**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**
**DOUBLETREE HILTON HOTEL**
**LANSING, MICHIGAN**
**July 21, 2026**
**4:00 P.M.**

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER | |
| II. | ROLL CALL | |
| III. | INVOCATION: | Prayer, Smudging |
| IV. | MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION | |
| V. | PRESENTATION: | |
| VI. | MINUTES: | 7/6/26 Special Meeting, 7/7/26 |
| VII. | RESOLUTIONS: | ACFS CCDF 2805 FY26 Budget Modification<br>NRD Nunn's Creek Fisheries FY26 Budget Mod<br>NRD Aquaculture Pond Improvement FY26 Budget<br>Language and Culture GLITEC FY26 Budget<br>Telecommunications Cap Ex FY26 Budget Mod<br>Audit Committee Appointments<br>Tax Commission Appointments<br>Health PHEP 2026 Acceptance<br>Residential Land Lease Modification Germain<br>Residential Land Lease Fox<br>Residential Land Lease Willis<br>Authorizing Litigation to Protect Tribal Interests<br>Authorizing Cooperative Litigation Agreement<br>Unleashing Tribal Energy Development Grant<br>33 Year Promise to Establish JKL High School<br>Authorizing Health Division Eligibility Change<br>Negotiate and Accept Donation Lone Susan Island |
| VIII. | NEW BUSINESS | Committee Appointments/Resignation<br>Board Concerns |
| IX. | ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION | |
| X. | RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM | |
| XI. | ADJOURN | |

**RESOLUTION NO: ____________**

**ACFS – CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF)**
**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 CCDF for an increase in Federal HHS Revenue of $31,236.29. This budget modification will change the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: ____________**

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION – NUNN'S CREEK FISHERIES**
**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 Nunn's Creek Fisheries (CC#2870) for an increase is Other Revenue of $5,000.00. This budget modification will change the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. Nunn's Creek utilizes BIA and Other Revenue, with no effect on Tribal Support.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: ____________**

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION – NRCS AQUACULTURE POND IMPROVEMENT 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 establishment of a FY 2026 budget for NRCS – Aquaculture Pond Improvement Project with Federal USDA Revenue of $61,758.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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**RESOLUTION NO: ____________**

**LANGUAGE AND CULTURE DIVISION – GREAT LAKES INTER-TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER (GLITEC) 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 establishment of a FY 2026 budget for GLITEC with Other Revenue of $60,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: _____________**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS 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 Telecommunications Capital Expenditures for an increase of $75,000. This increase will come from Telecom's Fund Balance. Telecommunications utilizes Other Revenue and Fund Balance, no effect on Tribal Support.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: ____________**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:**
**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

WHEREAS, the Tribal Audit Committee was established by Resolution 1997-88 for the purpose of overseeing, monitoring, and evaluating the Tribal audit process to ensure that any discrepancies found are resolved in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.1 of the Bylaws of the Audit Committee, as most recently amended by Resolution 2017-167, provides that the Committee shall consist of the Treasurer of the Board of Directors, and six other persons appointed by the Board of Directors, and shall include three additional sitting members of the Board, as well as three individuals not employed by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2016-192, Director Michael McKerchie currently serves on the Committee through the end of his current term as a tribal Director in July of 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2023-049, Director Tyler LaPlaunt currently serves on the Committee through the end of his current term as a tribal Director in July of 2026.

WHEREAS, Director Michael McKerchie currently serves on the Committee by virtue of his recent appointment to serve as Treasurer of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the remaining three positions designated for sitting members of the Board of Directors are now vacant due to the expiration of the specified term of office for the appointment; and

WHEREAS, the board of Directors has, from time to time, adopted Resolutions designating an individual to serve as the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, including Resolutions 2014-151, 2016-21, and 2023-049.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby appoints the following sitting members of the Board of Directors to serve as members of the Audit Committee, with each such appointment being effective through the remainder of each such designated Director's current term of office: Director Tyler LaPlaunt, Director Lana Causley Smith, and Chairman Austin Lowes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors designated Michael McKerchie to serve as the Chairperson of the Audit Committee through the end of his current term as Treasurer of the Tribal Board of Directors.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: _____________**

**APPOINTING TAX COMMISSION MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Tribe has enacted Tribal Code Chapter 43: the Tribal Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, administration of the Tribal Tax Code is the responsibility of a Tax Commissioner and a three-person Tax Commission, organized under the Tax Code and governed by the bylaws adopted pursuant to Resolution 1997-63; and

WHEREAS, there are three vacant seats on the Tax Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby appoints the following three people for a three-year term to the Tax Commission, in accordance with Section 43.1001 of the Tribal Tax Code: Director Michael McKerchie, Director Tyler LaPlaunt, and Chairman Austin Lowes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby appoints for a three-year term Michael McKerchie as the Tax Commissioner, as provided in Section 43.1005 of the Tribal Tax Code.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: ____________**

