

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
June 17, 2025
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION: Internship Program Introductions
- VI. MINUTES: 6/3/25
- VII. RESOLUTIONS:
 - Establish FY25 SSBCI Budget
 - CFA Health Division FY25 Schedule B Budgets
 - Establish FY26 Schedule A Budget
 - CFA FY26 Schedule A Budgets
 - MIEA Tribal Elder Delegate Appointments
 - Appoint COA Community Member Reserve – Corbiere
 - Re-Appoint COA Elder Appellate Judge – Dietz
 - Recruitment and Retention of Tribal Court Clerks
 - STI Board Appointment – Johnson
 - STI Board Appointment - Frazier
 - Accept Bid – Otis – Health Division
 - Auth. To Enter into Contract – Mandel Electric Inc.
 - Auth. To Enter into Contract – Nicolet Shores
 - Auth. To Enter into Contract – Sikora Sheet Metal
 - Residential Lease Cancellation – Van Valkenburgh
 - Residential Lease – Brownlee
 - Residential Lease – Franklin
 - Residential Lease – Hartens
 - Residential Lease - Jenerou
 - Naming of the Guest House
 - Naming of the 7 Seas Building
 - Recovery of Funds/Enforcement of Contract/Agreement
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - Key Employee
 - Separation of Powers Amendment
 - Supporting Lake Superior Academy School
 - Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**GOVERNMENTAL – STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2025 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2025 budget for State Small Business Credit Initiative with Federal Department of Treasury Revenue monies of \$144,093.15. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2025; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY – HEALTH DIVISION
FOR FY 2025 SCHEDULE B BUDGETS
OCTOBER THROUGH SEPTEMBER
JANUARY THROUGH 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 2025; and

WHEREAS, the attached cost center list, with fiscal year of October to September and January to December, for budget year 2025 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 2024 budgets and approval of the fiscal year 2025 budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost center list for fiscal year 2025, at their 2024 spending levels, for a period not to exceed August 31, 2025:

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: _____

FY 2026 BUDGET DOCUMENT 001 – SCHEDULE A 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 001 totaling \$18,773,079, of which \$60,905 comes from 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: _____

**CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 APRIL TO MARCH, JUNE TO MAY,
AND JULY TO JUNE**

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 April to March, June to May and July to June, for budget year 2026 is still under review and will not be completed until after the fiscal year start date; 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 August 31, 2025.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION
TRIBAL ELDER DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS**

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 Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) was established to aid and assist in the improvements of the economic, social, healthful and spiritual well-being of the American Indian Elders of Michigan, providing a forum in which the American Indian Elders may speak, learn, grow and exercise control over their environment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has two delegate appointments and one alternative appointment to MIEA; and

WHEREAS, five individuals submitted their letters of intent to represent the Tribe at MIEA, Lou Anne Bush of Sault Ste. Marie, John Causley, Jr. of Hessel, Dianne Compo of Brimley, Tim Derwin of Manistique, and Dell Powers of St. Ignace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby appoints the following representatives to represent the Elders of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for a two-year period, expiring in June 2027, and will exercise the duties of the delegates and alternate as outlined in the MIEA bylaws:

Delegate:

- 1.
- 2.

Alternate:

- 1.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD CORBIERE, JR.
RESERVE COMMUNITY MEMBER APPELLATE JUDGE**

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 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians enacted Tribe Code Chapter 82, Appeals, which states in Section 82.103, Judges of Court of Appeals, that “[a]ny number of judges may be appointed as reserve judges, who shall be available to serve on the Court of Appeals to hear a particular appeal for which an appellate judge is disqualified or otherwise unable to sit.”; and

WHEREAS, the interview committee has determined that Richard Corbiere, Jr., has the necessary qualifications and experience to serve as a community member appellate judge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby appoints Richard Corbiere, Jr., to serve as a Reserve Community Member Appellate Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals, for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof.

