

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
August 5, 2025
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 7/15/25
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: GLRI 1836 Treaty Waters Commercial Sampling
GLRI Adaptive Management
Wild Rice Coordination/Waverly Env. Grant
Regional Tribal Transit Operations Manual
Vehicle Purchase for Rides to Wellness
LOH – Auth. Accept Bid/Contract UP Carpet Mart
LOH – Auth. Accept Bid/Contract Sailor Creek
Revising Code Chap. 11 Membership Ordinance
Amend By-Law of Spec. Needs Enrollment Com.
Appropriating Opioid Settlement Funds to Court
Award Rhyno Electric Utility Service Contract
Interim Appointment – NRD
Amending 2025-166 – Auth. Contract M&D GC
LATCF Fund to EDC for Sawyer Village Project
Amending EDC Sawyer Village Internal Financing
Adopting Chapter 93
Rescinding Resolution 2022-353
Amending Chapter 44 EA
Amending Chapter 14 EA
Amending Chapter 14 Spec. Mtg. KGA/EA
Amending Chapter 94 Operation of Authority
Amending 2025-167 – Negotiate/Hire GC
Out of State Tribal Board/Chairperson Travel
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Committee Appointments/Resignations
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION –
GLRI 1836 TREATY WATERS COMMERCIAL SAMPLING PROGRAM
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 GLRI 1836 Treaty Waters Commercial Sampling Program with Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$12,163.18. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION –
GLRI ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
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 GLRI Adaptive Management with Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$18,655.75. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION –
WILD RICE COORDINATION AND
WAVERLY ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2025 BUDGETS**

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 Wild Rice Coordination with Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$104,521.76. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER 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 Waverly Environmental Grant with Other Revenue monies of \$36,102.26. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT REGIONAL TRIBAL TRANSIT
PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANUAL**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 461 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Bylaws provide that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors is the governing body for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has identified that access to transportation services as important to the general health and welfare of the Members and the residents of the Reservation; and that the transportation system affecting the Reservation will be enhanced by adopting a comprehensive Transit Program Operations Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Department is authorized to plan, implement, and operate comprehensive, regional Tribal Transit Program with Rides to Wellness (R2W), Volunteer Driver, and Vanpool programming, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors through its authority desires to adopt and establish the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Regional Transit Program, Operations Manual; identified in Attachment "A" the Operations Manual.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the Regional Transit Program, Operations Manual; listed in Attachment "A" and 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 such agreements, documents, or instruments as may be required or to take any and all such action which may be necessary to implement the foregoing Regional Tribal Transit Program Operations Manual

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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.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR RIDES
TO WELLNESS**

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 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has identified public transportation services as a priority for membership and the region; and the Tribe has Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Tribal Transit Program funds available to purchase four (4) vehicles to implement the Transportation Rides to Wellness Program; and

WHEREAS, a formal Request for Proposals was published for thirty days, proposals were direct solicited and received to provide vehicles; and it has been determined that O’Connor’s Chrysler is the best qualified Proposer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors approves the selection of O’Connor’s Chrysler; and authorizes the Transportation Department to administer and facilitate the purchase of vehicles for the R2W Program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman or designee, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents resulting therefrom on a contract between the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and O’Connor’s Chrysler, to purchase four vehicles to implement a coordinated and regional transit system, and authorizes expenditures of \$212,180. from the FTA, Tribal Transit Program Fund, cost center 13021.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ACFS - LODGE OF HOPE (LOH) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT BID AND
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UPPER PENINSULA CARPET MART**

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

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP), project # 25-096, was issued by Sault Tribe Purchasing Department at the request of ACFS-Lodge of Hope for flooring replacement at the LOH; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Purchase Department with the concurrence of ACFS and Facilities approves awarding the flooring replacement to UP Carpet Mart up to \$64,932.31 out of Michigan Department of Health and Human Service funds to complete this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians authorizes the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee to execute any and all documents 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 Sailor Creek Contracting to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ACFS - LODGE OF HOPE (LOH) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT BID AND
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SAILOR CREEK CONTRACTING**

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

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP), project # 25-084, was issued by the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department at the request of ACFS-Lodge of Hope for roof replacement at the LOH; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, with the concurrence of ACFS and Facilities, approves awarding the roof replacement to Sailor Creek Contracting up to \$71,500.00 out of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services funds to complete this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians authorizes the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee to execute any and all documents 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 Sailor Creek Contracting to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

REVISING TRIBAL CODE CHAPTER 11 MEMBERSHIP ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors has created Tribal Code Chapter 11 Membership Ordinance, to carry out the authority granted the Board of Directors under Articles III of the Tribal Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that Chapter 11, Sections 11.103 should be amended to incorporate recent changes in committee structures and to provide clarity on how collateral descendants may be enrolled; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 11.103 currently reads as follows:

11.103 Enrollment Committee.

(1) There shall be established a Special Needs/Enrollment Committee, which shall be composed of the Tribal Registrar as ex-officio, twelve members appointed by the Board of Directors, and the Enrollment staff acting as Recording Secretary. District one (1) shall have five representatives, district two (2) shall have two representatives, district three (3) shall have two representatives, district four (4) shall have two representatives, and district five (5) shall have one representative. In the event that no interested parties are available, members will be appointed at large.

