

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
July 7, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. MINUTES: 6/16/26
- VI. RESOLUTIONS: USDA FY26 Budget Modification
Big Bear Admin FY26 Budget Modification
Enrollment FY26 Budget Modification
National Telecom/Information Establish FY27 Budget
Health PRC FY26 Budget Modification
Human Resources FY26 Budget Modification
JKL Fiduciary FY26 Budget Modification
Adam Walsh Establish FY26 Budget
GLRI Wolf Management Establish FY27 Budget
Nunn's Creek FY26 Budget Modification
BIA FY26 Budget Modification
Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) 2026 Application
Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Application
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Application
Amend Res. 2007-96/Special Needs Scholarships
Award RFP 26-022 To Great Lakes Roofing
Authorize Family Violence Prevention Application
OVW FY26 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments
MIEA Tribal Elder Appointments
Elder Ramp Program Policy Update
Accept 2025 Housing Authority Audit
Housing Authorization to Apply for CoC Grant
Amending Chapter 90 Housing Authority
Rescinding Chapter 92 Utility Authority
- VII. NEW BUSINESS: Committee Appointments/Resignation
Secretarial Election Board
Board Concerns
- VIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- IX. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- X. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ACFS DIVISION – USDA
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 USDA for a change to the personnel page and a reallocation of expenses. 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 _____ 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vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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

**BIG BEAR - ADMINISTRATION
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 Big Bear Administration for changes to the personnel page. 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
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ENROLLMENT
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 Enrollment for a decrease in Tribal Support of \$66,758.49 and an increase in Other Revenue of \$21,000.00.

CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**GOVERNMENTAL – NATIONAL TELECOM AND INFORMATION
ADMINISTRATION 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 National Telecom and Information Administration with Federal DOC Revenue of \$500,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – PURCHASED REFERRED CARE (PRC)
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 PRC for changes to the personnel page and a reallocation of expenses.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**INTERNAL SERVICES – HUMAN RESOURCES
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 Human Resources for an increase in Tribal Support of \$20,088.30 for space costs.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**JKL SCHOOL FIDUCIARY AND INTEREST
FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby waives resolution #2024-205, Governmental Budget Policy, for the prohibition of budget modifications or establishment of new budgets after a cost center's fiscal year end.

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 JKL School Fiduciary for a decrease in Federal BIA Revenue of \$200,000.00. 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 FY 2026 budget modification to JKL School Interest for the use of Fund Balance of \$200,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**LAW ENFORCEMENT – ADAM WALSH ACT IMPLEMENTATION
GRANT 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 Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant with Federal DOJ Revenue of \$67,664.37. 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 RESOURCES DIVISION – GLRI ADAPTIVE
MANAGEMENT WOLF 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 GLRI Adaptive Management Wolf with Federal BIA Revenue of \$1,003.08. 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 RESOURCES DIVISION – NUNN’S CREEK REHAB
HATCHERY 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 Nunn’s Creek Rehab Hatchery for an increase in Federal BIA Revenue of \$135,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**BIA
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 BIA for the use of \$200,000.00 in BIA fund balance for consulting/contracting. 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
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

NRD APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR 2026 USFWS TWG

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 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 mission of the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is to serve as leaders in collaborative stewardship within the Great Lakes region to ensure ecological resilience and sustainable relations, honoring those who came before us and providing for those yet to come; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Division (NRD) desires to apply for funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under the Tribal Wildlife Grants program (TWG); and

WHEREAS, the USFWS TWG is an opportunity for NRD to apply for funding to advance co-stewardship efforts, including fire planning and wildlife and vegetation monitoring on public lands, that will benefit people and wildlife within the 1836 Ceded Territory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the Natural Resources Division to apply for up to \$200,000 across a three-year project period in USFWS TWG funding.

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 _____ 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.

Austin Lowes, Chairman
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NRD APPLICATION TO US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (USFWS)
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) GRANT**

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 maintain and 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 US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has announced an opportunity to secure funding under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Aquatic Invasive Species Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, seeks this funding to support and further ongoing Aquatic Invasive Species work in the Great Lakes and Saint Marys River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Natural Resources Division to apply for up to \$100,000 in USFWS Aquatic Invasive Species funding.

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

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NRD APPLICATION TO ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

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

WHEREAS, the Tribe has an existing Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability (UM SEAS) establishing a framework for advancing ecological resilience, environmental stewardship and sustainability, and conducting mutually beneficial research activities, and this funding opportunity directly advances the goals and commitments set forth in that agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Division seeks to apply for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation from Insight to Action: Health Equity Research that Meets This Moment funding in partnership with the University of Michigan (UM) School for Environment and Sustainability and the UM School of Social Work to support health, food sovereignty, and natural resources stewardship across the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Natural Resources Division to apply for up to \$500,000 in Robert Wood Johnson Foundation from Insight to Action: Health Equity Research that Meets This Moment funding in partnership with UM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to execute all documents, contracts, and subcontracts 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

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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.

Austin Lowes, Chairman
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Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AMENDING RESOLUTION 2007-96 - ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

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, Tribal scholarships are essential to providing the financial assistance necessary for Tribal member students to afford the cost of education; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe believes it is vital to encourage the educational growth of Members with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Youth Education & Activities (YEA) Department has established two annual scholarships for eligible tribal students 17 years old or under; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Higher Education Department has established two annual scholarships for eligible tribal students 18 years old or over.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the annual expenditure of \$2,000 from the YEA cost center 2080 to be awarded annually in equal amounts of \$1,000 to two eligible Tribal Members ages 17 or under with special needs and \$2,000 from the Higher Education cost center 2060 to be awarded annually in equal amounts of \$1,000 to two eligible Tribal Members ages 18 or over with special needs.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately and rescind Resolution 2007-96 Establishment of Educational Assistance Award for Members with Special Educational Needs.

CERTIFICATION

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AWARDING RFP #26-022 TO GREAT LAKES ROOFING

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 Tribe posted RFP #26-022, for the JKL Middle School and Gym roof replacement; and

WHEREAS, two vendors submitted bid proposals for the RFP; and

WHEREAS, Facilities Management, JKL School, and the Purchasing Department recommend contracting with Great Lakes Roofing for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby awards RFP #26-022 to Great Lakes Roofing for \$265,000 funding by Facilities Management Fund Balance Company 860.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Legal Department will work with Facilities Management to negotiate a contract with Great Lakes Roofing for the roof replacement project.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any documents necessary, once approved by the Legal Department, subject that it does not require additional approval from the Board of Directors under any applicable Tribal laws or policies, to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AUTHORIZE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION
AND SERVICES APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services/Grants to Native American Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal Organizations formula grant is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services has funding to assist tribes in efforts to provide immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe eligible to apply for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians proposes to continue to provide immediate shelter and related supportive services to all eligible survivors of Intimate Partner Violence who reside in the Tribe's seven-county service area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes application to the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services for Family Violence Prevention and Services formula funding for FY 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Austin Lowes, Tribal Chairman, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services, to negotiate, execute, and amend any documents resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf.

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

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Austin Lowes, Chairman
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**OVW FISCAL YEAR 2026
GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS PROGRAM**

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 United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, provides funding authorized to assist Tribal governments to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is eligible to apply for an OVW Fiscal Year 2026 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Chippewa Indians desires to continue the provision of services necessary to meet the needs of survivors through accessing funding intended for Tribal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes an application for funding from the OVW Fiscal Year 2026 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Austin Lowes, Tribal Chairman, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, to negotiate, execute, and amend any documents resulting therefrom on the Tribe's behalf.

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 _____ 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: _____

**MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION
TRIBAL ELDER 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 alternate appointment to MIEA; and

WHEREAS, Dell Powers, Delegate, resigned from his appointment, creating an open seat to represent Sault Tribe. Lou Anne Bush submitted her letter of intent to represent Sault Tribe in the MIEA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby moves Dianne Compo from the Alternate to Delegate, and appoints Lou Anne Bush to the Alternate seat to represent the Elders of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, both for the remainder of the two-year period, expiring in June 2027, and will exercise the duties of the delegate and alternate as outlined in the MIEA bylaws.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

ELDER RAMP PROGRAM POLICY UPDATE

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 Board of Directors approved Resolution 2015-44, which included the policy for the implementation of the Elder Ramp Program; and

WHEREAS, due to the limited availability of temporary and portable ramps, the high cost associated with installation and removal of temporary structures, the increasing demand for ramp services, and the long-term mobility needs of many elders, the Ramp Program had transitioned from the use of temporary/portable ramps to long-term ramp installations starting in 2018; and

WHEREAS, many Elders require safe home access for extended periods exceeding six (6) months, with some requiring ramp access for several years; and

WHEREAS, long-term ramps provide a more cost-effective, durable, and safe solution for meeting these long-term accessibility needs; and

WHEREAS, all ramps provided through the program remain the property of the Sault Tribe Elder Services Division and are considered loaned equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians approves the attached updated Elder Ramp Program policy.

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 _____ 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.

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

Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2025 HOUSING AUTHORITY AUDIT

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby accepts the 2025 Housing Authority Audit, as presented to the Sault Tribe Audit Committee on June 18, 2026, by Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC.

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 _____ 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.

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

Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY
HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE BUILDS (COC BUILDS) GRANT**

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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has solicited a funding opportunity (CPD-2600-DC-025A) for the Continuum of Care Builds (CoC Builds); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Continuum of Care Builds (CoC Builds) funding is to address and reduce homelessness by creating new units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the CoC Builds will provide funding to operate and construct a PSH complex, community space, secure single entrance with completion of parking lot and utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Housing Authority seeks to apply for an award of up to \$11,000,000 of Continuum of Care Builds funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director, 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

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

Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ADOPTING AMENDED TRIBAL CODE CHAPTER 90: HOUSING
AUTHORITY ORDINANCE**

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 Housing Authority would like to absorb the Utility Authority and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission voted to present amending Chapter 90 to absorb the Utility Authority into the Housing Authority to the Board of Directors at its June 1, 2026, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the amended draft of Chapter 90 approved by the Housing Commission was workshopped with the Board of Directors on June 23, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby adopts the attached amended Tribal Code Chapter 90: Housing Authority Ordinance, absorbing the Utility Authority into the Housing Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governmental CFO and Housing Director are authorized to perform any administrative budget modification necessary to move any outstanding Utility Authority funds to the Housing Authority.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the terms of this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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 _____ 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.

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

Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESCINDING TRIBAL CODE CHAPTER 92: UTILITY AUTHORITY
ORDINANCE**

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 Housing Authority would like to absorb the Utility Authority and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission voted to present amending Chapter 90 to absorb the Utility Authority into the Housing Authority to the Board of Directors at its June 1, 2026, meeting; and

WHEREAS, the amended draft of Chapter 90 approved by the Housing Commission was workshopped with the Board of Directors on June 23, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby rescinds Tribal Code Chapter 92: Utility Authority Ordinance.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the terms of this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

July 7, 2026
Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

ACFS Division – USDA FY 2026 Budget Modification – Sheryl McKerchie
Big Bear – Administration FY 2026 Budget Modification – Tammy Graham
Enrollment FY 2026 Budget Modification – Julie Salo
Governmental – National Telecom and Information Administration Establishment of FY 2027 Budget – Larry Jacques
Health Division – Purchased Referred Care (PRC) FY 2026 Budget Modification – Tina Fox
Internal Services – Human Resources FY 2026 Budget Modification – Ashley Samuelson
JKL School Fiduciary and Interest FY 2026 Budget Modification – Stephanie Sprecker, Bill Connolly
Law Enforcement – Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Establishment of FY 2026 Budget – Robert Marchand
Natural Resources Division – GLRI Adaptive Management Wolf Establishment of FY 2027 Budget – Eric Clark
Natural Resources Division – Nunn's Creek Rebab Hatchery FY 2026 Budget Modification – Jack Tuomikoski
BIA FY 2026 Budget Modification - Jeff Holt
NRD Application to Apply for 2026 USFWS TWG – Katie Shultz, Dani Fegan
NRD Application to US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant – Jack Tuomikoski, Brandi MacArthur
NRD Application to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Funding Opportunity – Dani Fegan, Brandi MacArthur
Amending Resolution 2007-96 - Establishing Educational Assistance Scholarships for Tribal Members with Special Educational Needs – Stephanie Sprecker
Awarding RFP #26-022 To Great Lakes Roofing – Andrew Lane
Authorize Family Violence Prevention and Services Application – Jessica McKerchie
OVW Fiscal Year 2026 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program – Jessica McKerchie
Michigan Indian Elders Association Tribal Elder Appointments – Katie Peabody
Elder Ramp Program Policy Update – Katie Peabody
Acceptance Of The 2025 Housing Authority Audit – Holly Haapala
Authorization to Apply HUD Continuum of Care Builds (CoC Builds) Grant – Mariea Mongene
Adopting Amended Tribal Code Chapter 90: Housing Authority Ordinance – Mariea Mongene
Rescinding Tribal Code Chapter 92: Utility Authority Ordinance – Mariea Mongene

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments/Resignation – Unit 1 Elder Committee, Unit 4 Manistique Elder Committee, Elder Advisory Committee, Health Board Committee, Conservation Committee
Secretarial Election Board
Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: July 2, 2026
RE: Workshop Agenda for July 7, 2026

AGENDA

10:00
Budgets (CLOSED)

11:00
Secretarial Election Board

12:00 – 1:15
Lunch Break

1:15
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting