Software and Services Agreement with Core Telecom Systems for \$390,457.11 from Cost Center 13071. This activity is fully grant-funded by USDA Rural Utility Service (RUS) ReConnect Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents including as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of the resolution.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2025-106, Award Contract to Millennium for Broadband Outside Plant (OSP) Materials.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the Broadband Outside Plant (OSP) Materials Agreement with Millennium for \$4,095,837.98 from Cost Center 13071. This activity is fully grant-funded by USDA Rural Utility Service (RUS) ReConnect Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents including as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this resolution.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2025-107, Award Contract to Millennium for Broadband Equipment and Services – 6Wind Software.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the Broadband Electronics, Software and Services Agreement with Millennium for \$87,051.00 from Cost Center 13071. This activity is fully grant-funded by USDA Rural Utility Service (RUS) ReConnect Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents including as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of the resolution.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2025-108, NRD 2025 Back Bay Walleye Enhancement.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the contract with Bay Mills Indian Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2025-109, Amending the Internal Loan for Settlement of JLLJ Development, LLC and Lansing Future Development II, LLC V Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs the Interim Chief Financial Officer to amend the original loan agreement to add \$7,000,000 to the note and to keep the rate of 4% interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the term of the loan be extended from 7 years to 9 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the amended loan.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Directors' Barbeau, Causley-Smith, Sorenson, Hampton, Borowicz, Lee, McKerchie approving; Directors' Payment, McRorie opposing.**

**Moved by Director Hampton, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve Resolution 2025-110, Tanglewood Personnel Restructure.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes the CEO of Enterprise Operations to implement the changes described in the attached RIS concerning personnel, in an effort to maintain continuity in the operations of Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the CEO of Enterprise Operations to make all budgetary adjustments administratively necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

**Motion carries with Director Payment opposing.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director McRorie, to approve Resolution 2025-111, Amending Resolution 2024-135 and 2025-68 Reconnect 3 and 4 Grant Documents.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors amends Resolution 2024-135 and 2025-68 to replace Robert Schulte, Tribal CFO, and Christine McPherson, Tribal CEO, with Bill Connolly, Interim Tribal CFO, and Jessica Dumback, Interim Tribal CEO.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve the Conservation Committee's request and authorize the commercial fishing license transfer from Lavern Alexander to his son, Arron Alexander.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Payment, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve the Conservation Committee's request and authorize the commercial fishing license transfer from Raymond Halberg to Kristopher Kerbersky.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Rachel Mandelstamm's appointment to the Cultural Committee with a term set to expire May 2029.  
Motion carries unanimously.**


**Moved by Director Payment, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve Brian Moore's appointment to the Cultural Committee with a term set to expire May 2029.  
Motion carries unanimously.**

**Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McRorie, to approve the removal of Theresa Weller from the Unit 3 Elder Subcommittee – St. Ignace.  
Motion carries with Director Payment opposing.**

**Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Hampton, to adjourn.  
Motion carries unanimously.**

Adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Date: 6/3/25

Secretary:   
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Lona Stewart, Ashlee Mielke, Bill Connolly, Ryan Mills. Jessica Dumbach, Joseph Street, Damien Hopper, Allen Kerridge, Robert Marchand, Michelle Moore, Dan Doyle, Andrew Lane, Clarence Hudak, Josh Elliott, Nick Eitrem, Junita Bye, Megan Miller, Carrie Horton, Jack Tuomikoski