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

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

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF ELISABETH DIETZ AS
ELDER APPELLATE JUDGE**

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 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians enacted Tribe Code 82, Appeals, which states at Section 82.104 Term, “[t]he term of office for each appellate judge shall be four (4) years, with no limit on the number of terms which can be served...Subsequent terms for each seat on the Court of Appeals shall be for the regular term.”; and

WHEREAS, Elisabeth Dietz has served as Elder Appellate Judge since 2014 and is well-qualified to serve as Elder Appellate Judge as determined by the interview committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby re-appoints Elisabeth Dietz as Elder Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Court of Appeals, for a subsequent term of four (4) years from the date hereof.

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

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 _____ 2025; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF TRIBAL COURT CLERKS

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has identified the Court Clerk and Deputy Court Clerk of the Tribal Court as essential employees and components of the Tribal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has identified that the recruitment and retention of the Court Clerk and Deputy Clerk positions as a current priority of the Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and approves the Court Clerk and Deputy Clerk positions shall be budgeted and hired up to the maximum rate of the positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chief Judge or Court Administrator to execute any and all documents as may be necessary to ensure that existing Clerk positions are budgeted at the max-range and to request wage reviews to ensure internal equity for the position within the terms and conditions of the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the use of available BIA CARES Act and/or BIA ARPA funding to facilitate the recruitment and retention of Clerk positions.

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

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

**SAULT TRIBE INCORPORATED CHARTER BOARD APPOINTMENT
APPROVAL**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, pursuant to Article VI, section 6.6 of the Sault Tribe Corporate Charter, hereby appoints the following individual to the Corporate Board of Directors of Sault Tribe Incorporated to serve a three-year term as specified below:

Mark Johnson - for a term expiring June 30, 2028

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

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2025; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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

**SAULT TRIBE INCORPORATED CHARTER BOARD APPOINTMENT
APPROVAL**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, pursuant to Article VI, section 6.6 of the Sault Tribe Corporate Charter, hereby appoints the following individual to the Corporate Board of Directors of Sault Tribe Incorporated to serve a three-year term as specified below:

Leroy Frazier - for a term expiring June 30, 2028

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW
ELEVATOR AND MODERNIZATION OF THE EXISTING ELEVATOR
AT SAULT TRIBE HEALTH**

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, the Sault Tribe Health Division wishes to utilize a funding opportunity to update the Sault Tribe Health Center elevator to include adding a new elevator and modernizing the existing elevator to improve the facility and its operational ability: and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Health Division has selected OTIS Elevator Company, a qualified contractor, to perform the installation of the new elevator and conduct the modernization of the existing elevator for a total cost of this project is \$379,400.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the recommended contractor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairperson of the Tribe or his designee to negotiate, amend and execute the agreement with the selected contractor on behalf of the Tribe.

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: _____

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MANDEL
ELECTRIC 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, a Request for Proposal (RFP), project # 25-046, was issued by the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department at the request of the EDC – Sawyer Village for Electrical Work in 42 homes in Gwinn, MI; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, with the concurrence of the EDC, Sawyer Village staff, and Legal, recommends awarding the contract to Mandel Electrical Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves awarding the Electrical Work contract to Mandel Electrical Inc. up to \$96,543 out of LATCF and \$35,757 out of Sawyer Village account balance to complete this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes 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, intent, and administration of this Resolution, including but not limited to the ability and authority to implement any budgetary changes administratively without the need for formal Board of Directors budget modifications.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to enter into and execute the contract and any supporting documents with Mandel Electrical Inc. to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

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

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2025; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NICOLET
SHORES PLUMBING 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, a Request for Proposal (RFP), project # 25-047, was issued by the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department at the request of the EDC – Sawyer Village for Plumbing work in 42 homes in Gwinn, MI; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, with the concurrence of the EDC, Sawyer Village staff, and Legal, recommends awarding the contract to Nicolet Shores Plumbing Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves awarding the Plumbing contract to Nicolet Shores Plumbing Inc. up to \$521,000 out of Sawyer Village account balance to complete this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes 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, intent, and administration of this Resolution, including but not limited to the ability and authority to implement any budgetary changes administratively without the need for formal Board of Directors budget modifications.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to enter into and execute the contract and any supporting documents with Nicolet Shores Plumbing Inc. to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

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

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2025; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIKORA SHEET METAL 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, a Request for Proposal (RFP), project # 25-042, was issued by the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department at the request of the EDC – Sawyer Village for Furnace Replacement in 42 homes in Gwinn, MI; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, with the concurrence of the EDC, Sawyer Village staff, and Legal, recommends awarding the contract to Sikora Sheet Metal Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves awarding the Furnace Replacement contract to Sikora Sheet Metal Inc. up to \$139,797 out of Sawyer Village account balance to complete this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes 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, intent, and administration of this Resolution, including but not limited to the ability and authority to implement any budgetary changes administratively without the need for formal Board of Directors budget modifications.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to enter into and execute the contract and any supporting documents with Sikora Sheet Metal Inc. to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

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

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2025; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Austin Lowes, Chairman
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE – CANCELLATION
DIANE VAN VALKENBURGH**

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, Sault Tribe Real Estate Office has requested that Residential Land Lease No. 469-23-00023-20 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 Tribal Treasurer to execute this Residential Land Lease cancellation, with 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 I 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, 995.86 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 cancellation documents for BIA approval.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the BIA to cancel Residential Land Lease No. 469-23-00023-20, 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 – BRENDA BROWNLEE

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 Kincheloe, Michigan, to Brenda Brownlee, single woman, the land being described as:

Cedar Grove Estates No. 3. Part of Sec. 29 & The S. 1/2 Sec. 20, T 45 N, RIW, Kinross Township, Chippewa County, Michigan Lots 914 & 915

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate Residential Land Lease documents for BIA approval.

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.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE – CASSANDRA FRANKLIN

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 Tribal Treasurer to execute a Residential Land lease for the land located at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Cassandra Franklin, single woman, 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 4 7 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 I 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, 995.86 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 approval.

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

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2025; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE – WENDIE MAE HARTEN & DAVID
WILLIAM HARTEN**

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 Wendie Mae Harten and David William Harten, husband and wife, the land being described as:

A parcel of land located in the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Soo Township, Chippewa County, Michigan being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the West $\frac{1}{4}$ corner of Section 29, Town 47 North, Range 1 East; thence South $87^{\circ}41'17''$ East, along the South line of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 29, a distance of 1319.99 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 29; thence North $1^{\circ}46'50''$ East, along the West line of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 29, a distance of 373.91 feet to the Centerline of Polaris Drive; thence South $88^{\circ}09'52''$ East, along said Centerline, 714.43 feet; thence South $1^{\circ}50'08''$ West, 33.00 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of Polaris Drive and the Point of the Beginning of the herein described parcel; thence continuing south $1^{\circ}50'08''$ West, 150.00 feet; thence North $88^{\circ}09'52''$ West, 290.40 feet to the Easterly right-of-way of Polaris Drive; thence North $1^{\circ}50'08''$ East along said Easterly right-of-way, 120 feet; thence 47.12 feet along a curve with its center to the East having a radius of 30.00 feet, a chord of 42.43 feet, and a chord bearing of North $46^{\circ}50'08''$ East to the Southerly right-of-way of Polaris Drive; thence South $88^{\circ}09'52''$ East, along said Southerly right-of-way, 260.40 feet to the Point of the 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 approval.

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

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

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members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2025; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE – JACE JENEROU

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 Kincheloe, Michigan, to Jace Jenerou, single man, the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan
Sec. 29, T 45 N, R 1 W (.34 acres),
Lots 616 and 617 Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate Residential Land Lease documents for BIA approval.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

NAMING OF THE GUEST HOUSE

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 EDC and DeMawating Development has purchased "The Guest House" at 2049 Ashmun Street; and

WHEREAS, the EDC and DeMawating Development is requesting to rename The Guest House "The Guest House", with its Ojibwe counterpart being "Nbwaachwegamigong" meaning the Visitors House.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby designates The Guest House located at 2049 Ashmun Street to be named "The Guest House – Nbwaachwegamigong".

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

NAMING OF THE 7 SEAS BUILDING

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 EDC and DeMawating Development has renovated the 7 Seas building at 351 Portage Ave; and

WHEREAS, the EDC and DeMawating Development is requesting to rename the 7 Seas building "Portage Place", with its Ojibwe counterpart being "Onigaming".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby designates 7 Seas located at 351 Portage to be named "Portage Place – Onigamigong".

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RECOVERY OF FUNDS AND ENFORCEMENT
OF CONTRACT/AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2022, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to serve notice to the party that they were in violation of the terms of the contractual agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Contracted party to the agreement with the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians has repeatedly violated the terms of the Agreement from 2022 – 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the General Counsel, or their designee, to execute a contract with outside counsel to take whatever action necessary, including, but not limited to, commencing legal action, against the contracted party, and any individual or entity who benefited from the violations of the May 10, 2022 Agreement, to recover all funds expended under the contract including restitution, compensatory damages, legal fees, and any other losses incurred by the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the outside special counsel to send a letter to the contracted party, and any individual or entity who benefited from the violations of the May 10, 2022 Agreement, demanding payment in full within 30 days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes outside special counsel to file any necessary litigation in the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court for breach of the May 10, 2022 Agreement if repayment is not made in full within 30 days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, outside special counsel is further authorized and directed to pursue all available remedies, including liens, garnishments, and protective orders, and to execute and deliver any agreements, certificates, documents, or instruments necessary to effectuate the forgoing on behalf of the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if outside special counsel finds anything that could constitute criminal conduct in the violation of the May 10, 2022 Agreement, they are authorized to refer that to the appropriate Law Enforcement Agency to conduct a criminal investigation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all litigation expenses related to this action shall be drawn from the existing Tribal Legal Department budget and shall be

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included as part of the damages and legal costs sought to be recovered in any action initiated under this resolution.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2025

Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

Governmental – State Small Business Credit Initiative Establish FY 2025 Budget – Dan Doyle
Continuing Funding Authority - Health Division for FY 2025 Schedule B Budgets, October through September, January through December – Budget Department

FY 2026 Budget Document 001 - Schedule A Budgets – Budget Department

Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2026 April to March, June to May, and July to June – Budget Department

Michigan Indian Elders Association Tribal Elder Delegate Appointments – Katie Peabody
Appointment of Richard Corbiere, Jr. Reserve Community Member Appellate Judge – Traci Swan

Re-Appointment of Elisabeth Dietz as Elder Appellate Judge – Traci Swan

Recruitment and Retention of Tribal Court Clerks – Traci Swan

Sault Tribe Incorporated Charter Board Appointment Approval – Johnson – Rachel Heckel

Sault Tribe Incorporated Charter Board Appointment Approval – Frazier – Rachel Heckel

Acceptance of Bid for the Installation of a New Elevator and Modernization of the Existing Elevator at Sault Tribe Health – Joel Lumsden

Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Mandel Electric Inc. – Helen Wilkins

Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Nicolet Shores Plumbing Inc. – Helen Wilkins

Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Sikora Sheet Metal Inc. – Helen Wilkins

Residential Land Lease – Cancellation Diane Van Valkenburgh – Helen Wilkins

Residential Land Lease – Brenda Brownlee – Helen Wilkins

Residential Land Lease – Cassandra Franklin – Helen Wilkins

Residential Land Lease – Wendie Mae and David William Harten – Helen Wilkins

Residential Land Lease – Jace Jenerou – Helen Wilkins

Naming of the Guest House – Helen Wilkins

Naming of the 7 Seas Building – Helen Wilkins

Recovery of Funds and Enforcement of Contract/Agreement – Director Borowicz

NEW BUSINESS:

Key Employee – Chairman Lowes

Separation of Powers Amendment – Director McRorie

Supporting Lake Superior Academy School – Director McRorie

Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: June 12, 2025
RE: Workshop Agenda for June 17, 2025

AGENDA

10:00

Executive Reports – ALL (CLOSED)

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch Break

1:00

Executive Reports Cont...(CLOSED)

2:00

STI Board Nominations (CLOSED)

3:00

MiLEAP/Tribal Relationship – Melissa Kiesewetter

4:00

Agenda Review

5:00

Board of Directors Regular Meeting