MEMORANDUM

TO: **Board of Directors**
FROM: **Joanne Carr, Board Secretary**
DATE: **June 18, 2020**
RE: **Workshop Agenda for June 23, 2020**

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. – Executive Reports

Lunch

12:30 p.m. – Review of Agenda

1:00 p.m. – Negotiations
Special Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
June 23, 2020
1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging, Presentation of Grandfathers

III. ROLL CALL

IV. PRESENTATION: **NEGOTIATIONS**

V. MINUTES:

VI. RESOLUTIONS: 2020 Indian Housing Plan - CARES ACT
Rides to Wellness Agreement - Transportation
Auth Tribal COVID 19 Taskforce (2)
Supporting Sault Tribe Citizens/Team Members

VII. NEW BUSINESS: Employee Issue
Board Concerns

VIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

IX. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM

X. ADJOURN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
June 23, 2020
Sponsor's List

NEGOTIATIONS

RESOLUTIONS:

2020 Indian Housing Plan - CARES ACT – Joni Talentino
Rides to Wellness Agreement - Transportation – Wendi Hoffman
Auth Tribal COVID 19 Taskforce (2) 1st – Christine McPherson
Auth Tribal COVID 19 Taskforce (2) 2nd – Chairperson Payment
Supporting Sault Tribe Citizens/Team Members – Chairperson Payment

NEW BUSINESS:

Employee Issue – Chairperson Payment
Board Concerns – Director Causley

RESOLUTION NO: _____

ACCEPTANCE - 2020 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN – CARES ACT

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a duly organized Indian Tribe under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 15, 1934 (48 stat. 37); and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority, is organized by Chapter 90 Tribal Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 102 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) requires the submission of an Indian Housing Plan (IHP) for guiding and accomplishing housing activities to meet community needs; and

WHEREAS, there are CARES Act formula funds made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) to Prevent, Prepare for and Respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. HUD requires an abbreviated IHP be submitted for the formula funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the 2020 Indian Housing Plan – CARES Act Grant No. 55-IH-26-5480, as presented and does hereby request funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors and Sault Tribe Housing Commission does agree to follow the HUD approved Indian Housing Plan – CARES Act in order to provide housing opportunities.

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

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Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

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Bridgett Sorenson, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION
RIDES TO WELLNESS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Transit Association has implemented Rides to Wellness programming throughout the tribal seven county service area and the Michigan Public Transit Association has received funding to provide this service to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Transit Association request to partner with the Tribal Transportation Program to provide services to the membership; this partnership will promote access to the various wellness opportunities throughout the service areas; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has FTA Tribal Transit Program funds to administer, operate, and partner with Michigan Public Transit Association to implement and sustain a partnership; and the Tribe is desirous to contract with the Michigan Public Transit Association to provide Rides to Wellness services to the membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Agreement between the Michigan Public Transit Association, a duly organized section 501 (c)6 Non Profit in the State of Michigan and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Transportation Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson, or his designee, is authorized and directed, on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to sign the Agreement, attached to this resolution, as Exhibit A.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AUTHORIZING A TRIBAL COVID-19 TASKFORCE

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (the "Tribe") organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the Tribe, the Board of Directors has the power to regulate trade, commerce, and all manner of criminal and non-criminal conduct within the boundaries of its reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is authorized by Article VII Sec. 1(n) of the Constitution to delegate certain powers and responsibilities to appropriate subordinate boards, organizations, officer, employees, and directors; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Tribe to develop a strategy to best address the pandemic and its effects on the tribal community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to establish a COVID-19 Taskforce to develop and implement this strategy, including but not limited to the utilization of funding received for COVID-19 response initiatives and implementation of public safety protocols; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined there is an urgent need to make funds received for COVID-19 response immediately available to Tribal Departments, Divisions, or Offices, Tribal Enterprises, and Tribal Member Owned Businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe should and does hereby approve the establishment of a COVID-19 Taskforce to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 Taskforce shall have the power to create and abolish subcommittees of the Taskforce on an ongoing and as needed basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 Taskforce shall continue to fulfill its duties irrespective of any tribal, national or state issued emergency declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 Taskforce shall be responsible for dispersing funds received by the Tribe for COVID-19 to Tribal Departments, Divisions, or Offices, Tribal Enterprises, and Tribal Member Owned Businesses under procedures approved by the Board of Directors, with allocations and grants to be awarded by a Board of Directors designated representative(s).

