

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

June 16, 2026

5:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION: Life Saving Awards
Sault Tribe Interns
- VI. MINUTES: 6/2/26
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: Facilities Cap Exp FY 2026 Budget Mod
Health John Hopkins Pilot Project FY 2026 Budget
Big Bear / Health 3rd Party FY 2026 Budget Mod
IT Cybersecurity Grant FY 2026 & 2027 Budget
Cleaning Contract with Hunt's Maintenance
Authorizing Health to Apply Indian Health SAP
Health Approving Contractor for Flooring Project
Residential Land Lease Modification - Suggitt
Application to 2026 Tribal Youth Initiative Program
Application to Fish Hatchery Maintenance Program
Negotiate and Hire of Key Employee
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Committee Appointments/Resignation
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**FACILITIES CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Facilities Capital Expenditures for an increase of \$1,260,600. This increase will come from Facilities fund balance.

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

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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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**HEALTH DIVISION – JOHN HOPKINS FAMILY SPIRIT SYPHILIS
PILOT PROJECT ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2026 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget for John Hopkins Family Spirit’s Syphilis Pilot Project with Other Revenue from ITC of \$5,400.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**BIG BEAR BUILDING OPERATIONS AND HEALTH DIVISION
THIRD – PARTY REVENUE FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Big Bear Building Operations to add the transfer in of funds from Third Party Revenue of \$17,599.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Third Party Revenue to transfer out of funds to Big Bear Building Operations in the amount of \$17,599.00.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**GOVERNMENTAL – IT CYBERSECURITY GRANT
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2026 AND 2027 BUDGETS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget for IT Cybersecurity Grant with State of Michigan Revenue of \$37,557.75. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2027 budget for IT Cybersecurity Grant with State of Michigan Revenue of \$112,673.25. No effect on Tribal Support.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AWARDING CLEANING CONTRACT TO HUNT'S MAINTENANCE & SERVICES

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 Tribe has multiple Tribal facilities that require cleaning services and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has traditionally contracted with private companies to provide cleaning services to Tribal facilities including administrative, health, and community buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has received and reviewed a Bid Recommendation from Hunt's Maintenance & Services; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe intends to enter a three-year contract with Hunt's Maintenance with an estimated three-year cost of \$1,759,956.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves entering into a contract with Hunt's Maintenance & Services.

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 to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH DIVISION TO APPLY FOR INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SMALL AMBULATORY PROGRAM FUNDING

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

WHEREAS, the Tribe, through its Health Division, is committed to providing high-quality, patient-centered healthcare services that are responsive to the needs of Tribal Members and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has identified the need to expand and renovate the Sault Ste. Marie Health Center through the Sault Ste. Marie Health Center Annex & Expansion Project (the “Project”) to address space limitations, improve patient care delivery, enhance infection control measures, support workforce development, and accommodate future growth in healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, the Health Division anticipates funding the Sault Ste. Marie Health Center Annex & Expansion Project through a combination of Third-Party Revenue, COVID AFA funds, grant funding, and financing, including approximately Fourteen Million Four Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$14,465,591) in Third-Party Revenue, Two Million Ninety-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars (\$2,098,902) in COVID AFA funds, Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000) in grant funding, and Eight Million Five Hundred Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$8,590,430) in financing; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service Small Ambulatory Program (SAP) provides funding opportunities to assist Tribal healthcare facilities with construction, expansion, and renovation projects that improve access to healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, the Health Division seeks to submit an application for Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 Small Ambulatory Program (SAP) funding in the amount of up to Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) to support the planning, design, construction, renovation, and related costs associated with the Sault Ste. Marie Health Center Annex & Expansion Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby approves and supports the Health Division’s Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 Small Ambulatory Program (SAP) applications for funding to assist with the Sault Ste. Marie Health Center Annex & Expansion Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman and/or the Health Division Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, to prepare, submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any applications, agreements,

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certifications, assurances, or other documents necessary to secure and implement SAP funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors supports the Health Division's continued efforts to pursue federal, state, Tribal, and private funding opportunities that advance healthcare infrastructure improvements and expand access to healthcare services for Tribal Members and eligible beneficiaries.

CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – APPROVING CONTRACTOR FOR FLOORING
PROJECT MANISTIQUE HC**

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 Health Division’s mission is to provide high quality, patient-centered health care that is responsive, courteous, and sensitive to individual, family, community, and cultural needs with an emphasis on disease prevention and health promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Health Division has identified a qualified contractor through the Sault Tribe Procurement process to complete the Indian Health Services (IHS) Backlog of Essential Maintenance Alteration and Repair (BEMAR) funded flooring project at the Manistique Health Center; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this project will be comprised of BEMAR funds in the amount of \$91,801.48 (CC:13191).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves awarding the contract to JAMA Development, L.L.C. in the amount of \$91,801.48 for the Manistique Health Center flooring project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legal Department will assist the Health Division in negotiations of the contract with JAMA Development, L.L.C.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any documents necessary, once approved by the Legal Department, subject that it does not require additional approval from the Board of Directors under any applicable Tribal laws or policies, to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE MODIFICATION
JOSEPH SUGGITT SR. AND AMY L. POLLARD**

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, Joseph Suggitt Sr. and Amy L. Pollard have requested that a Lease Modification on BIA Lease No. 469-2000270151 be modified to remove Amy L. Pollard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to execute the Lease Modification to the land located at Kincheloe, Michigan, to Joseph Suggitt Sr. and Amy L. Pollard, the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan
Part of Sec. 29 & S. 1/2 Sec. 20, T 45 N, R 1 W (.18 acres more or less)
Lot 930 Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the lease is in furtherance of a Housing program operated in the promotion of the public purpose, and the negotiated rental amount has been determined to be in the best interest of the Tribe and its people, and valuation in accordance with 25 CFR 162.320 is hereby waived.

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**NRD APPLICATION TO 2026 BIA TRIBAL YOUTH INITIATIVE (TYI)
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 mission of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right to self-government, and protect our property and resources as ordained by the establishment of our constitution and bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is to serve as leaders in collaborative stewardship within the Great Lakes region to ensure ecological resilience and sustainable relations, honoring those who came before us and providing for those yet to come; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Division desires to develop and implement a Tribal Youth Hunter Education Program that provides youth under the age of 26 opportunities to learn hunter safety; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Youth Hunter Education Program integrates Tribal harvest regulations, cultural elements, responsible stewardship, and wildlife conservation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will strengthen youth engagement and the continuation of Treaty-protected hunting rights; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Division seeks to apply for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Tribal Youth Initiative (TYI) Program funding to support the development of a Tribal Youth Hunter Education Program; and

WHEREAS, this resolution supports the Tribe's broader stewardship goals and establishes its commitment to educating Tribal youth in safe, responsible, and culturally informed hunting practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the Natural Resources Division to apply for up to \$50,000 in BIA TYI Program funding.

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

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documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

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**NRD APPLICATION TO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) FISH
HATCHERY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (FHMP) GRANT**

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

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WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe seeks to maintain and restore our ability and authority to steward the lands and waters of the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory for the long-term benefit of our human and ecological communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is responsible for supporting and enacting Sault Tribe stewardship of 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory lands, waters, and non-human relatives; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has announced an opportunity to secure funding under the Fish Hatchery Maintenance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, seeks this funding to support and further ongoing hatchery work, including at both the Nunn's Creek and Barbeau facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Natural Resources Division to apply for up to \$150,000 in BIA Fish Hatchery Maintenance Program funding.

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.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NEGOTIATE AND HIRE KEY EMPLOYEE
CHIEF JUDGE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Governmental Human Resources Director to negotiate an offer to hire the selected candidate for the position of Chief Judge with negotiated conditions within the parameters discussed at the workshop and as attached.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

Facilities Capital Expenditures FY 2026 Budget Modification – Andrew Lane

Health Division – John Hopkins Family Spirit Syphilis Pilot Project Establishment of FY 2026 Budget – Laura Fisher

Big Bear Building Operations and Health Division Third-Party Revenue FY 2026 Budget Modifications – Tammy Graham

Governmental – IT Cybersecurity Grant Establishment of FY 2026 and 2027 Budgets – Shawn Tackaberry

Awarding Cleaning Contract to Hunt's Maintenance & Services – Andrew Lane

Authorizing the Health Division to Apply for Indian Health Service Small Ambulatory Program Funding – James Benko

Health Division – Approving Contractor for Flooring Project Manistique HC – James Benko

Residential Land Lease Modification Joseph Suggitt Sr. and Amy L. Pollard – Helen Wilkins

NRD Application To 2026 BIA Tribal Youth Initiative (TYI) Program - Katie Schultz, Dani Fegan

NRD Application to Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Fish Hatchery Maintenance Program (FHMP) Grant – Jack Tuomikoski / Brandi MacArthur

Negotiate and Hire of Key Employee – Ashley Samuelson

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointment – Elder Subcommittee Unit 4 Manistique, Cultural Committee Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: June 11, 2026
RE: Workshop Agenda for June 16, 2026

AGENDA

10:00
Kewadin CFO Interview (CLOSED)

11:15
Health Division / Legal (CLOSED)

12:15 – 1:30
Lunch Break

1:30
Enterprise Authority Workshop (CLOSED)

3:30
(or upon conclusion of EA WS)
Enterprise Authority Meeting

3:45
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting