

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Joanne Carr, Board Secretary
DATE: February 11, 2021
RE: Workshop Agenda for February 16, 2021

AGENDA

10:00 A.M.

Negotiations

Gaming Authority Meeting

Executive Reports

Lunch

1:15 p.m.

Drugs on Reservation
Law Enforcement/Housing/TAP

Executive Reports Continued (if needed)

3:30 p.m. - Agenda Review

4:00 p.m.

Membership /Board Concerns

5:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

February 16, 2021

5:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging, Presentation of Grandfathers
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PRESENTATION:
- V. MINUTES: 1.5.21
- VI. RESOLUTIONS: Bud Mod:
 - HC – Good Health
 - FY 2021 Budget C
 - OVC FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services
 - BIA GLRI Habitats Deep Water Fish Grant
 - BIA GLRI Habitats Whitefish Tributary Grant
 - BIA GLRI Habitats MI'ingin in Boreal Forest Grant
 - 2021 GLRI Invasive Species Management
 - Continuing Funding Fiscal Year 2021
- VII. NEW BUSINESS: Committee Appointments
Board Concerns
- VIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- IX. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- X. ADJOURN

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2021**

Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

Budget Mod:

HC – Good Health – Leo Chugunov, Lisa Myers

FY 2021 Budget C – Budgets

OVC FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services – Juanita Bye, Jamie Moran

BIA GLRI Habitats Deep Water Fish Grant – Brad Silet

BIA GLRI Habitats Whitefish Tributary Grant – Brad Silet

BIA GLRI Habitats MI'langin in Boreal Forest Grant – Eric Clark

2021 GLRI Invasive Species Management – Eric Clark

Continuing Funding Fiscal Year 2021 – Aaron Payment

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments

Board Concerns – Director Causley

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**GOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN INDIAN COUNTRY
FY 2021 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 budget modification to Good and Health Wellness in Indian Country to increase expenses and increase Federal CDC monies \$71,136.98. No effect on Tribal Support.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as Chairperson 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 _____ 2021; 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.

Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson
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Bridgett Sorenson, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

FY 2021 BUDGET DOCUMENT 003

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2021 Budget Document 003 totaling \$66,920,592, of which \$22,491,403 comes from Tribal Support.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

OVC FY 2021 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET ASIDE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has funding to support Indian tribes with improving public safety and enhancing services for victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe eligible to apply for the OVC FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Formula Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians desires to sustain and enhance the provision of direct victim services and associated assistance to tribal victims of crime domiciled both on and off of trust land; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Chippewa Indians desires to provide the services necessary to meet the identified needs of its Tribal communities through accessing funding intended for Tribal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes application for the OVC FY 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Formula Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or designee, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Department of Justice, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents on the Tribe's behalf.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**BIA GLRI HABITATS & SPECIES GRANT –
DEEP WATER FISH COMMUNITY**

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 Fisheries Management Program is tasked with the management of tribal fisheries resources in the Treaty of 1836 Ceded Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Fisheries Management Program has been involved with coregonid assessments and research for decades across the 1836 Ceded Territory; and

WHEREAS, deep water species such as chubs have played vital roles in the commercial fishery for decades but have declined due to invasive species and research is needed into what these populations are doing that are otherwise hard to reach; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs continues to provide competitive funding through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to restore native species in the Great Lakes Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his duly authorized representative to sign, negotiate, amend and execute any agreements thereof for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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BIA GLRI HABITATS & SPECIES GRANT – WHITEFISH TRIBUTARY REARING

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 Fisheries Management Program is tasked with the management of tribal fisheries resources in the Treaty of 1836 Ceded Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Fisheries Management Program has been experimentally rearing lake whitefish for the last two years and have made progress in the development of capacity and expertise; and

WHEREAS, whitefish plays a vital role in the commercial and subsistence fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs continues to provide competitive funding through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to restore native species in the Great Lakes Basin.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**BIA GLRI HABITATS & SPECIES GRANT –
MI'ANGIN IN BOREAL FOREST ECOSYSTEMS**

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 Wildlife Program is tasked with the management of tribal wildlife resources in the Treaty of 1836 Ceded Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Program, in carrying out this task, needs to develop management plans for important tribal wildlife species and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Program is engaged with a collaborative initiative with the US Forest Service and the Center for Cooperative Ecological Resilience at Michigan State University to develop Adaptive Management Plans to increase the resilience of remnant boreal ecosystems, driven by tribal wildlife and plant concerns ; and

WHEREAS, Mi'iangin plays a vital role in the function of remnant boreal ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs continues to provide competitive funding through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to restore wildlife habitat in the Great Lakes Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his duly authorized representative to sign, negotiate, amend and execute any agreements thereof for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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2021 GLRI INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

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 Wildlife Program is tasked with the management of tribal wildlife resources in the Treaty of 1836 Ceded Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Upper St. Mary's River and its connected coastal marshes are impacted by invasive species such as hybrid cattail; and

WHEREAS, the Upper St. Mary's and its connected coastal marshes are an important cultural, spiritual, and subsistence resource for the Tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides funding through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for invasive species management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, or his duly authorized representative to sign, negotiate, amend and execute any agreements thereof for the 2021 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021
JANUARY TO DECEMBER**

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, 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 2021 for federal relief funds received under the CARES Act to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wants to ensure that services are not left unfunded for a period between expiration of the fiscal year 2020 budgets and approval of the fiscal year 2021 budgets; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-216, the Board of Directors granted authority to the Tribal Chairperson, Tribal Executive Director, Kewadin Casino CEO, and Tribal EDC Executive Director to waive certain policy requirements to the extent needed to streamline and expedite the disbursement of certain CARES Act relief funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost centers for the fiscal year 2021, at their 2020 spending levels, for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year through December 31, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves extending the date of the authority granted to the Tribal Chairperson, Tribal Executive Director, Kewadin Casinos CEO, and Tribal EDC Executive Director under Resolution 2020-216, so that the same authority shall be maintained for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year through December 31, 2021.

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