

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Joanne Carr, Board Secretary
DATE: October 13, 2022
RE: Workshop Agenda for October 18, 2022

Monday

AGENDA **Closed**

10:00 a.m. – Budget Mods

10:15 am - Executive Reports

Working Lunch

1:15 p.m. – Self-Sufficiency Funeral Fund

2:00 pm Membership Concerns

2:30 pm – Tax Exempt Retirement Plan

3:00 pm – Review of Agenda

4:00 pm – Matters Raised by the Membership

5:00 pm – Regular Meeting

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
October 18, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging, Presentation of Grandfathers
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PRESENTATION:
- V. MINUTES:

- VI. RESOLUTIONS: Indian Health Services Project Summary Sanitation Facilities
Indian Health Services Planning Agreement
U.S. Dept. of Treasury Homeownership Assistance Program
FY2022 Community Development Block Grant Program
Community Development Block Grant Program Meeting
Approving Contract – Michele Castagne
Mackinac County Road Commission Agreement
Contract SRF Consulting for HHS Transportation Plan
Tribal Transportation Program (CRRSA) FY2023 Budget
Michigan Tech. University Transportation Center
USDA RUS EConnectivity Program Grant Tribal Lands
USDA RUS EConnectivity Program Reconnect Grant
Network Neutrality Standards for RUS Reconnect Grant
Terminating Board of Directors Retirement Income Plan

- VII. NEW BUSINESS: Committee Appointments
Referendums – Director Morrow

- VIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
- IX. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- X. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES
PROJECT SUMMARY
SANITATION FACILITIES MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
PROJECT BE 22-M79**

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service (“IHS”), acting through the Director, Bemidji Area IHS, Department of Health and Human Services, acting on behalf of the United States of America, under and pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 86-121 (42 U.S.C. 2004a; 73 Stat. 267); and the Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is desirous of obtaining satisfactory water supply and waste disposal facilities for tribal member homes located in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians service area; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe submitted a Project Proposal Letter dated July 8, 2022, requesting IHS assistance under Public Law 86-121 to construct Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) replacements for 12 homes on the Sault Ste. Marie Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the IHS is desirous of assisting in the construction of water supply and waste disposal facilities for Other Category homes to protect the health of the Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has reviewed and concurs with the provisions of the attached Project Summary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Vice-Chairman of the Tribe to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement entitled “Construction of Sanitation Facilities to Serve Other Category Homes”, and such other documents as may be necessary to further this purpose.

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

We, the undersigned, as Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 12 members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2022; 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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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES
PLANNING AGREEMENT
PROJECT BE 22-M84**

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service (“IHS”), acting through the Director, Bemidji Area IHS, Department of Health and Human Services, acting on behalf of the United States of America, under and pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 86-121 (42 U.S.C. 2004a; 73 Stat. 267); and the Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is desirous of obtaining satisfactory waste disposal facilities for tribal member homes located in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians service area; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe submitted a Project Proposal Letter dated July 8, 2022, requesting IHS assistance under Public Law 86-121 for funding for planning activities for Kincheloe sewer laterals rehabilitation to serve approximately 35 existing homes the Sault Ste. Marie Indian Reservation, Chippewa County, MI; and

WHEREAS, the IHS is desirous of providing funds for planning activities for sewer lateral rehabilitation to serve existing category homes protect the health of the Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has reviewed and concurs with the provisions of the attached Planning Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Vice-Chairman of the Tribe to execute the attached Planning Agreement entitled “Planning Activities for Kincheloe Sewer Laterals Rehabilitation to Serve Existing Category Homes on the Sault Ste. Marie Reservation Chippewa, County, MI”, and such other documents as may be necessary to further this purpose.

CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICY & TERMS**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a duly organized Indian Tribe under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 15, 1934 (P. L. 73-383, 48 Stat. 984) and;

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority (“STHA”), is organized by Tribal Ordinance, pursuant to the authority of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, Section 501(a) of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020) authorizes the Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) to make payments to Tribes/TDHEs to be used to provide homeownership assistance; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) is to provide funds to resolve property charge defaults that threaten a homeowner’s ability to sustain ownership of the property, whether concurrently with other loss mitigation options offered by the loan servicer or in conjunction with other assistance programs, including but not limited to, past due property taxes, insurance premiums, homeowner’s association (HOA) fees, condominium fees, cooperative maintenance or common charges that threaten sustained ownership of the property; and provide funds to resolve delinquent accounts for utility and or internet access services; and

WHEREAS, the Treasury requires the applicant TDHE to create and submit a HAF Plan in the Treasury State, Local and Tribal Portal (SLT Portal) to secure the remaining 90% of the grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the attached HAF policy and term sheets are necessary to provide financial assistance to eligible tribal members and to create the HAF Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, due to the frequently updated Treasury guidance on implementation requirements of the Homeowner Assistance Fund Program, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby delegates to the STHA the authority to revise the Homeowner Assistance Fund Program Policy as necessary to carry out the program and maintain compliance with federal requirements. Revisions shall be reviewed and approved by the Grants Sub Committee Chairperson of the Executive Task Force prior to implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the Homeowners Assistance Fund Program Policy and Term Sheets, as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Housing Director or designee, to create and submit the HAF Plan in the Treasury State, Local and Tribal Portal (SLT Portal), as described above to secure the remaining 90% of the U.S. Treasury Homeowner Assistance funding; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors and Sault Tribe Housing Commission do agree to follow the approved U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, terms and conditions of the Homeowner Assistance Fund program.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)
FY 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGES**

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 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has solicited a funding opportunity (FR-6600-N-23) for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages (ICDBG); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages (ICDBG), is the development-of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority is seeking to install sixty-six (66) energy efficient roofs, replace insulation, proper ventilation, and be brought into compliance with the Michigan Building Codes on the Sault Ste. Marie Housing site; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority is seeking to use \$1,397,500.00 of ICDBG funds needed to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the work will result in energy efficient and cost savings for the families in homes located on Sault Ste. Marie Housing Site.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director or its duly authorized representative, to submit an application requesting \$1,397,500.00 for the FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages (ICDBG), administered by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to provide installation of energy efficient roofs on the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Site.

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WHEREAS, the Housing Authority held a public meeting with the residents of the Sault Ste. Marie Housing site on September 26, 2022 to furnish information on the energy efficient roof replacements and obtain the views of the of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Board of Directors hereby confirms that the requirements of 24 CFR 1003.604(a) have been met by the Housing Authority. That all comments have been considered and any modifications to the proposed application have been made.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPROVING CONTRACT
MICHELE CASTAGNE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Michelle Castagne, starting immediately and ending December 31, 2023, for the purpose of providing Federal Policy Analyst services to the Tribe.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**MACKINAC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has identified roads in Mackinac County named Mackinac Trail and 3 Mile Road which are important to the general health and welfare of the Members, Residents and Tribal Business patrons; and the Tribe has BIA Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) maintenance funds for Mackinac Trail and 3 Mile Road; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission is responsible for maintenance of Mackinac Trail and 3 Mile Road; the Road Commission is not financially able to perform additional snow and ice removal and apply pure salt to the roads during the 2022–2023 winter season without the assistance of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is desirous to contract with the County to provide on certain sections of Mackinac Trail and 3 Mile Road a measure of snow and ice removal during the winter season; which the County would not otherwise be financially able to support; and the Mackinac County Road Commission is completely responsible for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Vice Chairman or his designee, to sign the Cooperative Agreement between Mackinac County Road Commission, a duly organized County Government, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and authorizes expenditures up to \$60,000, from the Transportation Maintenance Fund, cost center 2931.

CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AUTHORIZE CONTRACT
WITH SRF CONSULTING GROUP, INC. OF MINNESOTA
FOR COORDINATED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

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 Transportation services as a priority service for membership and the region; and the Tribe has Federal Transit Administration, Tribal Transit Program funds available for planning purposed; and

WHEREAS, a formal Request for Proposals was published, proposals solicited and received to prepare a comprehensive regional Coordinated Tribal Health and Human Services Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that SRF Consulting Group 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 SRF Consulting Group; and authorizes the Transportation Program to administer and facilitate this planning project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize the Tribal Vice-Chairman or his designee, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents resulting therefrom on a contract between the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and SRF Consulting Group of Minnesota, Inc., for Professional Consulting Services to create a Coordinated Tribal Health and Human Services Transportation Plan, and authorizes expenditures up to \$170,000 from the Tribal Transit Program Fund, cost center 12461.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM –
CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS (CRRSA)
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2023 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 2023 budget for Tribal Transportation Program – CRRSA with Federal Revenue - BIA monies of \$407,491.77. No effect on Tribal Support.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION CENTER**

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 U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (commonly known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” or “BIL”) authorizes competitive grants to eligible non-profit institutions of higher education to establish and operate University Transportation Centers (UTCs or Centers); and

WHEREAS, Michigan Technological University proposes to lead and collaborate with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Transportation Program and consortium members on transportation research, education, and workforce development activities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed University Transportation Center, titled Center for Inclement Weather Adaptive Transportation, is expected to address issues relevant to inclement weather and propose adaptations via cutting-edge data techniques to bring immediate and long-term benefits to our transportation infrastructure and operations; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated benefits include research products via UTC’s technology transfer, innovations, case studies to address specific transportation issues, engagement of transportation workforce in training and outreach activities, and possible collaborative education programs for formal and informal learners in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby supports Michigan Technological University proposed Center for Inclement Weather Adaptive Transportation University Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Vice Chairman or his designee, are authorized to submit, negotiate, execute, and amend any documents resulting therefrom on the Tribes behalf.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPROVE APPLICATION FOR
USDA RUS RURAL ECONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
GRANT AND CONSENT TO PROVIDE SERVICE ON
TRIBAL LANDS**

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 recognize an increasing reliance on internet connectivity by the Tribe’s memberships in many essential areas, including work and job creation, healthcare, remote learning and education, and ensuring continued access to our existing community institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby supports and recommends the submission of a grant to the Rural Utilities Service Telecommunications Program within U.S. Department of Agriculture, for the Rural eConnectivity (“ReConnect”) Program, FOA4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors also consents to provide services on Tribal lands as outlined in the application.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves it’s Vice-Chairman, 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.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPROVE APPLICATION FOR
USDA RUS RURAL ECONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
GRANT**

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 Tribe’s mission is to improve the health, welfare, and education, of its members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognize an increasing reliance on internet connectivity by the Tribe’s memberships in many essential areas, including work and job creation, healthcare, remote learning and education, and ensuring continued access to our existing community institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby supports and recommends the submission of a grant to the Rural Utilities Service Telecommunications Program within U.S. Department of Agriculture, for the Rural eConnectivity (“ReConnect”) Program, FOA4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby approves the USDA-RUS ReConnect “100 Percent Grant for Alaska Native Corporations, Tribal Governments, Colonias, Persistent Poverty Areas and Socially Vulnerable Communities” class for up to the max amount of 25 million.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its Vice-Chairman, 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.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NETWORK NEUTRALITY STANDARDS FOR
RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE (RUS) RECONNECT BROADBAND
GRANT**

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 Tribe will be submitting a grant application for funds under the ReConnect broadband loan and grant program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste Marie Band of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes and agrees to network management protocols and standards that are consistent with the network neutrality policy framework adopted by the FCC for purposes of the ReConnect program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the same network neutrality policy framework and the RUS ReConnect Broadband Program’s requirements for network management, the Board of Directors agrees to refrain from the following network management practices solely for purposes of the RUS ReConnect Broadband Program if awarded under the same:

- Block lawful content, applications, services, or non-harmful devices, subject to reasonable network management;
- Impair or degrade lawful internet traffic on the basis of internet content, application, or service, or use of a non-harmful device, subject to reasonable network management;
- Engage in paid prioritization – meaning the management of a broadband provider's network to directly or indirectly favor some traffic over other traffic – including through use of techniques such as traffic shaping, prioritization, resource reservation, or other forms of preferential traffic management, either
 - (a) in exchange for consideration (monetary or otherwise) from a third party, or
 - (b) to benefit an affiliated entity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors commits to faithfully comply with the requirements set forth in the RUS ReConnect program’s eligibility requirements pertaining to network management and non-discriminatory practices.

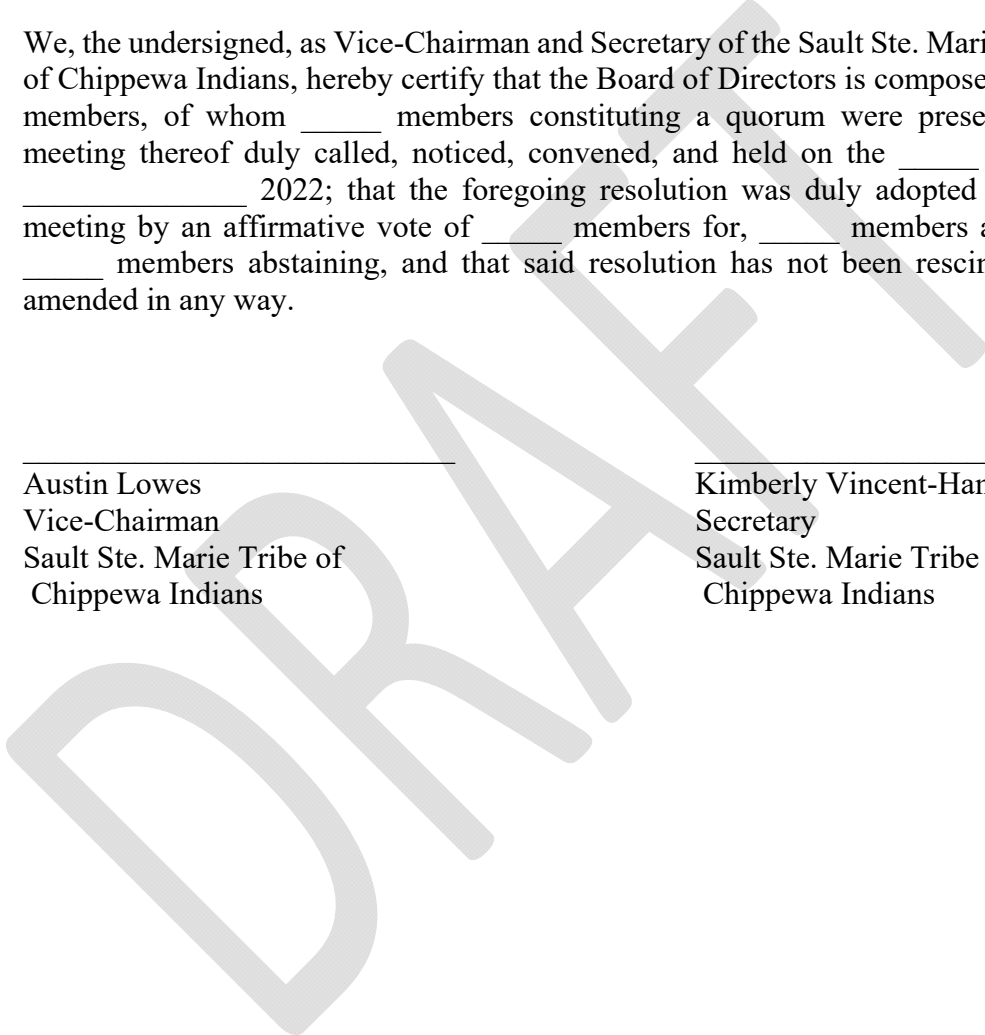
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves its Vice-Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

TERMINATING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors ("Board of Directors") previously approved a Board of Directors pension plan for members of the Board of Directors, effective February 1, 1998, titled the Retirement Income Plan for Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Retirement Income Plan"); and

WHEREAS, a Tribal Referendum vote was held in 2009 regarding Resolution No. 2008-262 and its amendments to the Retirement Income Plan to provide a technical fix to the plan, and Resolution No. 2008-262 was approved by the Tribal Membership; and

WHEREAS, being a member of the Board of Directors is not a career position, it is an elected position to benefit all members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors now finds it in the best interests of the Tribe to terminate the Retirement Income Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the termination of the Retirement Income Plan for Directors and directs all necessary action be taken to formally terminate the Retirement Income Plan pursuant to the terms of the Retirement Income Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any participant or beneficiary already receiving benefits or eligible to receive benefits from the Retirement Income Plan shall not have their benefits decreased or eliminated due to the termination of the Retirement Income Plan, and any current Board member will not be entitled to further accrual or vesting of retirement plan benefits after the end of the current calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of this Resolution hereby control, supersede, and rescind any past Resolution or policy that is contrary to the action of the Board of Directors set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Vice-Chairman, or 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 Vice-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 _____ 2022; 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
Vice-Chairman
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

Kimberly Vincent-Hampton
Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Katelynn Griffin, Executive Assistant
DATE: October 13, 2022
RE: Committee Request

Elders:

Appointments:

Unit 2 – Naubinway

Reappoint Karen Frazier – Regular Member, 4 year term, expiring October 2026

Unit 2 – Naubinway

Reappoint Carl Frazier – Regular Member, 4 year term, expiring October 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Joanne Carr, Executive Assistant
DATE: October 4, 2022
RE: Referendums

On September 29, 2022, two referendums were brought to the Admin Office.

The referendums were on Res. 2022-228 – Amending Chapter 19 Subcharter II Special Advisory Elections and Res. 2022-229 – Rescinding Motion Election Attorney.

Both Referendums had the necessary 100 plus signatures.

Per Chapter 12, Section 12.106 (5), this now goes to the Board of Directors. I have attached Chapter 12, page 4.

Thank you.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

October 18, 2022
Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

Indian Health Services Project Summary Sanitation Facilities – Joni Talentino
Indian Health Services Planning Agreement Project – Joni Talentino
U.S. Dept. of the Treasury Homeowner Assistance Program Policy & Terms – Joni Talentino
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY2022 Community Block Grant – Joni Talentino
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Block Grant Meeting – Joni Talentino
Approving Contract Michele Castagne – Mike McCoy
Mackinac County Road Commission Cooperative Agreement – Wendy Hoffman
Authorize Contract with SRF Consulting for Health and Human Services Transportation Plan – Wendy Hoffman
Tribal Transportation Program (CRRSA) Establishment of FY2023 Budget – Wendy Hoffman
Michigan Tech. University U.S. Dept. of Transportation University Transportation Center – Wendy Hoffman
USDA RUS EConnectivity Program Grant Tribal Lands – Larry Jacques
USDA RUS EConnectivity Program Reconnect Grant – Larry Jacques
Network Neutrality Standards for RUS Reconnect Grant – Larry Jacques
Terminating Board of Directors Retirement Income Plan – Director Borowicz

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments – Various Committees
Referendums – Director Morrow