**HEALTH DIVISION – PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP) SUPPORT 2 - 2026 ACCEPTANCE**

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 Division Emergency Preparedness and Response (DEPR) through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has provided a funding opportunity through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has received PHEP funding to help support and promote coordination and collaboration for Tribal Nations to effectively meet all preparedness and response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Health Division continues to receive annual PHEP funding to improve their Emergency Preparedness Plan across all Health Division sites creating a safe environment for patients, vendors, and team members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Health Division's acceptance for the PHEP Grant Agreement Funds in the amount of $15,760.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Health Division CEO, 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: ____________**

**RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE MODIFICATION**
**JACKIE AND THERESA GERMAIN**

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, pursuant to the Residential Land Leasing Policies and Procedures approved in Resolution 2005-92, a Special Eligibility Review occurred; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Germain has requested that the BIA Leases Nos. 469-2000190151 and 469-2000430252 be modified to remove Jackie Germain and add Brandon LaPonsie.

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 Theresa Germain and Brandon LaPonsie, 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 (.22 acres more or less)
Lot 678 Cedar Grove Estates III
Part of Sec. 29 & S. 1/2 Sec. 20, T 45 N, R 1 W (.170 acres more or less)
Lot 677 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.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: ____________**

**RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE – CECILIA FOX**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and the Treasurer to execute a Residential Land lease for the land located at Kincheloe, Michigan, to Cecilia Fox, the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan
Sec. 29, T 45 N, R 1 W (.21 acres more or less),
Lots 715 Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate Residential Land Lease documents for BIA Recording.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Residential Land 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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**RESOLUTION NO: ____________**

**RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE – RICHARD V. WILLIS IV**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and the Treasurer to execute a Residential Land lease for the land located at Kincheloe, Michigan, to Richard V. Willis IV., the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan
Sec. 29, T 45 N, R 1 W (.313 acres more or less),
Lots 612 and 613 Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate Residential Land Lease documents for BIA Recording.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Residential Land 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.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: _______________**

**AUTHORIZING LITIGATION TO PROTECT THE TRIBE’S INTEREST**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribe’s General Counsel, or his designee, to initiate litigation on the Tribe’s behalf to protect its interest in Indian Energy, LLC.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: _______________**

**AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE LITIGATION AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribe's Chairman or the Tribe's General Counsel to enter into a cooperative litigation agreement with Earth Justice, the Native American Rights Fund and our sister tribes regarding the Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: ____________**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT UNLEASHING TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDED BY DOE INDIAN ENERGY AND POLICIES**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs has issued DE-FOA-0003548 - Unleashing Tribal Energy Development; and

WHEREAS, Topic Area 1 supports Tribal community energy deployment projects, including energy storage, delivery assets, infrastructure strengthening, resiliency enhancements, and improvements to lower or stabilize energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to construct the Sault Tribe Critical Facilities Battery Resilience, Solar Plant, and Energy Cost Stabilization Project, which will deploy battery energy storage systems, solar fields, and related electrical infrastructure at major Tribal facilities to support Tribal electric loads, stabilize energy costs, and improve resilience; and

WHEREAS, Cloverland Electric Cooperative is expected to support the project through utility coordination, interconnection support, dispatch/economic analysis, and a non-federal cost-share contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the project is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members and advances Tribal energy sovereignty, continuity of operations, and economic resilience.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Energy under DE-FOA-0003548, Unleashing Tribal Energy Development, Topic Area 1, for the project titled Sault Tribe Critical Facilities Battery Resilience, Solar Plant, and Energy Cost Stabilization Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Director of Strategic Planning is designated as the Business Contact for the grant and is authorized to act on behalf of the Tribe in connection with the application and award negotiations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Project Manager for the project will be defined after award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe commits to the proposed project and commits to providing the required cost share of up to $833,334, representing 10% of total proposed project costs of $8,333,334, regardless of the source of such cost share, recognizing that the Tribe is legally responsible for the full required cost share if an award is made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost share is expected to be provided as both in-kind project management and cash by Cloverland Electric Cooperative, as documented in participant letters of commitment. The business and economic model shall be further developed and evaluated to determine the long-term financial viability, operational impact, and overall feasibility of the project prior to proceeding with final grant submission. If the completed evaluation determines that the project is not financially or operationally viable, the grant application shall not be submitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project is under Tribal control and will be implemented at facilities owned or controlled by the Tribe or otherwise supported by land/building holder letters of commitment if required.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairperson, or authorized designee, is authorized to execute all documents, forms, certifications, assurances, amendments, and related materials necessary to submit the application, accept the award if selected, and carry out the project.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: ________________**

**FOLLOW THROUGH ON 33 YEAR PROMISE TO ESTABLISH A JOSEPH K LUMSDEN HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors surveyed Sault Tribe Members in 1992 and determined that Tribal Members desired to open and operate our own K-12 school system; and

WHEREAS, numerous polls and survey have been conducted over the last 33 years that confirm the Tribal members' desire to operate a K-12 education system; and

WHEREAS, the Fund Balance from accumulated interest and excess revenues over the years has reached an amount exceeding $2.5 million such that either internal financing or an outright capital outlay to build a JKL High School is feasible; and