The Tribal Registrar shall be a member of the Tribe, appointed by the Board of Directors. All other Committee persons shall be Tribal members. The members of the Special Needs/Enrollment Committee may be removed by the Board of Directors for good cause.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Chapter 11 Membership Ordinance as follows:

11.103 Special Needs/Enrollment Committee.

(1) There shall be established a Special Needs/Enrollment Committee, which shall be composed of the Tribal Registrar as ex-officio, seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Directors, and the Enrollment Staff acting as Recording Secretary. There shall be an effort to have at least one representative from each of the Tribes five (5) Units and at least one representative from outside the five (5) Units. If it is not possible to secure representation from each unit and/or from outside the five (5) Units then the Committee will be established with qualified individuals as necessary pursuant to current policy and procedure.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above changes shall be effective immediately.

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 _____ 2025; 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.

Austin Lowes, Chairman
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AMENDING BY-LAWS OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS ENROLLMENT
COMMITTEE**

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 Board of Directors has determined pursuant to Tribal Resolution 2024-225 to open up committee appointments to allow for membership participation regardless of where the member resides; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Committee has updated their bylaws to be in conformance with Tribal Resolution 2024-225, to amend the terms of appointment to four years to be in conformance with other committee appointments and to include stronger confidentiality language to better protect tribal member data.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the amendments to the Special Needs Enrollment Committee Bylaws as presented and attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above changes shall be effective immediately.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

APPROPRIATING OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO TRIBAL COURT

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe on Chippewa Indians (the “Tribe”) is organized under the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians received Opioid Settlement Funds aimed at addressing the significant impact the opioid crisis has had on tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Court operates a treatment court, to wit: Gwaiak Miicon Drug Court, and a specialty court, to wit: Domestic Violence Court, and employs a Specialty Court Coordinator to oversee said Court’s dockets and programming; and

WHEREAS, Opioid Settlement Funds are allowable for use in specialty courts which encompass a range of programs, services and expenditures designed to address the abuse of opioid products, treatment and prevention of opioid use disorder and harm reduction, using evidence-based practices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians appropriates \$500,000 of the Opioid Settlement Funds to the Tribal Court (cc #385) for use in its continued operation of Gwaiak Miicon, Domestic Violence Court and employment of a Specialty Court Coordinator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee to execute any and all documents as may be necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AWARD RHYNO ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE UPGRADE
CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewas Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization act of 1934.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby desires to approve the electrical utility service upgrade contract with Rhyno Electric for the electrical upgrades for the Sault Tribe Sugar Island Pow Wow Grounds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the contract with Rhyno Electric for the total sum of \$130,000.00 not to exceed \$150,000.00; and

BE IT FINALLY 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.

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 _____ 2024; 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.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**INTERIM APPOINTMENT FOR
NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the appointment of Danielle Fegan as the Interim Natural Resources Director for a period not to exceed six months with compensation pursuant to the Tribe's Interim Appointment Policy.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-1677 – AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER
INTO A CONTRACT WITH M&D GENERAL CONTRACTOR**

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, a Request for Proposal (RFP), project # 25-045, was issued by the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department at the request of the EDC – Sawyer Village for General Contractor to renovate 42 homes in Gwinn, MI; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, with the concurrence of the EDC, Sawyer Village staff, and Legal, recommends awarding the contract to M&D General Contractor; and

WHEREAS, the original contract award approved under Resolution 2025-166 listed the project cost as \$2,182,496; however, the correct total bid amount submitted by M&D Contractor was \$2,899,596; and

WHEREAS, M&D General Contractor has provided a 15% discount on the \$717,100 difference, totaling \$107,565, reducing the final contract amount to \$2,792,031; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project will be provided as follows:

- \$1,700,000 from an internal financing note with the Sault Tribe Housing Authority,
- \$418,311.42 from LATCF, including \$400,000 reallocated from Resolution 2024-408 (originally designated for Solar Development) and \$18,311.42 from unallocated LATCF funds,
- \$673,719.58 from the Sawyer Village Account Balance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2025-166 in its entirety, and approves entering into a contract with M&D General Contractor for the Sawyer Village General Contractor Project #25-045 with the corrected amount of \$2,792,031.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that execution of this resolution and associated contract shall be contingent upon approval and execution of the \$1,700,000 internal financing note by the Sault Tribe Housing Authority (STHA). No contract or funding commitments shall be valid or binding until the financing note has been formally approved by STHA.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to execute any and all documents as may

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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.

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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**LATCF FUND APPROPRIATION TO SAULT TRIBE EDC FOR
SAWYER VILLAGE HOUSING PROJECT**

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, under Resolution 2024-408, the Tribe previously allocated \$400,000 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) for a Solar Development Project; and

WHEREAS, due to recent changes in federal tax credit structures, the Solar Development Project has been delayed and is no longer considered an immediate funding priority; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is managing the Sawyer Village General Contractor Project #25-045, which includes the renovation of 42 housing units in Gwinn, Michigan, and presents a more urgent need for investment; and

WHEREAS, following a correction in the contractor's bid amount and a negotiated discount, the total LATCF contribution of \$418,311.42 will be used to partially subsidize the updated contract cost for M&D General Contractor; and

WHEREAS, this LATCF contribution includes:

- \$400,000 reallocated from the Solar Development Project
- \$18,311.42 from the Tribe's unallocated LATCF balance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2024-408 in its entirety, and authorizes the reallocation of the \$400,000 originally approved therein to support the Sawyer Village General Contractor Project #25-045.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the allocation of \$18,311.42 from the Tribe's unallocated LATCF funds to further support the same project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the combined LATCF amount of \$418,311.42 will be used to support and subsidize the revised contract award amount for Project #25-045, and that the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

AMENDING EDC – SAWYER VILLAGE INTERNAL FINANCING

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, Sawyer Village is currently in the process of renovating 42 homes located in Gwinn, Michigan 49841; and

WHEREAS, to ensure successful completion of the renovations by the summer of 2026, internal financing is required to support the construction contract awarded for the project; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2025-159 previously authorized internal financing in the amount of \$1,500,000, but due to a correction in the contractor's bid and revised project funding needs, the total amount of internal financing must be increased to \$1,700,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors rescinds Resolution 2025-159 in its entirety, and authorizes Sawyer Village to enter into a Ten-year note with the STHA in the amount of \$1,700,000, at the annual interest rate of 5%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the execution of this resolution and the associated financing agreement shall be contingent upon formal approval and acceptance of the \$1,700,000 note by the STHA Commission. No funding shall be valid or binding until such approval is secured.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Government CFO and the CEO of Enterprise Operations, in conjunction with the authorized representative of the STHA, to execute any loan documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Government CFO and the CEO of Enterprise Operations to execute any necessary budget modifications administratively to implement this financing agreement.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ADOPTING TRIBAL CODE CHAPTER 93: SAULT TRIBE ENTERPRISE
AUTHORITY CHARTER**

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 would like to establish an Enterprise Authority to oversee the operations of all non-gaming business ventures, and

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Authority would operate similarly to the Gaming Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby adopts Tribal Code Chapter 93: Sault Tribe Enterprise Authority Charter to take effect immediately.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, all resolutions involving non-gaming businesses shall be approved by the Enterprise Authority.

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 _____ 2025; 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.

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

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2022-353

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, Resolution 2022-353 adopted Tribal Code Chapter 102: Non-Profit Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted Tribal Code Chapter 93: Sault Tribe Enterprise Authority Charter; and

WHEREAS, if there is a wish to eventually form corporate entities under Tribal Code that can be developed under the newly adopted Enterprise Authority.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby rescinds Resolution 2022-353.

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

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

AMENDING CHAPTER 44: ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 14: Waiver of Tribal Immunities and Jurisdiction in Commercial Transactions as follows:

Replace all mentions of Economic Development Commission with Enterprise Authority.

Replace all mentions of Chapter 40 with Chapter 93.

Replace all mentions of Economic Development Commission Charter with Sault Tribe Enterprise Authority Charter.

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Chippewa Indians

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

AMENDING CHAPTER 14: ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 14: Rules of Parliamentary Procedure Ordinance Act as follows:

Replace all mentions of Economic Development Commission with Enterprise Authority.

Replace all mentions of Chapter 40 with Chapter 93.

Replace all mentions of Economic Development Commission Charter with Sault Tribe Enterprise Authority Charter.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AMENDING CHAPTER 14: SPECIAL MEETINGS KGA AND EA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 14: Rules of Parliamentary Procedure Ordinance Act as follows:

14.106 Agenda.

(1) Notice of Meetings. The administrative secretary of the Board of Directors shall give all Board members written notice of all Regular Meetings at least five (5) calendar days in advance of such meetings. The administrative secretary shall give all Board members written notice of all Special Meetings at least five (5) calendar days in advance of such meetings. The administrative secretary shall give all Board members written notice of all Board Workshops at least five (5) calendar days in advance of such Workshop. **Special Meetings of the Gaming Authority or the Enterprise Authority shall be able to be called with at least twenty-four (24) hours' notices to all members serving on the authority or during any duly called meeting of the Board of Directors.**

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AMENDING CHAPTER 94: OPERATION OF AUTHORITY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 94: Gaming Authority Charter as follows:

94.109 Operation of Authority.

(1) The Authority shall conduct its business in accordance with Tribal Code Chapter 14: Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AMENDING 2025-167
NEGOTIATE AND HIRE GENERAL COUNSEL CANDIDATE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the HR Director to negotiate an offer and hire the General Counsel with the newly negotiated conditions within the parameters discussed at the workshop.

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

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

OUT OF STATE TRIBAL BOARD AND CHAIRPERSON TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors (Board) has determined that it is facing serious budget shortfalls beyond FY2025 and that steps need be taken to ensure that Tribal Support is being directed to essential functions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it would be prudent to reevaluate what upcoming travel arrangements for the Board of Directors and the Tribal Chair are essential and what are non-essential.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that out of State Tribal Board and Chairperson travel (airfare, mileage) must be specifically approved (via line item) by the Tribal Board of Directors in advance at a duly called meeting, during annual appropriations or via a Tribal Board consensus and subsequently approved at a duly called Tribal Board meeting. Any travel expenses incurred outside of the process are subject to billing, collections, and payroll deduction.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

August 5, 2025

Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

Natural Resources Division – GLRI 1836 Treaty Waters Commercial Sampling Program
Establishment of FY 2025 Budget – Jack Tuomikoski/Brandi MacArthur
Natural Resources Division – GLRI Adaptive Management Establishment of FY 2025 Budget – Jack Tuomikoski/Brandi MacArthur
Natural Resources Division – Wild Rice Coordination and Waverly Environmental Grant
Establishment of FY 2025 Budgets – Eric Clark
Transportation Department Regional Tribal Transit Program Operations Manual – Wendy Hoffman
Transportation Department Vehicle Purchase for Rides to Wellness – Wendy Hoffman
ACFS – Lodge of Hope (LOH) Authorization to Accept Bid and Enter into a Contract with Upper Peninsula Carpet Mart – Megan Miller/Juanita Bye
ACFS – Lodge of Hope (LOH) Authorization to Accept Bid and Enter into a Contract with Sailor Creek Contracting – Megan Miller/Juanita Bye
Revising Tribal Code Chapter 11 Membership Ordinance – Ryan Mills/Julie Salo
Amending By-Law of the Special Needs Enrollment Committee – Ryan Mills/Julie Salo
Appropriating Opioid Settlement Funds to Tribal Court – Traci Swan
Award Rhyno Electric Utility Service Upgrade Contract – Andrew Lane
Interim Appointment for Natural Resources Division – Jessica Dumback
Amending Resolution 2025-166 – Authorization to Enter into a Contract with M&D General Contractor – Helen Wilkins
LATCF Fund Appropriation to Sault Tribe EDC for Sawyer Village Housing Project – Helen Wilkins
Amending EDC – Sawyer Village Internal Financing – Helen Wilkins
Adopting Tribal Code Chapter 93: Sault Tribe Enterprise Authority Charter – Josh Elliott/Dan Doyle
Rescinding Resolution 2022-353 – Josh Elliott
Amending Chapter 44: Enterprise Authority – Josh Elliott
Amending Chapter 14: Enterprise Authority – Josh Elliott
Amending Chapter 14: Special Meetings KGA and EA – Josh Elliott
Amending Chapter 94: Operation of Authority – Josh Elliott
Amending 2025-167 – Negotiate and Hire General Counsel Candidate – Chairman Lowes
Out of State Tribal Board and Chairperson Travel – Director Borowicz

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments/Resignations – Unit 5 Munising Elder Subcommittee, Unit 2 Hessel Elder Subcommittee, Unit 4 Manistique Elder Subcommittee
Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: July 31, 2025
RE: Workshop Agenda for August 5, 2025

AGENDA

10:00

CIO Introduction – William Travitz (CLOSED)

10:30

Legal Update (CLOSED)

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch Break

1:00

Priority Changes to Chapter 10 – Election Commission

3:00

Agenda Review

5:00

Board of Directors Regular Meeting