

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
KEWADIN SHORES CASINO
ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN
JUNE 3, 2025

This meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Tyler LaPlaunt.

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

Absent: Kimberle Gravelle, Austin Lowes

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director McKerchie, to excuse Director Gravelle and Chairman Lowes.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Payment, to approve the agenda as noticed.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve the 5/20/25 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve Resolution 2025-112, FY 2025 Budget Document 003 – Schedule C Budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2025 Budget Document 003 totaling \$69,984,228, of which \$21,132,443 comes from Tribal Support.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Payment, to approve Resolution 2025-113, FY 2025 Governmental Capital Expenditures.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2025 Governmental Capital Expenditure budget modification for a total of \$643,500, of which \$153,500 will come from Tribal Support.

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

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2025-114, Deforesting the Savard Property for Housing Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the deforestation of the tribal land on the Savard Property (Attachment 1) for the purpose of housing development construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forester put the job of removing the trees up for competitive bid and cause the trees to be removed as soon as practicable.

BE IT FINALLY 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.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Director McRorie opposing.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2025-115, Munising Marketplace Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe intends to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Renovare Development and other parties listed in the MOU to become a minority interest partner in the Munising Marketplace development, in accordance with the terms outlined in the agreement;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman to execute all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2025-116, Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Kaysner Construction.

Without objection, add up to \$1,316,000 out of LATCF funds.

No objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves awarding the Membrane Roofing contract to Kaysner Construction up to \$1,316,000 out of LATCF funds to complete this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes 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, 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.

BE IT FINALLY 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 Kaysner Construction to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2025-117, Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Timber Ridge Construction.

Without objection, strike out Membrane Roofing and add in Siding, Windows, and Exterior Door Replacements and also add up to \$887,457 out of LATCF funds.

No objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves awarding the Membrane Roofing contract to Timber Ridge Construction up to \$887,457 out of LATFC funds to complete this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes 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, 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.

BE IT FINALLY 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 Timber Ridge Construction to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2025-118, Long Range Transportation Plan and Inventory Update.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) add and update the roads listed in Attachment "A" to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Transportation Program inventory and which is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, as part of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Long Range Transportation Plan". BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman or his designee, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver such agreements, documents, or instruments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as may be required or to take any and all such action which may be necessary to implement the foregoing and update the Tribal Long Range Transportation Plan.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2025-119, Transportation – Authorize Contract with Kauffman & Associates, INC. for Branding and Graphic Design Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors approves the contract with Kauffman and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$148,648.00, not to exceed \$150,000.00 from cost center 2932, and authorizes the Transportation Department to administer and facilitate this project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman or their designee, to negotiate, execute, and amend any documents between the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Kauffman and Associates, Inc. for Professional Branding & Graphic Design Services.

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

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2025-120, Transportation – Extension of Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman or his designee, to negotiate, execute, and amend any documents therefrom on the Tribe's behalf resulting in an Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Coleman Engineering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairperson or his designee to take such other actions as they deem appropriate to implement the purposes of this resolution and authorizes expenditures from the Bureau of Indian Affairs: cost center 2932, 2931, 2930; and RAISE Grant cost center 13101.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve Resolution 2025-121, Authorizing Prosecutor Contract.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the General Counsel to contract with any of the individuals up to the hourly rate listed in the attached RIS to serve as Prosecutor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Counsel to execute documents and perform any administrative budget modifications needed to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2025-94.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Resolution 2025-122, Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction N1Discovery.

Without objection, waive the reading.

No objection.

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 an Engagement Agreement (“Agreement”) with N1Discovery (“Vendor”) as part of the ongoing process to improve security across its network; and

1.3 The Tribe is unable to execute the attached Engagement Agreement absent this waiver; and

1.4 In order to enter into the 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 Vendor 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 Vendor only should an action be commenced under the Agreement referenced above.

This waiver:

Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Agreement; and
Is granted solely to Vendor; and

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 Grantor 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

Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction, including the state courts of Michigan; and

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

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 waives 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 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.

Section 5. AUTHORIZATION

5.1 The Chairman or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate the foregoing.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve Debra Pine's reappointment to the Housing Authority with a term set to expire June 2029.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKechnie, to approve David Lockhart's reappointment to the Food Sovereignty Committee with a term set to expire June 2027.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Tracey Holt's appointment to the Health Board, taking a vacant seat, with a term set to expire April 2027.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Michael Larson's appointment to the Election Commission, taking a vacant seat, with a term set to expire January 2026.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Hampton, to approve Denise Renee St. Andre's appointment to the Cultural Committee, taking a vacant seat, with a term set to expire July 2028.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director McKechnie, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to accept Nancy Lowes resignation from Unit 1 Elder Subcommittee – Sault Ste. Marie, making this seat vacant and allow for posting.

Motion carries unanimously.

Without objection, meeting adjourn.

No objection.

Adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Date: 6/17/25

Secretary: 
Kimberly Hampton

Others Present: Lona Stewart, Ashlee Mielke, Bill Connolly, Ryan Mills. Jessica Dumback, Joseph Street, Damien Hopper, Clarence Hudak, Dan Doyle, Jen Clerc (Z), Joni Talentino, Helen Wilkins (Z), Wendy Hoffman (Z)