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the COVID-19 Taskforce, through the Tribal Executive Director, Interim Kewadin CEO and Tribal Economic Development Executive Director shall make recommendations to the Tribal Board of Directors for appropriations and implementation of the plan.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

SUPPORTING SAULT TRIBE CITIZENS & TEAM MEMBERS DURING WORLD WIDE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Constitution reads:

We, the members of the tribe known as the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, in order to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right of self-government, and to protect our property and resources, do ordain and establish this constitution and bylaws. ~ and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a World Wide Pandemic for the Corona Virus Crisis and on March 17, 2020, the Tribal of Directors declared a Tribal State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 (three months ago), Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment submitted a resolution to appropriate funds for the following:

- An Emergency Appropriations-$100,000 to ACFS with eligibility set at 200% of poverty;
- $20,000 to Dress Down Committee for relief;
- $100,000 for a Sault Tribe Food Bank type operation for each unit with curbside pick-up and Elder delivery;
- $100,000 for Sault Tribe LIHEAP with eligibility set at 200% of poverty;
- Rent Recalculation and Suspension for Sault Tribe Housing and DeMawating at 200% of poverty

… and called a special meeting for March 24th to consider a relief package as outlined above knowing the Board has the prerogative to amend or introduce their own legislation. No motions were made; no action was taken.

WHEREAS, three months have passed and no new tribal relief package has been submitted for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe received Cares Act Funds on May 6, 2020 in the amount of $37,217,392.44 to aid in the very programs previously proposed by Chairperson Payment. This represents a full 6 weeks since the funds were received and three months and no proposal has been presented to appropriate funds for those with the greatest need and those most impacted by the World Wide Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on the June 15, 2020 the Tribe received an additional $7,481,252.47 and with a judicial outcome releasing the remaining 12.5% held back by Treasury (+5,587,330.61) the total amount the Sault Tribe has received is $44, 698,644.91 and the total the Tribe will have received from the Cares Act when the final amount is released is $50,285,975.52!; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Administration has established a Tribal COVID-19 Taskforce with meetings beginning during the week of June 8th; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Services Strategic Plan has already identified tribal priorities for services through years of need identification and appropriations and has established programs and services accordingly such that immediate action may be taken to approve the follow plan submitted hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Board of Directors Approves the following with the first five items based on 500% of poverty as the only criteria with implementation through Tribal Programs and Services which already substantively supply these types of services but for which this supplement is yet to be established:

- $500 K for Emergency Needs Funds (broadly defined)
- $500 K for Food Cards like a Bridge Card
- $500 K for Heating & Cooling Assistance
- $500 K for Enhanced Elder Meals on Wheels
- $500 K for Housing Rental Subsidy for on & off Rez
- $500 K for Feed America Trucks
- $500 K for Treaty Fishers' Relief
- $500 K for ST Business Alliance Members forgivable loans relief
- $1,000,000 Elder Medicare Supplement Plan Enrollment
- $500 K Back Pay for Hazard Pay for Tribal, Kewadin, and Enterprise Team Members who worked during the Tribal State of Emergency
- $500 K for Tribal Dress Down to Benefit All Team Members
- $500 K Tribal Citizen Loans with loan forgiveness for extreme impacts of the pandemic (broadly defined).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the source of funds shall be out Cares Act Funds leaving a balance of $43,785,975.52 to cover other tribal priorities as identified by the Tribal Covid19 Taskforce.

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