

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN SHORES CASINO
ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN
June 2, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 5/19/26
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: Establish FY26 Budget Coronavirus Capital Project
Establish FY26 Budget NRD GLRI Ruffed Grouse
Establish FY26 Budget NRD GLRI Manoomin
Establish FY26 Budget Engage Ojibwe/Western Sciences
FY26 Budget Mod SAMSHA/3rd Party/Opioid Health Authorization to Seek Funding
Health Approving A&E Contractor Selection
Health Sovereign Immunity Waiver IDS+A
NRD 2026 Back Bay Walleye Enhancement
Residential Land Lease Cancellation – Lackey
Residential Land Lease – Captain and Smith
Insurance Broker of Record
Amending Resolution 2024-137
Award Contract – Payne & Dolan
Authorization to Enter into USDA RUS Form 515
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Committee Appointment/Resignation
Commercial License Transfer
Approving Funds for CORA Project
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**GOVERNMENTAL – CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
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 for Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund with Federal US Department of Treasury Revenue of \$27,638.36. No effect on 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: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCE DIVISION – GLRI RUFFED GROUSE
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 for GLRI Ruffed Grouse with Federal BIA Revenue of \$1,982.18. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCE DIVISION – GLRI MANOOMIN
RESTORATION
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 for GLRI Manoomin Restoration with Federal BIA Revenue of \$8,913.09. No effect on Tribal Support.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCE DIVISION – ENGAGING OJIBWE AND
WESTERN SCIENCES
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 for Engaging Ojibwe and Western Sciences with Federal BIA Revenue of \$33,135.87. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – SAMHSA SAULT TRIBE OPIOID RESPONSE
GRANT (STOPR) AND THIRD – 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 SAMHSA STOPR for an increase in Federal HHS Revenue for carryover funds of \$397,033.00 and a decrease in funds from Third Party Revenue of \$39,442.73.

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 Third Party Revenue to decrease the transfer out of funds to SAMSHA STOPR by \$39,442.73.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK FINANCING FOR
THE SSM HC ANNEX & EXPANSION PROJECT**

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 Tribe, through its Health Division, is committed to providing high-quality, patient-centered health care services that are responsive to the needs of Tribal Members and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has identified the need to expand and renovate the Sault Ste. Marie Health Center through the Annex & Expansion Project (the “Project”) to address space limitations, improve patient care delivery, enhance infection control measures, and support future growth in healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of the Project requires the Tribe to identify and secure additional funding sources beyond currently available appropriations, grants, and third-party revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to explore financing opportunities, including but not limited to the USDA Rural Development Loan Programs and the HRSA Health Center Loan Guarantee Program, as potential funding sources to support the Project; and

WHEREAS, securing financing through these programs or other lending mechanisms may provide favorable terms, including lower interest rates and federal guarantees, to support the timely and efficient completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that pursuing financing requires formal authorization to engage with lenders, evaluate financing options, and negotiate terms that are in the best interest of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, any financing agreement that may include a waiver of sovereign immunity must be brought back to the Board of Directors for separate review and explicit approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Health Division CEO to explore, pursue, and seek financing options, including loans and loan guarantees, for the Sault Ste. Marie Health Center Annex & Expansion Project, including but not limited to the USDA Rural Development Loan Programs and the HRSA Health Center Loan Guarantee Program.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Division CEO, or their designee, is authorized to engage with financial institutions, federal agencies, and program administrators to evaluate loan terms, guarantees, interest rates, repayment structures, and related financing considerations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorization is limited to the exploration, application, and negotiation of financing options, and that no final loan agreement, guarantee, or binding financial obligation shall be executed without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Health Division CEO shall report back to the Board of Directors with recommended financing options, including terms, risks, and financial impacts, prior to seeking final approval.

CERTIFICATION

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – APPROVING A & E CONTRACTOR SELECTION
SAULT TRIBE HEALTH DIVISION EXTENSION PROPERTY**

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 Health Division’s mission is to provide high quality, patient-centered health care that is responsive, courteous, and sensitive to individual, family, community, and cultural needs with an emphasis on disease prevention and health promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Health Division has identified a qualified contractor through the Sault Tribe Procurement process to complete the Architect & Engineering services for the SSM Health Center Extension Property (Roy Property); and

WHEREAS, the funding for this project will be comprised of COVID funds \$217,250.00 (CC: 12505 & 12509).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves awarding the Architect & Engineering contract to UPEA in the amount of \$217,250.00 for A&E services for the SSM Health Center Extension Property (Roy Property).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute this agreement and take such other steps as may be deemed necessary.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY INDIGENOUS DESIGN STUDIO + ARCHITECTURE

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.

1.2 The Tribe wishes to enter into a Service Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Indigenous Design Studio + Architecture (“IDS+A”) on behalf of the Tribal Health Centers; and

1.3 IDS+A will not consent to such agreement without a waiver of sovereign immunity; and

1.4 In order to enter into the 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 IDS+A 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 is 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 IDS+A 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 IDS+A; and
- iii) Shall extend to inter alia, any judicial or non-judicial action, including mediation and arbitration, to resolve disputes between the Tribe and IDS+A and the assertion of any claim in a Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court or

with any arbitrator or arbitration panel to enforce the obligations under the Agreement; and

- iv) Shall be enforceable only in the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court, including binding arbitration; and
- v) Shall be enforceable against the assets of the health department 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. EFFECTIVE DATE

3.1 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 October 1, 2026, shall render the waivers and consents granted in this resolution to become void immediately.

Section 4. AUTHORIZATION

4.1 The Chairman or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents to effectuate the foregoing.

CERTIFICATION

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

NRD 2026 BACK BAY WALLEYE ENHANCEMENT

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 and enacting Sault Tribe stewardship of 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory lands, waters, and non-human relatives; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, has the opportunity to enhance walleye populations within the Upper Saint Marys River by releasing 100,000 walleye fingerlings into Back Bay; and

WHEREAS, Bay Mills Indian Community will compensate Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians in the amount of \$36,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Division's contract with Bay Mills Indian Community.

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.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESIDENTIAL LAND LEASE CANCELLATION
MICHELLE LACKEY AND JOHN LACKEY**

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, Helen Wilkins, Director of Commercial Real Estate, on behalf of Michelle and John Lackey, requests that Lease No. 469-4200529702 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 Treasurer to execute this lease cancellation, and the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan
Part of Sec. 29 & S. ½ Sec. 20, T 45 N, R 1 W (0.23 acres, more or less)
Lots 834 and 835 Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to cancel Lease No. Lease No:469-4200529702, 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
JOSHUA CAPTAIN AND AMANDA SMITH**

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, Helen Wilkins, Director of Commercial Real Estate, requests approval of the Residential Land Lease.

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 Joshua Captain and Amanda Smith, the land being described as:

**Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan
Sec. 29 & S. ½ Sec. 20, T 45 N, R 1 W (0.23 acres, more or less)
Lots 834 and 835 Cedar Grove Estates III**

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

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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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPOINTING BROKER OF RECORD
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has been notified that it is necessary to appoint a Broker of Record for the purposes of managing Insurance products for the Tribes Property and Casualty needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract with Mahoney Group for \$65,000 annually for three years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs the Risk Management Director to take the necessary steps, including contract signature authority and any budget modifications, if necessary, to re-appoint The Mahoney Group as the Broker of Record for the Tribe's Property and Casualty needs.

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 _____ 2026; 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: _____

AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-137

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, Resolution 2024-137 established the Unit II ARPA funded Home Rehabilitation Program; and

WHEREAS, the eligible homes for the Home Rehabilitation Program in Unit II have been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, there is approximately \$48,000 remaining that was obligated for the Unit II ARPA funded Home Rehabilitation Program; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funding must be spent by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe would like to amend the Home Rehabilitation Program to expand its eligibility to include Unit II homes owned by the Sault Tribe Housing Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby amends Resolution 2024-137 to expand the eligibility of the Unit II Home Rehabilitation Program to include homes in Unit II owned by the Sault Tribe Housing Authority.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**TRANSPORTATION – AWARD PAYNE & DOLAN OF MICHIGAN AS
GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR CASINO RING ROAD PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Department requests authorization to award Payne & Dolan, Inc. the contract for the Casino Ring Road Project; and

WHEREAS, Transportation has Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Transportation Program funds available for the above project; and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited for this work, and it has been determined that Payne & Dolan, Inc is the sole bidder, apparent lowest bidder, and most qualified bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the award of Casino Ring Road Project to Payne & Dolan, Inc for \$69,500 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 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 Payne & Dolan, Inc, for General Contracting Services for Casino Ring Road Project.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**USDA – AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A USDA RUS FORM 515
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

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, an Invitation to Bid for project # 26-019 was issued by the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department at the request of the Broadband Group for construction services associated with the broadband network to be constructed utilizing grant funds awarded through the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) Rural Utilities Service (“RUS”) ReConnect Program; and

WHEREAS, during the procurement review process, certain bid irregularities and procedural questions were identified and subsequently reviewed by Sault Tribe Legal, the Broadband Group, the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, CCI Systems as Project Engineer of record, and Cherry Capital Connections (“CCC”), and it was determined under Section IV(E) of the Purchasing Policy that such matters did not materially impair the integrity of the procurement process or require disqualification of the bids received; and

WHEREAS, the procurement and bid evaluation process identified a highest-ranked responsive and responsible bidder for the proposed USDA RUS Form 515 Telecommunications System Construction Contract, subject to completion of all applicable procurement requirements, contractor qualification requirements, bonding requirements, and USDA Rural Utility Service pre bid compliance obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, with the concurrence of the Broadband Group, CCI systems and CCC, recommends proceeding with the selected contractor identified through the procurement process for the USDA RUS Form 515 Telecommunications System Construction Contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman, or his designee, to enter and execute the USDA RUS Form 515 Telecommunications System Construction Contract and any supporting documents upon completion of all applicable purchasing procedures, contractor qualification requirements, bonding requirements, and USDA Rural Utility Service requirements.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman, or his designee, to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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June 2, 2026
Sponsor's List

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Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Indigenous Design Studio + Architecture – James Benko

NRD 2026 Back Bay Walleye Enhancement – Jack Tuomikoski, Dani Fegan, Brandi MacArthur

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Appointing Broker of Record Property and Casualty Insurance – Doug Goudreau

Amending Resolution 2024-137 – Mariea Mongene

Transportation – Award Payne & Dolan of Michigan as General Contractor for Casino Ring Road Project – Wendy Hoffman

USDA – Authorization to Enter into a USDA RUS Form 515 Telecommunications System Construction Contract – Dan Doyle

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointment/Resignation – Child Welfare Committee, Education Committee

Commercial Captain License Transfer

Approving Funds for CORA Project – Legal

Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: May 28, 2026
RE: Workshop Agenda for June 2, 2026

AGENDA

10:00
Enterprise Authority (CLOSED)
PTO/Holiday Policy and Insurance Outline

12:00 – 1:15
Lunch Break

1:15
CORA Project (CLOSED)

2:00
Emergency Conditions Policy

2:30
Secretarial Election

3:30
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting