

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

**March 18, 2025**

**5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 2/4/25
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: Continuing Funding – Health FY25 Schedule B  
Continuing Funding – Governmental FY25  
Continuing Funding – FY 26 Schedule A  
Operation Stonegarden Establish FY25 Budget  
FY25 Buildings Capital Expenditures Budget  
Tribal Youth Initiative Establish FY25 Budget  
Epoufette Harbor Access Establish FY25 Budget  
ACFS Establish FY25 Budgets and Modifications –  
Social Work, Binogii, LIHEAP, CCDF  
FY25 BIA Transportation Establish FY25 Budgets  
Legal – Tribal Attorney  
2025 Indian Housing Plan – Amendment  
Rebuild of Nunns Creek Lamprey Barrier and Weir  
St. Mary’s River Dredged Materials Placement  
Recommendation  
Award Broadband Feasibility Study – CCC  
Tribal Operations Cyber Response  
Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Horvath Towers VI  
Approving Contract Newberry Yooper Fitness
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Disenrollment  
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

**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 will not be completed until after the fiscal year start date of October and January; 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 June 30, 2025.

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

**CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY - GOVERNMENTAL  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 JANUARY TO 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 January to December, for budget year 2025 is still under review and will not be completed until after the fiscal year start date of January; 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 centers for fiscal year 2025, at their 2024 spending levels, for a period not to exceed June 30, 2025.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 APRIL TO MARCH**

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, for budget year 2026 is still under review and will not be completed until after the fiscal year start date of April; 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 June 30, 2025.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAW ENFORCEMENT – OPERATION STONEGARDEN  
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 Operation Stonegarden with Other Revenue monies of \$39,295.59. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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**FY 2025 BUILDINGS  
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2025 Buildings Capital Expenditure budget for a total of \$600,000, with funds coming from the Buildings Fund Balance.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION –  
TRIBAL YOUTH 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 Tribal Youth Initiative with Federal BIA Revenue monies of \$8,183.96. No effect on Tribal Support.

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**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION –  
EPOUFETTE HARBOR ACCESS ROAD  
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 Epoufette Harbor Access Road with Federal USDA Revenue monies of \$21,598.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACFS - ESTABLISHMENT FY 2025 BUDGETS AND  
FY 2025 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS – SOCIAL WORK, BINOGII,  
LIHEAP, AND CCDF**

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 Social Work with Federal BIA monies of \$793,452.00 and Tribal Support monies of \$240,697.58.

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 2025 budget for Binogii with State of Michigan monies of \$1,059,812.21 and Other Revenue monies of \$57,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2025 budget modification for LIHEAP for an increase in Federal HHS Revenue monies of \$155,938.00 and a decrease in Tribal Support monies of \$30,108.62.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2025 budget modification for CCDF for a decrease in Federal HHS Revenue monies of \$3,315.15. No effect on Tribal Support.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GOVERNMENTAL – FY 2025 BIA TRANSPORTATION BUDGETS  
ESTABLISHMENT FY 2025 BUDGETS**

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 Transportation with Federal BIA monies of \$310,774.22. No effect on Tribal Support.

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 2025 budget for IRR Road Maintenance with Federal BIA monies of \$150,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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 2025 budget for Transportation Road Construction with Federal BIA monies of \$3,357,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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 2025 budget for Transportation Road Maintenance with Federal BIA monies of \$10,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FINALLY 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 Transportation Bridge Maintenance with Federal BIA monies of \$150,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGAL – TRIBAL ATTORNEY**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the salary for the Tribal Attorney – ACFS, referenced in the Resolution Information Sheet, effective immediately. This change will be reflected in the FY 2025 budget submitted.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**AMENDMENT - 2025 INDIAN HOUSING PLAN**

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 Tribe Housing Authority (STHA), is organized by Tribal Ordinance, Chapter 90 and formally designated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors as the Tribally Designated Housing Entity by Resolution No 98-66; 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 tribal membership housing needs; and

WHEREAS, there are funds made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) to meet the needs according to the IHP; and

WHEREAS, a single activity needs to be added to the FY2025 IHP, to reflect the Energy Efficient Roof Replacement Project - SSM. The added activity will allow the Housing Authority to correct inadequate roof systems, repair moisture and ventilation issues, and improve energy efficiency to the units. The project budget for this activity is \$321,780.44.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 in order to provide housing opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director is authorized to submit the 2025 IHP AMENDMENT in the HUD online GEMS System.

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 and all documents resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf on a contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP).

**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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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NRD - REBUILD OF NUNNS CREEK LAMPREY BARRIER AND WEIR**

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 mission of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right to self-government, and protect our property and resources as ordained by the establishment of our constitution and bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe seeks to restore our ability and authority to steward the lands and waters of the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory for the long-term benefit of our human and ecological communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is responsible for supporting Sault Tribe stewardship of 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory lands, waters, and non-human relatives; and

WHEREAS, the Nunns Creek lamprey barrier, weir, and accompanying structures are near the end of their service life and require updates; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission (GLFC) and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have an opportunity to rebuild the lamprey barrier and wier at Nunns Creek at no cost to the Sault Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, seeks this opportunity to update these structures to maintain structural integrity and effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Division to work on cooperative design of these structures and allows for implementation of structural rebuilds by the GLFC and USFWS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves 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, and 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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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NRD – ST. MARYS RIVER DREDGED MATERIALS PLACEMENT  
RECOMMENDATION**

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 mission of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right to self-government, and protect our property and resources as ordained by the establishment of our constitution and bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is responsible for supporting Sault Tribe stewardship of 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory lands, waters, and non-human relatives; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District (USACE) is preparing a dredged material preliminary assessment for the upper St. Marys River; and

WHEREAS, the options presented by the USACE include nearshore areas, a small amount of material to prevent erosion near a cemetery in Bay Mills Indian Community, and an open water offshore location; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division seeks this opportunity to recommend to the USACE that they identify additional sites for dredge material placement, which do not endanger nearshore or deep water habitats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Division to develop recommendations to USACE regarding dredged materials placement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves 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, and 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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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AWARD CONTRACT TO CHERRY CAPITAL CONNECTION FOR  
BROADBAND FEASIBILITY STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewas Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, RFP #25-020 was posted seeking bids for a Broadband Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe would like to select the bid submitted from Cherry Capital Connection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the Broadband Feasibility Services Agreement with Cherry Capital Connection for \$140,000 from Cost Center 13051. This activity is fully grant funded by BIA-Indian Economic Development-National Tribal Broadband Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents including as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIBAL OPERATIONS CYBER RESPONSE**

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 tribe was the victim of a ransomware attack on February 9, 2024, and the tribe must address the financial ramifications of this crime on its operations and governmental services. The tribe does have insurance coverage under a CYBER Policy and is actively pursuing potential claims associated with this attack: and

WHEREAS, the tribe must assure the continued operations of Governmental services and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribe's Risk Manager Director, CEO and CFO to create the necessary internal processes to address the financial impact of this CYBER Attack including exclusions under the Emergency Provision of the current Purchasing Policy, any necessary budgets along with the financial transfer of funds. All such purchasing exclusions, budgets and financial transfers will be reported to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO is authorized to create the necessary cost centers and to take such additional steps as may be appropriate to assure a full and proper accounting and reconciliation of any funds utilized to actively pursue the insurance claims.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Tribe, or his designee, is authorized to execute or amend any and all documents relating to this CYBER Event.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND CONSENT TO  
WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION  
HORVATH TOWERS VI, LLC**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as follows:

**Section 1 FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

The Board of Directors finds and determines that:

1.1 The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribal Government organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into Distributed Antenna System Agreement (“Agreement”) with Horvath Towers VI, LLC (“Horvath”) as negotiated by IT Department for Distributed Antenna Systems at Kewadin locations; and

1.3 Horvath will not consent to such Agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity or Tribal Court jurisdiction; and

1.4 In order to induce Horvath to enter into an Agreement, the Tribe is required to confirm that the Tribe and all other entities claiming by, through or under the Tribe will not claim sovereign immunity or exclusive Tribal Court jurisdiction with respect to any disputes or causes of action between the Tribe and Horvath that might arise from, or relate to, in any respect, the Agreement, or object to the venue clauses found in the Agreement. All the foregoing are referred to herein as the “Waiver and Consent Obligations”; and

1.5 It is in the Tribe's interest to resolve as stated herein.

**Section 2 WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; CONSENT TO  
JURISDICTION; GOVERNING LAW**

2.1 The Tribe hereby waives its sovereign immunity from suit in favor of Horvath only should an action be commenced under the Agreement referenced above.

This waiver:

i) Shall terminate upon performance by the Tribe of all of its obligations under the Agreement; and

ii) Is granted solely to Horvath; and

iii) Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including, but not limited to, any lawsuit, arbitration, and judicial or non-judicial action to resolve disputes between the Tribe and Horvath and the assertion of any claim in a court of competent jurisdiction or with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Agreement; and

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iv) Shall be enforceable only in a court of competent jurisdiction, for the sole purpose of a binding arbitration agreement; and

v) Shall be enforceable against the assets of the Tribe to the extent necessary to satisfy the Tribe's obligation in the Agreement; and

vi) The Agreement, and other associated documents shall be construed in accordance with and governed by all applicable laws and regulations of governmental bodies with competent jurisdiction, as set forth in such documents.

### Section 3. WAIVER OF TRIBAL COURT JURISDICTION

3.1 The Board of Directors waives the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Court over any action arising under the Agreement resulting in arbitration. The Board authorized the Tribe to consent to the jurisdiction of any courts with competent jurisdiction, including any courts to which decisions may be appealed, with respect to any controversies arising from this resolution or any of the finance documents, note or Agreement for arbitration.

### Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4.1 This waiver shall become effective upon the final execution of the Agreement executed by the Chairman or his designee. Failure or refusal of any individual to execute the Agreement shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately. Failure or refusal to execute the Agreement prior to the close of business on May 31, 2025, shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

### Section 5. AUTHORIZATION

5.1 T The Tribal Chairman or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate the forgoing.

## CERTIFICATION

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

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

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**APPROVING CONTRACT NEWBERRY YOOPER FITNESS**

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 Tribal Health Services, through Community Health, helps provide memberships at different gyms across the service area to promote a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is a gap in fitness services for members residing in the Newberry area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the contract with Newberry Yooper Fitness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs the CEO of Health Services to include the costs to carry out the intent of this resolution in the 2025 Community Health budget, to be approved by the Board of Directors, in a cost center determined by the CEO of Health Services.

**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

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

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**March 18, 2025**

## **Sponsor's List**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Continuing Funding Authority – Health Division for FY 2025 Schedule B Budgets October through September; January through December – Budget Department

Continuing Funding Authority – Governmental for Fiscal Year 2025 January to December – Budget Department

Continuing Funding Authority for Fiscal Year 2026 April to March – Budget Department

Law Enforcement – Operation Stonegarden Establishment of FY 2025 Budget – Robert Marchand

FY 2025 Buildings Capital Expenditures Budget – Andrew Lane

Natural Resources Division – Tribal Youth Initiative Establishment of FY 2025 Budget – Jack Tuomikoski, Rusty Aikens, Robin Clark

Natural Resources Division – Epoufette Harbor Access Road Establishment of FY 2025 Budget – Christine McPherson

ACFS – Establishment of FY 2025 Budgets, and FY 2025 Budget Modifications – Social Work, Binogii, LIHEAP, and CCDF – Melissa VanLuven, Megan Miller, Lisa Bumstead, Juanita Bye  
Governmental – FY 2025 BIA Transportation Budgets Establishment of FY 2025 Budgets – Robert Schulte

Legal – Tribal Attorney – Aaron Schlehuber

Amendment – 2025 Indian Housing Plan – Joni Talentino

NRD – Rebuild of Nunns Creek Lamprey Barrier and Weir – Jack Tuomikoski, Brandi MacArthur

NRD – St. Mary's River Dredged Materials Placement Recommendation – Jack Tuomikoski

Award Contract to Cherry Capital Connection for Broadband Feasibility Study – Dan Doyle

Tribal Operations Cyber Response – Robert Schulte

Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction Horvath

Towers VI, LLC – IT, Allen Kerridge, Josh Elliot

Approving Contract Newberry Yooper Fitness – Directors' Causley-Smith, Lee

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Disenrollment – Julie Salo

Board Concerns

# ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Lona Stewart, Board Administrator  
**DATE:** March 13, 2025  
**RE:** Workshop Agenda for March 18, 2025

## **AGENDA**

10:00  
Health Division Compensation Study (CLOSED)

11:00  
IT Update (CLOSED)

**12:00 – 1:00**  
**Lunch Break**

1:00  
Disenrollment (CLOSED)

1:30  
Cemetery Sexton

2:00  
Annual Performance Reviews  
Kewadin, Governmental, EDC, Health

2:30  
Task Review/Updates

3:00  
St. Mary's River Dredging Material Recommendations

3:15  
Agenda Review

5:00  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**