WHEREAS, several Tribal Board members recently voted down a phase implementation to open a high school in a renovated Sault Tribe Building ~ which has to be renovated anyway ~ at an estimated amount of over $200,000 in lieu of a promise made publicly they would support the Construction of a high school to, "do it right"; and

WHEREAS, it is important for elected officials to keep their word in supporting the construction of a high school such that this resolution affords them the opportunity to make good on their word; and

WHEREAS, while the most recent election cycle just concluded, a new election cycle is always impending such that Sault Tribe voters can judge whether or not, we make good on our word to "do it right" and "build a high school".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby appropriates up to $1.5 Million from the JKL Fiduciary Fund Balance to fund the construction of a JKL Highschool; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a phase construction approach shall accommodate a Phase I to open a 9th grade high school beginning fall of 2027 with Phase II expanding to accommodate thereafter adding space for Grades 10, 11, and 12.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. __________________**

**AUTHORIZING HEALTH DIVISION ELIGIBILITY CHANGE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") wishes to expand the current Benefit and Eligibility Policy for the Health Division to expand eligibility of Health Services in our community to the general public, starting with the Marquette Health Center, in an effort to improve access to medical care and such expansion will not diminish services to the tribal community members.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the Health Division and Health CEO to implement the updated, and attached, Benefit and Eligibility policy for health services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board has determined, pursuant to Section 813 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), 25 U.S.C. §1680c(c)(2), that services to the general public will not results in the denial or diminution of services to eligible beneficiaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any services made available to the general public shall be made on a fee-for-service basis calculated in an amount not less than the actual costs of providing such service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any significant evidence is obtained that the provision of services to the general public will impact services to eligible beneficiaries, the Health CEO shall immediately present such evidence to the Board for them to make a full determination of the impact.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health CEO and the Health Division shall start the provision of services to the general public with the Marquette Health Center and shall present to the Board, within 90 days of enactment of this resolution, a plan to expand services to the general public throughout the tribe's seven-county service area.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution and policy change shall be effective immediately and that the Health CEO and the Health Division shall immediately make all procedural changes necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

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

We, the undersigned, as Chairman 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 __________________ 2026; 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.

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| Austin Lowes, Chairman<br>Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of<br>Chippewa Indians | Ashley Gravelle, Secretary<br>Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of<br>Chippewa Indians |

**RESOLUTION NO: _______________**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE/ACCEPT DONATION**
**LONE SUSAN ISLAND**

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, Lone Susan Island is located at 818 S. Lone Susan Island Rd in Cedarville, MI in Clark Township, Mackinac County, MI; and

WHEREAS, the current owners of Lone Susan Island would like to donate the land to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Tribe authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to negotiate and accept the donation on behalf of the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designees, to sign any and all documentation to complete the property donation.

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

We, the undersigned, as Chairman 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 _______________ 2026; 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.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

# July 21, 2026
# Sponsor's List

## RESOLUTIONS:

ACFS – Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) FY 2026 Budget Modification – Megan Miller
Natural Resources Division – Nunn's Creek Fisheries FY 2026 Budget Modification – Jack Tuomikoski
Natural Resources Division – NRCS Aquaculture Pond Improvement Project Establishment of FY 2026 Budget – Jack Tuomikoski
Language and Culture Division – Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC) Establishment of FY 2026 Budget – Cody Jodoin
Telecommunications Capital Expenditures FY 2026 Budget Modification - Nick Eitrem
Audit Committee: Appointment of Committee Members Appointment of Chairperson – Holly Haapala
Appointing Tax Commission Members – Holly Haapala
Health Division – Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Support 2 – 2026 Acceptance – James Benko
Residential Land Lease Modification Jackie and Theresa Germain – Helen Wilkins
Residential Land Lease – Cecilia Fox – Helen Wilkins
Residential Land Lease – Richard V. Willis IV – Helen Wilkins
Authorizing Litigation to Protect the Tribe's Interest – Ryan Mills
Authorizing Cooperative Litigation Agreement – Ryan Mills
Approval to Submit Unleashing Tribal Energy Development Grant Funded by DOE Indian Energy and Policies – Larry Jacques
Follow Through on 33 Year Promise to Establish a Joseph K Lumsden High School – Director Payment
Authorizing Health Division Eligibility Change – Director LaPlaunt
Authorization to Negotiate/Accept Donation Lone Susan Island – Chairman Lowes

## NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments/Resignation – Unit 5 Marquette Elder Committee, Election Commission
Board Concerns

# *MEMORANDUM*

**TO:** Board of Directors
**FROM:** Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
**DATE:** July 16, 2026
**RE:** Workshop Agenda for July 21, 2026

# AGENDA

10:00
Enterprise Authority Workshop (CLOSED)

11:45 (or upon conclusion of EA WS)
Enterprise Authority Meeting

**12:00 – 1:15**
**Lunch Break**

1:15
Khoury, Johnson, Leavitt Updates

2:00
Legal Update (CLOSED)

3:30
Agenda Review

**4:00**
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

**6:00**
**Community Meeting**