

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

March 3, 2026

5:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 2/17/26
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: ACFS USDA Establish FY26 Budget
Health – ARPA Maintenance FY26 Budget Mods
Health – Emergency Prep FY26 Budget Mods
Health – Admin FY26 Budget Mods
FY26 Budget Document 002 (Schedule B Budgets)
FY26 Budget Document 003 (Schedule C Budgets)
FY26 Governmental Capital Expenditures
CFR Gov. FY26 Schedule B (No Health Division)
CFR Gov. FY26 Schedule C Budgets (Jan to Dec)
CFR FY27 April to March
NRD Climate Solutions Program
Residential Land Lease Cancellation – Rittenhouse
Residential Land Lease – Joshua French
Authorizing Amicus Brief in Treaty Fishing Case
Rescind Reso. 2024-54 Waiver American Wagering
Protecting Tribal Artisans from AI
Approval for Snowmobile Trail on Keldon Property
Hotel Tax Revenue to Tribal Land Claims/Culture
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Committee Appointments/Resignations
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ACFS DIVISION – USDA
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 USDA with Federal USDA Revenue of \$20,000.00. 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: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – ARPA MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS
AND COVID SERVICES/PRC
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 ARPA Maintenance & Improvements for a reallocation of expenses to purchase property.

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 COVID Services/PRC for a reallocation of expenses to renovate the newly purchased property.

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: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND
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 Emergency Preparedness for an increase in State of Michigan Revenue of \$196,018.00 and a decrease in the transfer in of funds from Third Party Revenue \$55,879.05.

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 decrease the transfer out of funds to Emergency Preparedness by \$55,879.05.

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
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – ADMINISTRATION AND
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 Health Center Administration a decrease in the transfer in of funds from Third Party Revenue \$118,796.48.

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 decrease the transfer out of funds to Health Center Administration by \$118,796.48.

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: _____

**FY 2026 BUDGET DOCUMENT 002
(SCHEDULE B BUDGETS)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 Budget Document 002 totaling \$11,949,456, of which \$517,505 comes from Tribal Support.

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: _____

**FY 2026 BUDGET DOCUMENT 003
(SCHEDULE C BUDGETS)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 Budget Document 003 totaling \$98,196,968, of which \$19,590,711 comes from Tribal Support.

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: _____

FY 2026 GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 Governmental Capital Expenditure budget for a total of \$2,001,284, of which \$1,008,284 will come from Tribal Support.

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: _____

**CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY – GOVERNMENTAL
FY 2026 SCHEDULE B BUDGETS (NO HEALTH DIVISION)**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) 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 and tribal staff have not completed the process of reviewing budgets for their respective budget year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the attached cost center list, with fiscal year of September to August and October to September, for budget year 2026 is still under review; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wants to ensure that services are not left unfunded for a period between expiration of the fiscal year 2025 budgets and approval of the fiscal year 2026 budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost center list for fiscal year 2026, at their 2025 spending levels, for a period not to exceed May 31, 2026.

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: _____

**CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY – GOVERNMENTAL FY 2026
SCHEDULE C BUDGETS (JANUARY TO DECEMBER)**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) 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 and tribal staff have not completed the process of reviewing budgets for their respective budget year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the attached cost center list, with fiscal year of January to December, for budget year 2026 is still under review and will not be completed until after the fiscal year start date of January; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wants to ensure that services are not left unfunded for a period between expiration of the fiscal year 2025 budgets and approval of the fiscal year 2026 budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost centers for fiscal year 2026, at their 2025 spending levels, for a period not to exceed May 31, 2026.

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: _____

**CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 APRIL TO MARCH**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) 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 and tribal staff have not completed the process of reviewing budgets for their respective budget year 2027; and

WHEREAS, the below cost centers, with fiscal year of April to March, for budget year 2027 are still under review and will not be completed until after the fiscal year start date of April; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wants to ensure that services are not left unfunded for a period between expiration of the fiscal year 2026 budgets and approval of the fiscal year 2027 budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the below cost centers for fiscal year 2027, at their 2026 spending levels, for a period not to exceed June 30, 2026:

2721 NSIP Grant	2724 Title VI	2651 SYEP Administration
2671 SYEP	2920 Jr. Police Academy	11669 Boreal Forest

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

NRD APPLICATION TO ACCELERATING NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS 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, the Tribe seeks funding from the Allen Family Philanthropies (AFP) 2026 Accelerating Natural Climate Solutions in the United States Program to strengthen Sault Tribe leadership in natural resources decision processes across federal, state, and tribal agencies and to collaboratively advance implementation of rigorous Natural Climate Solutions that support ecological resilience and climate mitigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Natural Resources Division to submit a funding proposal to AFP for up to \$1,000,000 to enhance Tribal stewardship across the 1836 Ceded Territory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to execute all documents, contracts, and subcontracts 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: _____

RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE CANCELLATION – RITTENHOUSE

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, Jennifer Obreiter, Personal Representative, of the deceased Worley Earl Rittenhouse, has requested that Lease No. 469-2000540252 be canceled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes its Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to execute this lease cancellation, and the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan
Part of Sec. 29 & S. ½ Sec. 20, T 45 N, R 1 W (0.2291 acres, more or less)
Lots 497 and 498 Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to cancel Lease No. Lease No:469-2000540252, along with any Modifications or Assignments pursuant to applicable law and regulations.

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: _____

RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE - JOSHUA FRENCH

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, Helen Wilkins, Director of Commercial Real Estate, requests approval of the Residential Land Lease request of Joshua French.

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 Joshua French, the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan
Part of Sec. 29 & S. ½ Sec. 20, T 45 N, R 1 W (0.2291 acres, more or less)
Lots 497 and 498 Cedar Grove Estates III

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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AUTHORIZING AMICUS BRIEF IN TREATY FISHING CASE

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, pursuant to Article VII, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Tribe, the Board of Directors (“Board”) has the power to employ legal counsel to represent the Tribe in the *US v. MI* federal treaty fishing case; and

WHEREAS, the current case of *People of the State of Michigan v. Walter Joseph Caswell*, pending appeal in the State of Michigan Supreme Court involves the scope of the 1836 Treaty and the Tribe’s right as a signatory; and

WHEREAS, the Board is of the opinion that filing an amicus brief in this case will serve to defend the Tribe’s Treaty rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorize and direct the drafting and filing of an amicus brief on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in the matter of the *People of the State of Michigan v. Walter Joseph Caswell*.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and approves the Chairperson, or his designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESCIND RESOLUTION 2024-54 WAIVER FOR AMERICAN
WAGERING, INC.**

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 waived its Sovereign Immunity from suit for American Wagering Inc to enter into the Online Gaming and Sports betting Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Online Gaming License is being transferred to the Kewadin Casinos Gaming Authority name and they have approved their own waiver of Sovereign Immunity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Government’s waiver is no longer necessary and can be rescinded in full.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Tribal Resolution 2024-54 Authorization & Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction for Third Amended and Restated Online Gaming and Sportsbetting Agreement & Assignment and Consent Agreement with American Wagering, Inc.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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: _____

PROTECTING TRIBAL ARTISANS FROM ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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’s Citizens are afforded some protections under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 for artistic or craft work they produce; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe believes that the proliferation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to mimic and recreate the hard work of Tribal Member Artisans is a threat to both the tribal culture and the livelihood of tribal artisans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to prohibit the use of AI in official advertisements, flyers, social media posts, videos or other similar media by the Tribal Government that would mimic or recreate the work of a tribal member artisan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby prohibits the use of AI in official Tribal Government communications and outreach to include but not be limited to official advertisements, flyers, social media posts, videos or other similar media.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby prohibits the Board of Directors members to use of AI in any official communications and outreach, on behalf of the Tribal Government, to include but not be limited to official advertisements, flyers, social media posts, videos or other similar media.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs the Tribal Legal Department to bring forth proposed code changes to codify AI protections for Sault Tribe artisans.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

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

SEEKING APPROVAL FOR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL ON THE KELDON PROPERTY

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 owns the Keldon Property, which is held in trust by the BIA; and

WHEREAS, both the trust application and Notice of Decision state that the Keldon Property will be utilized as a mitigation site for wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club is requesting to run a snowmobile trail through a portion of the Keldon Property; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe would like to work with the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club to get the snowmobile trail in place, which would result in more access to local businesses by snowmobilers in the winter months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Director of Commercial Real Estate and Property Management to work with both the BIA and Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club on behalf of the Tribe to get any necessary right-of-way or easement in place for a snowmobile trail on the Keldon Property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and Tribal Treasurer to execute any and all documents that may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF HOTEL TAX REVENUE TO THE TRIBAL LANDS CLAIM FUND AND TO CULTURAL EDUCATION & ENHANCEMENT PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with the inherent authority to enact laws, adopt budgets, and allocate tribal revenues for governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe collects hotel use tax revenue pursuant to applicable tribal law and policy; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a continuing responsibility to protect and advance the Tribe's long-term interests through strategic land claim efforts and related initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Culture Department provides essential educational and cultural programming that strengthens Tribal identity, language, heritage, and community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds it is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members to dedicate a defined portion of hotel use tax revenue to support; (1) the Tribal Lands Claim Fund and (2) cultural and educational enhancement activities administered by the Culture Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that beginning [effective date], hotel use tax revenue collected by the Tribe shall be allocated as follows:

1. Three percent (3.0%) of hotel tax revenue collected shall be deposited into the Tribal Lands Claim Fund ("Lands Claim Fund") to support land claim-related purposes and other authorized uses of that fund as determined by the Board and applicable tribal law/policy.
2. Two and one-half percent (2.5%) of hotel tax revenue collected shall be distributed to the Culture Department, restricted for use solely to enhance educational and cultural purposes, including but not limited to cultural education programming, materials, events, outreach, curriculum, language/culture preservation initiatives, and related community activities consistent with departmental plans and Tribal priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these allocations shall be calculated on a [monthly/quarterly] basis based on hotel tax revenue actually collected during the applicable period and transferred no later than [X] days following the close of each period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Tax Code Chapter 43 Section 805 Distribution of Tax Proceeds as follows:

43.805 Distribution of Tax Proceeds

The Tax Commission shall remit to the Tribe all hotel use tax proceeds from Hotels owned by the Tribe which are located within a one-quarter mile radius of a Licensed Gaming Establishment located on Tribal and Trust Lands, and the Tribe shall transfer such use tax proceeds into the general fund. The Tax Commission shall remit to the Tribe all hotel use tax proceeds from Hotels which are not owned by the Tribe or are not located within a one

quarter mile radius of a Licensed Gaming Establishment located on Tribal and Trust Lands, and the Tribe shall consolidate such proceeds quarterly, and the percentage of the proceeds retained by the Tribe under the Tax Agreement shall be transferred into the general fund. The total tax proceeds transferred to the general fund under this section shall be allocated as follows:

1. Three percent (3.0%) shall be deposited into the Tribal Lands Claim Fund ("Lands Claim Fund") to support land claim-related purposes and other authorized uses of that fund as determined by the Board and applicable tribal law/policy.
2. Two and one-half percent (2.5%) shall be distributed to the Culture Department, restricted for use solely to enhance educational and cultural purposes, including but not limited to cultural education programming, materials, events, outreach, curriculum, language/culture preservation initiatives, and related community activities consistent with departmental plans and Tribal priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is directed to establish and maintain the necessary accounting codes to ensure the 3.0% deposit to the Lands Claim Fund and the 2.0% restricted distribution to the Culture Department are tracked separately and reported transparently.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Culture Department shall provide a [quarterly] summary report to the Board identifying expenditures made with the 2.5% allocation, including categories, totals, and a brief description of cultural/educational outcomes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board Chairperson (or designee) is authorized to take all administrative actions necessary to implement this resolution, and this Resolution shall take effect on [effective date].

CERTIFICATION

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.

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

March 3, 2026

Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

ACFS Division – USDA Establishment of FY 2026 Budget – Sheryl McKerchie
Health Division – ARPA Maintenance & Improvements and COVID Services/PRC FY 2026
Budget Modifications – James Benko

Health Division – Emergency Preparedness and Third-Party Revenue FY 2026 Budget
Modifications – James Benko

Health Division – Administration and Third-Party Revenue FY 2026 Budget Modifications –
Jackie McLean, James Benko

FY 2026 Budget Document 002 (Schedule B Budgets) – Jennifer Clerc

FY 2026 Budget Document 003 (Schedule C Budgets) – Jennifer Clerc

FY 2026 Governmental Capital Expenditures – Jennifer Clerc

Continuing Funding Authority – Governmental FY 2026 Schedule B Budgets (No Health
Division) – Jennifer Clerc

Continuing Funding Authority – Governmental FY 2026 Schedule C Budgets (January to
December) – Jennifer Clerc

Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2027 April to March – Jennifer Clerc

NRD Application to Accelerating Natural Climate Solutions Program – Dani Fegan, Brandi
MacArthur

Residential Land Lease Cancelation – Rittenhouse – Helen Wilkins

Residential Land Lease – Joshua French – Helen Wilkins

Authorizing Amicus Brief in Treaty Fishing Case – Ryan Mills

Rescind Resolution 2024-54 Waiver for American Wagering, Inc. – Ryan Mills

Protecting Tribal Artisans from Artificial Intelligence – Director LaPlaunt

Seeking Approval for Snowmobile Trail on the Keldon Property – Chairman Lowes, Director
McKechnie

A Resolution to Allocate a Portion of Hotel Tax Revenue to the Tribal Lands Claim Fund and to
Cultural Education & Enhancement Purposes – Director McKechnie

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments/Resignations – Unit 1 Elder Subcommittee – Resignation, Unit 3 Elder
Subcommittee – Resignation/Appointment, Unit 4 Manistique Elder Subcommittee –
Appointment, Elder Advisory Committee Unit 3 Seat – Resignation.

Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: February 26, 2026
RE: Workshop Agenda for March 3, 2026

AGENDA

10:00
Budgets (CLOSED)

10:15
EDC Strategic Plan (CLOSED)

11:15
EDC Team Member Manual Review (CLOSED)

12:00 – 1:00
Lunch Break

1:15
Health Executive Report (CLOSED)

2:00
Implementation and Timeline for Proposed
Constitution Amendments

3:30
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting