BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN
August 18, 2026
5:00 P.M.

I.	CALL TO ORDER	
II.	ROLL CALL	
III.	INVOCATION:	Prayer, Smudging
IV.	MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION	
V.	PRESENTATION:	
VI.	MINUTES:	8/4/26
VII.	RESOLUTIONS:	FY27 Budget Doc 002 (Schedule B - No Health) Continuing Funding Gov FY27 Schedule B Budgets Continuing Funding Health FY27 Schedule B Budgets Broadband Reconnect4 Est. of FY26 Budget Sanitation – BE-26-N93 Est. of FY27 Budget NRD EPA Indoor Air Quality Est. of FY27 Budget NRD White-Nose Syndrome Est. of FY27 Budget Elder Services Meal Additions Est. of FY27 Budget Marquette Community Center FY26 and FY27 Budget Modifications Lodge of Hope FY26 Budget Modification and Est. of FY26 Budget Emergency Conditions Policy Amendment Rural Health Transformation Program Approve Contract – ACC Gladstone Project Health Division Stand Strong Youth Initiative Negotiate/Accept Donation Donaldson Trust Property Amending Resolution 2012-245 Creation of the Legislative Attorney Office
VIII.	NEW BUSINESS	10/6/26 Meeting Date Change – Escanaba Committee Appointment Board Concerns
IX.	ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION	
X.	RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM	
XI.	ADJOURN	

RESOLUTION NO: _______________

FY 2027 BUDGET DOCUMENT 002
(SCHEDULE B BUDGETS – NO HEALTH DIVISION)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 Budget Document 002 totaling $12,310,732, of which $541,121 comes from 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vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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

RESOLUTION NO: _______________

CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY – GOVERNMENTAL
FY 2027 SCHEDULE B BUDGETS

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 2027; and

WHEREAS, the attached cost center list, with fiscal year of September to August and October to September, for budget year 2027 is still under review; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wants to ensure that services are not left unfunded for a period between expiration of the fiscal year 2026 budgets and approval of the fiscal year 2027 budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost center list for fiscal year 2027, at their 2026 spending levels, for a period not to exceed December 31, 2026.

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RESOLUTION NO: _______________

CONTINUING FUNDING AUTHORITY – HEALTH DIVISION
FY 2027 SCHEDULE B BUDGETS

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves continuing funding for the attached cost center list for fiscal year 2027, at their 2026 spending levels, for a period not to exceed December 31, 2026.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

BROADBAND RECONNECT4
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 Broadband Reconnect4 with Federal USDA Revenue of $1,074,612.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____________

SANITATION – BE-26-N93
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 FY 2027 budget for Sanitation BE-26-N93 with Federal IHS Revenue of $500,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION – EPA INDOOR AIR QUALITY 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 FY 2027 budget for EPA Indoor Air Quality with Federal EPA Revenue of $3,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION – WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE – WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME 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 FY 2027 budget for Wildlife Management Institute – White-Nose Syndrome with Federal USFWL Revenue of $14,997.92. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

ELDER DIVISION – ELDER SERVICES MEAL ADDITIONS
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 FY 2027 budget for Elder Services Meal Additional with Third Party Revenue of $234,624.00 and Tribal Support of $3,500.00.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

BUILDINGS – MARQUETTE COMMUNITY CENTER
FY 2026 AND FY 2027 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 Buildings –Marquette Community Center for an increase in Other Revenue of $67,479.88. This budget is funded by Other Revenue from the Elder Division 1.6%, Education 2.7%, and Tribal Operations 95.7%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2027 budget modification to Buildings – Marquette Community Center for an increase in Other Revenue of $32,520.00. This budget is funded by Fund Balance 23.5% and Other Revenue from the Elder Division 5%, Education 3%, and Tribal Operations 68.5%.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

ACFS – LODGE OF HOPE
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 Lodge of Hope (12671) for a decrease in the transfer in from Opioid Settlement Funds $235,041.79. This budget is funded by Opioid Settlement Funds.

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 Lodge of Hope (12672) with State of Michigan Revenue of $160,879.99. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

GOVERNMENTAL EMERGENCY CONDITIONS POLICY

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 2016-40 approved the Emergency Conditions Policy for Government, Casino, and Enterprises; and

WHEREAS, since the Emergency Conditions Policy was adopted, the Tribe has taken steps to establish each entity as its own distinct entity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is looking to adopt a Governmental Emergency Conditions Policy.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2016-40, and each entity of the Tribe will need to adopt its own Emergency Conditions Policy.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Governmental Emergency Conditions Policy shall be effective immediately.

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Ashley Gravelle, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

HEALTH DIVISION – RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

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 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has provided a funding opportunity through the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP); and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Health Division will utilize the funds to strengthen health outcomes in rural communities by investing in community-driven, culturally grounded, and sustainable health solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the Health Division's acceptance for the RHTP Funds in the amount of $665,878.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legal Department will assist the Health Division in negotiations of the contract with MDHHS.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Health Division CEO, or their designee, to execute 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: ____________

HEALTH DIVISION – APPROVING CONTRACT FOR AUTOMATED COMFORT CONTROLS PROJECT GLADSTONE HC

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 Indian Health Services (IHS) Backlog of Essential Maintenance Alteration and Repair (BEMAR) funded Condensing Unit Project/AC Units at the Gladstone Health Center; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this project will be comprised of BEMAR funds in the amount of $82,600.00 (CC:13191).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves awarding the contract to Automated Comfort Controls in the amount of $82,600.00 for the Gladstone Health Condensing Unit Project / AC Units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legal Department will assist the Health Division in negotiations of the contract with Automated Comfort Controls.

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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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

SAULT TRIBE HEALTH DIVISION STAND STRONG YOUTH INITIATIVE

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

WHEREAS, the Primary Substance Use Prevention Services through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is awarding Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Health Division grant funding for the FY 26 year; and the Tribe will follow the grant requirements, in place to assist the Sault Tribe Stand Strong Youth Initiative (SSYI); and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Department will use the SSYI to strengthen tribal capacity to develop and implement SUD/OUD prevention programs targeting tribal youth aged 12 to 17. The funding will focus on serving tribal youth, families, and communities with culturally responsive programming focused on skill building, family engagement, after-school and summer-based programming that is also inclusive of mentorship opportunities. Key objectives are to enhance and increase tribal youth knowledge and skills through school/ Evidence based prevention curriculum, nurture family environments within family home visiting programs, increase youth access to resources and activities through YEA partnerships, and promote youth and teen mental health first aid training and crisis response; and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Department would like to accept the contract agreement from the State of MI for One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) for FY 26.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approved and supports the Health Divisions Fiscal year 2026 Primary Substance Use Prevention Service Funding through MDHHS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or their designee, to prepare, submit, negotiate, execute, and administer applications, agreements, certifications, assurances, and other documents necessary to secure and implement PSUPS funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors supports the Health Division's continued efforts to pursue federal, state, Tribal, and private funding opportunities that advance healthcare prevention efforts and expand access to services for Tribal Members.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE/ACCEPT DONATION
DONALDSON TRUST PROPERTY

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 has entered into an MOU with the Global Land Restoration Fund (GLRF); and

WHEREAS, GLRF located the Donaldson Trust Property, which includes 18 acres of Manistique Lake shoreline, 79.49 acres of Section 28 forest, 39.64 acres of Section 33 forest, and 34.95 acres of Section 34 forest, and which the Donaldson Trust would like to donate to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the donation of the Donaldson Trust Property to the Tribe would help further the mission of the Tribe for the perpetuation of our ways of life and the welfare and property of our people, to preserve our right to self-government, and protect our property and resources as ordained by the establishment of the Constitution and Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to negotiate and accept the donation on behalf of the Tribe for the Donaldson Trust Property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to sign any and all documentation to complete the property donation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby confers the responsibility of managing the Donaldson Trust Property to the Natural Resources Division to ensure inter-generational stewardship, harvesting and ceremony, and research and education that centers our Anishinaabe knowledges and ways.

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RESOLUTION NO: ____________

AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-245

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 2012-245 temporarily declares tattooing, body piercing, and other similar body modification services, within the jurisdiction of the Tribe, to be illegal, and orders all persons within the jurisdiction of the Tribe to immediately cease administering tattoos, body piercing or other similar body modification services; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe would like to create exceptions to allow for tattooing, body piercing, and other similar body modification services, within the jurisdiction of the Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby amends Resolution 2012-245 to allow, at cultural events, such as powwows, and at enterprises that fall under the control of any economic arm of the Tribe, by an individual who is duly licensed through the state of Michigan to perform tattooing, body piercing, and other similar body modification services on tribal lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that tattooing, body piercing, and other similar body modification services shall not be permitted at any residential property on tribal lands or by someone who is not duly licensed through the state of Michigan to perform these services.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all other terms of Resolution 2012-245 shall remain in effect.

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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. ___________________________

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY OFFICE

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 is moving towards the implementation of a three-branch government with a separate judiciary, executive and legislative branch; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Tribe ("Board") is wanting to fund up their legislative attorney position(s) and a judicial attorney position prior to the separation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby directs the Government Human Resources Department and the Legal Department to create a legislative attorney position and a judicial staff attorney position including the creation of job descriptions and grid placement pursuant to the governmental wage grid.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that these new positions shall be created and presented to the Board within 30 days of enactment of this resolution for final approval by the Board.

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August 18, 2026
Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

FY 2027 Budget Document 002 (Schedule B Budgets – No Health Division) – Jennifer Clerc
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Continuing Funding Authority – Health Division FY 2027 Schedule B Budgets – Jennifer Clerc
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Natural Resources Division – EPA Indoor Air Quality Establishment of FY 2027 Budget – Robin Bouschor
Natural Resources Division – Wildlife Management Institute – White-Nose Syndrome Establishment of FY 2027 Budget – Katie Schultz
Elder Division – Elder Services Meal Additions Establishment of FY 2027 Budget – Katie Peabody
Buildings – Marquette Community Center FY 2026 and FY 2027 Budget Modifications – Andrew Lane
ACFS – Lodge of Hope FY 2026 Budget Modification and Establishment of FY 2026 Budget – Megan Miller
Governmental Emergency Conditions Policy – Ashley Samuelson
Health Division – Rural Health Transformation Program – James Benko
Health Division – Approving Contractors for Automated Comfort Controls Project Gladstone HC – James Benko
Sault Tribe Health Division Stand Strong Youth Initiative – James Benko
Authorization to Negotiate/Accept Donation Donaldson Trust Property – Chairman Lowes
Amending Resolution 2012-245 – Director McKerchie, Director K. Gravelle
Authorizing the Creation of the Legislative Attorney Office – Director Sorenson

NEW BUSINESS:

October 6, 2026 Meeting Date Change – Escanaba
Committee Appointment – Conservation Committee
Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: August 13, 2026
RE: Workshop Agenda for August 18, 2026

AGENDA

9:00
JKL Fiduciary Committee Meeting

10:00
Enterprise Authority Workshop (CLOSED)

11:30 (or upon completion of EA WS)
Enterprise Authority Meeting

12:00 – 1:15
Lunch Break

1:15
Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/Detention (CLOSED)

2:00
MOA with USACE/Repatriation

2:30
Wayfinding & Branding Project - Final

3:30
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting