

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

**February 17, 2026**

**5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 2/3/26
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: Natural Resources Building FY26 Budget Mod  
NRD Application 2026 Small Grants Program  
MOA with Consolidated Community Schools  
Approving JKL PSA School Compensation Plan  
Partial Waiver - Rickley  
Approving Contract Sonosky  
Approving Contract Cedar Rock Alliance  
Approving Contract Khoury Johnson Leavitt  
Approving Contract Michelle Castagne  
Rescind Res. 2025-268/Auth Land Lease – Lackey  
Residential Land Lease John James McClellan  
Limited Partnership LIH Tax Credit Program  
Housing Authority ARPA Affordable Units  
Health Property Acquisition Negotiation  
Health Tribal Opioid Settlement Fund  
Amending Chapter 82 Appeals  
Final Resolution Assignment to KGA  
Tribal Court Standing for Tribal Citizens
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Commercial Captain License Transfers  
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**INTERNAL SERVICES –NATURAL RESOURCES BUILDING  
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 Natural Resources Building for an increase in Other Revenue of \$70,985.52 and the use of Fund Balance of \$116,980.00.

**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members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NRD APPLICATION TO 2026 WNS SMALL GRANTS 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 Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is responsible for supporting Sault Tribe stewardship of 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory lands, waters, and non-human relatives; and

WHEREAS, bats play a critical ecological and cultural role by contributing to insect control, pollination, and seed dispersal, yet many species are experiencing severe population declines due to habitat loss, climate change, and the spread of disease, including White-nose syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe seeks to enhance its Tribal capacity for wildlife conservation through safe and legal bat handling, research, and monitoring efforts that support the protection of at-risk and threatened bat species; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks funding from the Wildlife Management Institute (WMI) 2026 White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) Small Grants Program to support training and purchase of monitoring supplies and equipment necessary to implement a baseline bat conservation initiative, consistent with applicable wildlife laws and Tribal stewardship responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, this resolution supports the Tribe's broader conservation goals and reaffirms its commitment to protecting culturally and ecologically significant species within the 1836 Ceded Territory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the submission of a grant proposal to WMI for up to \$15,000 to enhance Tribal capacity in wildlife conservation through safe and effective bat monitoring and conservation activities.

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.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SERVICES (CCSS)**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and encourages and supports the educational opportunities for its membership; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians believes that learning is a lifelong process that should be available to all of its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the 2025 -2026 agreement between Consolidated Community Schools Services and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Consolidated Schools will reimburse the Tribe in the amount of \$47,476.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe agrees to meet or exceed all rules and regulations regarding certification and class curriculum in the operation of a state adult education program, and that the Tribe will absorb such expenses as teacher wages, space cost, and other associated administrative costs.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPROVING JKL PSA SCHOOL COMPENSATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Sault 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 committed to supporting JKL PSA School and them being able to retain and recruit staff; and

WHEREAS, at the JKL Fiduciary Committee meeting on February 10, 2026, the committee approved the Gold Plan Compensation Plan presented by JKL PSA Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the JKL PSA School Compensation Gold Plan, committing \$1,018,212 of Bureau of Indian Education’s ISEP, Title I, IDEA and Facilities Operating Funds to take effect at the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Accounting Department and Education Department are to prepare the 2026-2027 JKLFC Budget to incorporate the JKL PSA Compensation Gold Plan.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PARTIAL WAIVER OF CONVICTIONS FOR  
MS. ALYSSA RICKLEY**

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. 467 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has enacted Tribal Code Chapter 76: Partial Waiver of Conviction for Gaming License Purpose that allows for a partial waiver of conviction be issued to tribal members who have been convicted of a crime and would be denied a license for employment in a gaming operation pursuant to Chapter 42; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alyssa Rickley, a tribal member who was convicted of:

Operating While Intoxicated  
Attempted Assault on a Police Officer

WHEREAS, Ms. Alyssa Rickley, would be denied a license for employment as a key employee or primary management official because of the criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that Ms. Alyssa Rickley is not likely to engage in any offensive or criminal course of conduct and the public good does not require that he be denied a license as a key employee or primary management official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Ms. Alyssa Rickley.

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

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Austin Lowes, Chairperson  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPROVING CONTRACT SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE,  
ENDRESON & PERRY, LLP**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP, ending December 31, 2026, at the annual fee of \$99,000, for the purpose of providing consulting services to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPROVING CONTRACT CEDAR ROCK ALLIANCE/ELIZABETH  
MOLLE-CARR**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Cedar Rock Alliance/Elizabeth Molle-Carr, ending December 31, 2026, at the annual fee of \$25,000, for the purpose of providing Federal Policy Analyst Services to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPROVING CONTRACT KHOURY JOHNSON LEAVITT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Khoury Johnson Leavitt, ending December 31, 2026, at the annual fee of \$99,000, for the purpose of providing consulting services to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPROVING CONTRACT MICHELLE CASTAGNE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Michelle Castagne, ending December 31, 2026, at the annual fee of \$25,000, for the purpose of providing Federal Policy Analyst Services to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE REQUEST AND RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION**

**2025-268**

**MICHELLE LACKEY AND JOHN LACKEY**

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, Resolution 2025-268 authorized a prior Residential Land Lease request for a different property; and

WHEREAS, Helen Wilkins, Director of Commercial Real Estate, requests rescission of Resolution 2025-268 and approval of the attached Residential Land Lease request.

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 Michelle Lackey and John Lackey, the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan  
Sec. 29 & S. ½ Sec. 20, T 45 N, R 1 W (0.23 acres, more or less)  
Lots 834 and 835 Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FURTHER 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.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors rescinds Resolution 2025-268.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE – JOHN JAMES MCCLELLAN**

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

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 Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to John James McClellan, a single man, the land being described as:

A parcel of land located in the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Soo Township, Chippewa County, Michigan being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the South  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner of Section 20, Town 47 North, Range 1 East; thence North  $88^{\circ} 23' 23''$  West, along the South line of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 20, a distance of 1267.98 feet to the Easterly right-of-way of Seymour Road; thence North  $2^{\circ} 04' 04''$  East, along said Easterly right-of-way, 545.86 feet to the Point of Beginning of the herein described parcel; thence continuing North  $2^{\circ} 04' 04''$  East, along said Easterly right-of-way, 150.00 feet; thence South  $87^{\circ} 55' 56''$  East, 290.40 feet; thence South  $2^{\circ} 04' 04''$  West, 150.00 feet; thence North  $87^{\circ} 55' 56''$  West, 290.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.00 acres of land more or less.

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: \_\_\_\_\_**

**AUTHORIZATION TO FORM A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR LOW  
INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT 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 Sault Tribe Housing Authority (“Housing Authority”) is organized and designated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors as the Tribe’s Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) pursuant to NAHASDA; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority is responsible for the development, ownership, and operation of affordable housing for eligible households, including housing with supportive services; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority proposes to develop a supportive housing rental development (the “Project”) to address critical housing needs within the Tribe’s service area; and

WHEREAS, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program, administered by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), provides a significant source of equity financing for affordable rental housing developments; and

WHEREAS, participation in the LIHTC Program requires the creation of a limited partnership ownership structure to allow for the admission of a tax credit investor and the allocation of tax credits; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority desires to form, or cause to be formed, a single-purpose limited partnership in which the Housing Authority, or a tribally controlled affiliate, will serve as the General Partner, for the purpose of applying for LIHTC and developing the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby:

1. Authorizes the formation of a limited partnership or similar single-purpose entity to develop, own, and operate the proposed supportive housing development and to apply for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.
2. Authorizes the Housing Authority, or a wholly owned or tribally controlled affiliate, to serve as the General Partner of the limited partnership.

3. Authorizes the submission of an application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to MSHDA, including any amendments or supplemental materials required.
4. Authorizes the Chairperson, Housing Director\Interim Housing Director, or other designated officers of the Housing Authority to execute all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, including but not limited to partnership agreements, LIHTC application materials, and related development and financing documents.
5. Authorizes all other actions necessary to implement this resolution and move the Project forward in compliance with tribal, federal, and state requirements.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**APPROVING SAULT TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO MANAGE AND  
OPERATE ARPA AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS**

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 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians received Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) as part of the American Rescue Plan to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and allocated funds toward affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Sault Tribe Housing Authority entered an interagency agreement with the Tribe to build affordable housing in Unit 2 and Unit 5, develop infrastructure for future housing in Unit 3, and manage Odenaang Homes Tribal Enterprise in which 20 modulars were set for homeownership housing opportunities for members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians authorize the Sault Tribe Housing Authority to manage and operate all affordable housing units constructed with ARPA Affordable housing funds including any future housing constructed on land developed with ARPA funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all units constructed and land developed under the interagency agreements approved under resolution 2024-169 and Odenaang Homes Tribal Enterprise approved under resolution 2023-119 will be placed under Sault Tribe Housing Authority and recognized as assets of the Authority.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**HEALTH DIVISION – AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE  
PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe Health Division CEO or his designee, to negotiate the purchase of the properties TIN: 051-048-053-00 & TIN: 051-048-053-60, not to exceed the agreed upon terms as reflected in the attached RIS approved by the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairperson or his designee, to sign any and all documents, to complete the purchase of the property using funds determined by the Health Division CEO.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**HEALTH DIVISION – TRIBAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND**

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 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has provided a funding opportunity through the Tribal Opioid State Funds (TOSF); and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Health Division will utilize the funds to reduce barriers related to opioid and substance use recovery through various types of services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Health Division's acceptance for the TOSF Funds in the amount of \$538,461.

BE IT FURTHER 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. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 82: APPEALS**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors has created Tribal Code Chapter 82 Appeals, to define the authority is granted to the Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that the language in Chapter 82, should be amended to provide further clarification on what the Court of Appeals powers are, including but not limited to:

1. Timelines on Issuances of Opinions and Orders;
2. Prohibition on Ex Parte Communication;
3. Clarification on Sua Sponte power;
4. Prohibition on hearing testimony at the Appellate level;
5. Recusal of Judges for conflicts;
6. Clarification on the Chief Judge's power;
7. Better defining what a Final Judgement is for appeal purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the attached proposed amendments to Tribal Code Chapter 82: Appeals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER THIRD AMENDED AND  
RESTATED ONLINE GAMING AND SPORTS BETTING  
AGREEMENT TO KEWADIN CASINOS GAMING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) Board of Directors (“Board”) has applied to the Michigan Gaming Control Board (“MGCB”) to move the Internet Gaming Operator License and Sports Betting Operator License (“Licenses”) from the Tribe to the Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority (“Authority”); and

WHEREAS, to finalize the transfer of the Licenses to the Authority, the Tribe must assign all of its rights, obligations, title, and interest under the Third Amended and Restated Online Gaming and Sports Betting Agreement (as amended, the “Agreement”) to the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and approves the assignment of all of its rights, obligations, title, and interest under the Agreement to the Authority pursuant to the Assignment of Rights Under Third Amended and Restated Online Gaming and Sports Betting Agreement (“Assignment Agreement”).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this assignment pursuant to the Assignment Agreement is effective immediately upon the Authority accepting such pursuant to a resolution adopted at a duly called Authority meeting.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**GUARANTEEING SAULT TRIBE CITIZEN HAS THE RIGHTS TO DUE  
PROCESS AND STANDING IN TRIBAL COURT TO UPHOLD THEIR  
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNTIL A THREE BRANCH SEPARATION OF  
POWERS IS ESTABLISHED**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Constitution and Bylaws, currently acknowledges and honors U.S. constitutional rights afforded to all members of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Constitution and Bylaws also acknowledges and honors the Indian Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists no constitutionally protected due process rights nor standing for individual tribal citizens under the tribe's current and deficient one branch government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby acknowledges, honors, and guarantees the rights of Sault Ste. Marie tribal citizens due process, and standing in tribal court to uphold the U.S. constitutional rights to the first amendment, the right to run and serve in elective office, and any other U.S. and Sault Tribe constitutional rights therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no tribal board of directors ~ past, present, and future ~ has the authority to abridge the aforementioned U.S. constitutional rights nor American Indian civil rights, nor existing rights as established in this tribe of Chippewa Indians, including the U.S. first amendment constitutional right and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe constitutional right to seek and hold office.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that any abridge of said rights of the aforementioned above, are reaffirmed as removable offenses from office with due process afforded to Sault Tribe citizens and standing in tribal court, with a waiver of sovereign immunity for tribal members to sue to protect against violation of said rights.

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

## Sponsor's List

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NRD Application to 2026 WNS Small Grants Program – Katie Shultz, Brandi MacArthur  
Memorandum of Agreement with Consolidated Community Schools Services (CCSS) –  
Stephanie Sprecker  
Approving JKL PSA School Compensation Plan - Stephanie Sprecker  
Partial Waiver of Convictions for MS. Alyssa Rickley – Cassandra Ivonen  
Approving Contract Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP – Mike McCoy  
Approving Contract Cedar Rock Alliance/Elizabeth Molle-Carr – Mike McCoy  
Approving Contact Khoury Johnson Leavitt – Mike McCoy  
Approving Contract Michelle Castagne - Mike McCoy  
Residential Land Lease Request and Rescission of Resolution 2025-268 Michelle Lackey and  
John Lackey – Helen Wilkins  
Lease of Tribal Trust Land – John James McClellan – Mariea Mongene  
Authorization to form a Limited Partnership for Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program –  
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Approving Sault Tribe Housing Authority to Manage and Operate ARPA Affordable Housing  
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Uphold their Constitutional Rights Until a Three Branch Separation of Powers is Established –  
Director Payment

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Transfer of Grandfathered Captain Licenses (2)  
Board Concerns

# ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** **Board of Directors**  
**FROM:** **Lona Stewart, Board Administrator**  
**DATE:** **February 12, 2026**  
**RE:** **Workshop Agenda for February 17, 2026**

## **AGENDA**

10:00  
Enterprise Authority Workshop (CLOSED)

11:30 (or upon completion of EA WS)  
Enterprise Authority Meeting

**12:00 – 1:00**  
**Lunch Break**

1:00  
MOA Discussion - Legal (CLOSED)

1:30  
ERP Replacement System (CLOSED)

2:00  
Government HR – Emergency Conditions Policy

2:30  
Lansing Cultural Event / Board Meeting Update

3:00  
Chapter 82 Proposed Amendments

4:00  
Agenda Review

**5:00**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**