

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
KEWADIN CASINOS CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
August 4, 2026

This meeting was opened at 5:04 p.m. by Secretary Ashley Gravelle.

Present: Sue St. Onge, Lana Causley-Smith, Ashley Gravelle, Cole Goudreau (Z), Aaron Payment, Michael McKerchie, Rob McRorie (Z), Kimberle Gravelle, Larry Barbeau, Bridgett Sorenson, Kimberly Lee

Absent: Tyler LaPlaunt, Austin Lowes

Without objection, add the following to the agenda:

- **Partial Waiver of Convictions for Ms. Savannah-Jo Hyde**

No objection, resolution added.

Moved by Director McRorie, supported by Director Payment, to excuse Director LaPlaunt and Chairman Lowes.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Payment, supported by Director Causley-Smith, to approve the agenda as read.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve 7/21/26 Minutes.
Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director K. Gravelle, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve Resolution 2026-227, Internal Services – Medical Insurance FY 2026 Budget Modification.

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 Medical Insurance for an increase in the use of Fund Balance of \$3,557,767.48. This budget is funded by Other Revenue and Fund Balance.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries with Director McKerchie opposing.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve Resolution 2026-228, Internal Services – Cyber Claim 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 establishment of a FY 2026 budget for Cyber Claim with Other Revenue of \$8,040,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2026-229, ACFS – Elder Heating Assistance FY 2026 Budget Modification.

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 Elder Heating Assistance for an increase in Tribal Support of \$70,320.13. This budget is funded by 3rd Party Revenue and Tribal Support.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve Resolution 2026-230, ACFS - ICWA FY 2026 Budget Modification.

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 ICWA for a transfer in from Opioid Settlement Funds of \$140,974.95. This budget is funded by Federal BIA Revenue and Opioid Settlement Funds.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director St. Onge, to approve Resolution 2026-231, ACFS – ICWA Establishment of FY 2027 Budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of the FY 2027 budget for ICWA with Federal BIA Revenue of \$196,955.00, transfer in from Opioid Settlement Funds of \$349,016.49, and Tribal Support of \$124,975.18.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2026-232, Natural Resources Division – Challenge Cost Share Establishment of FY 2027 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 2027 budget for Challenge Cost Share with Federal USDA Revenue of \$24,989.90. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve Resolution 2026-233, Law Enforcement – Conservation Management, Public Safety, and Juvenile Detention Center FY 2026 Budget Modifications.

Without objection, amend to include final resolved section.

No objection.

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 Conservation Management to add in the transfer in from Opioid Settlement Funds of \$49,722.70. This budget is funded by Federal BIA Revenue, Other Revenue, and Opioid Settlement Funds.

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 Public Safety to add in the transfer in from Opioid Settlement Funds of \$24,516.03. This budget is funded by Federal BIA Revenue, Other Revenue, and Opioid Settlement Funds.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Juvenile Detention Center to add in the transfer in from Opioid Settlement Funds of \$23,141.28. This budget is funded by Federal BIA Revenue and Opioid Settlement Funds.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby obligates \$400,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Funds to be split in 2027 and 2028 for the same purposes as detailed in the attached RIS.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director K. Gravelle, to approve Resolution 2026-234, Health Division – Marquette Medical Nursing and 3rd 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 Marquette Medical Nursing for a decrease in the transfer in of 3rd Party Revenue of \$169,326.67. This modification is for changes to the personnel page. This budget is funded by Federal IHS and 3rd Party Revenue.

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 3rd Party Revenue to decrease the transfer out of funds to Marquette Medical Nursing by \$169,326.67. This budget is funded by Other Revenue and Fund Balance.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director K. Gravelle, to approve Resolution 2026-235, Health Division – Emergency Preparedness FY 2026 Budget Modification and 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 modification to Emergency Preparedness (3971) for a decrease in State of Michigan Revenue of \$15,662.46. No effect on Tribal Support. This budget is funded by State of Michigan Revenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2026 budget for Emergency Preparedness (3970) with State of Michigan Revenue of \$15,760.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director K. Gravelle, to approve Resolution 2026-236, Amending By-Laws of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the attached amended By-laws of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Housing Authority Commission.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director K. Gravelle, to approve Resolution 2026-237, Transportation – Maintenance Program Superior Sealcoating as General Contractor for Sealcoating and Line Painting Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the award of Sealcoating and Line Painting Project to Superior Sealcoating for \$72,913.00 from the BIA Transportation Maintenance Program funds, Cost Center # 2931.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman or his designee, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf on a contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Superior Sealcoating, for General Maintenance Services for Sealcoating and Line Painting Project.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2026-238, Transportation – Construction Program Payne & Dolan of Michigan as General Contractor for Escanaba Housing Roads Reconstruction Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the award of Escanaba Housing Roads Reconstruction Project to Payne & Dolan, Inc for \$755,116. from the BIA Tribal Transportation Construction Program funds, Cost Center # 2932.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf on a contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Payne & Dolan, Inc, for General Contracting Services for Escanaba Housing Roads Reconstruction Project.

Roll Call Vote: Motion unanimously.

Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2026-239, Adopting Docking Policy.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director St. Onge, to amend to include a list of properties in the policy.

Any objection to adding?

No objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby adopts the attached Docking Policy.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Docking Policy shall become effective immediately.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Barbeau, supported by Director Sorenson, to approve Resolution 2026-240, Amending Tribal Code Chapter 21: Hunting and Inland Fishing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby adopts the attached amendments to Chapter 21: Hunting and Inland Fishing.

Motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Director Causley-Smith, supported by Director Lee, to approve Resolution 2026-241, Naming Hessel Fitness Center.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors for the Tribe hereby authorizes the Hessel Tribal Fitness Center to be named Makoons Community Wellness Center.

Motion carries with Director McRorie opposing.

Moved by Director McKerchie, supported by Director Barbeau, to approve Resolution 2026-242, Partial Waiver of Convictions for Ms. Savannah-Jo Hyde.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to Ms. Savannah-Jo Hyde.

Motion carries unanimously.

Without objection, handle all Committee Resignations at once.

No objection.

Moved by Director Sorenson, supported by Director McKerchie, to approve the following committee actions:

1. Patrick Frazier, Health Board, Resignation, Member, term expiring May 2027
2. Judy LaJoie, Health Board, Resignation, Member, term expiring September 2027

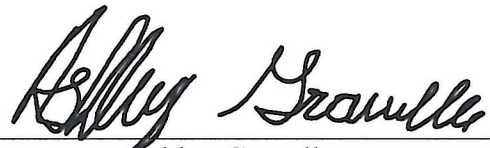
Motion carries unanimously.

Without objection, meeting adjourned.

No objection.

Adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Date: 8/18/26

Secretary: 
Ashley Gravelle

Others Present:

Lona Stewart, Samuel Derusha, Ryan Mills, Sawyer Dowd, Joseph Street, Kayla Gutierrez, Damien Hopper, Jessica Dumback, Holly Haapala, Bill Connolly, Clarence Hudak, Jen Clerc (Z), Elaine Clement (Z), Doug Goudreau (Z), Megan Miler, Melissa Van Luven, Marlene Glaesmann, Heather Kerfoot, Mariea Mongene, Wendy Hoffman, Katie Schultz (Z), Scott Brand, Bob Marchand, Michelle Moore