

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MARQUETTE TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER
MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN**

May 19, 2026

5:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 5/5/26
- VII. RESOLUTIONS:
 - FY 2027 Budget Document 001
 - NRD Air Program Development
 - Intern Program and Third-Party Revenue
 - Higher Education and Third-Party Revenue
 - Health Sault Optical and Third-Party Revenue
 - Tribal Court FY 2026 Budget Modification
 - Approving MOU Bark River – Harris School
 - Approving MOU Rudyard Area Schools
 - Approving MOU Les Cheneaux Community Schools
 - Rescinding Resolution 2023-102
 - Long-Term 2% to Newton Township
 - USDA RUS Form 515 Construction Contract
 - Federal Clearance Requirements for STI
 - Accept Resignation of Appellate Judge
 - Amended Constitution Submission for a Secretarial Election
 - Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Mining
 - Carbon Capture and Subsurface Land Use
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**FY 2027 BUDGET DOCUMENT 001
(SCHEDULE A BUDGETS)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2027 Budget Document 001 totaling \$19,138,317.

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vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.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

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION – AIR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
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 Air Program Development with Federal EPA Revenue of \$72,388.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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: _____

**INTERN PROGRAM 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 the Intern Program for a decrease in Tribal Support of \$7,027.72 and to add a transfer in of funds from Third Party Revenue of \$14,055.42.

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 transfer out \$14,055.42 of funds to the Intern Program.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HIGHER EDUCATION 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 Higher Education to decrease Tribal Support \$2,000.00 and add a transfer in of funds from Third Party Revenue of \$2,000.00.

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 transfer out \$2,000.00 in funds to Higher Education.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – SAULT STE. MARIE OPTICAL 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 Sault Ste. Marie Optical for an increase in funds from Third Party Revenue of \$91,131.97.

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 increase the transfer out of funds to Sault Ste. Marie Optical by \$91,131.97.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**TRIBAL COURT -
DEPUTY CLERK POSITIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and approves the Deputy Clerk positions shall be budgeted to the maximum rate of pay for the position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Board Administrator to complete an administrative budget modification to reflect the Deputy Clerk positions budgeted at the max-range and to request wage reviews to ensure internal equity for the position.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the use of available BIA and/or Opioid funding for CC#2780, Judicial Services to bring the Deputy Clerk positions to the max-range.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

APPROVING MOU BARK RIVER – HARRIS SCHOOLS

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 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians understands the importance of year – round learning for students to prevent academic regression; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians acknowledges that relationships between school districts and tribal nations are critical for improving student outcomes.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the MOU between the Tribe and Bark River - Harris Schools to provide a 2026 Summer Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to execute the MOU with Bark River - Harris Schools.

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: _____

APPROVING MOU RUDYARD AREA SCHOOLS

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

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WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians acknowledges that relationships between school districts and tribal nations are critical for improving student outcomes.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the MOU between the Tribe and Rudyard Area Schools to provide a 2026 Summer Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to execute the MOU with Rudyard Area Schools.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

APPROVING MOU LES CHENEAX COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

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WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians acknowledges that relationships between school districts and tribal nations are critical for improving student outcomes.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the MOU between the Tribe and Les Cheneaux Community Schools to provide a 2026 Summer Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to execute the MOU with Les Cheneaux Community Schools.

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: _____

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2023-102

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 2023-102 ordered the investment of the Juul Settlement Funds into the Land Claims Fund; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that investment into the Land Claims Fund is not an allowable use of the Juul Settlement Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2023-102, 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.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**COMMITTING LONG-TERM TWO-PERCENT TO
NEWTON TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has signed a compact with the State of Michigan that includes a provision that two percent of the slot gaming revenue is to be dispersed to local governing units; and

WHEREAS, there is \$7,000.00 of unobligated Unit II long-term two percent funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby commits \$7,000.00 of long-term two percent funding to Newton Township to support the activities of the Gould City Museum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Legal Department, with the assistance of the Unit II Board of Directors, to negotiate and draft a long-term two percent agreement with Newton Township to effectuate this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or their designee to execute any and all documents 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: _____

**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, sealed bids were submitted and subsequently reviewed by the Broadband Group, the Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, CCI Systems as Project Engineer of record, and Cherry Capital Connections (“CCC”), in its role as project technical consultant and broadband network operating partner; 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; and

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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the selected contractor fails to satisfy applicable procurement, bonding, qualification, or USDA requirements, the Tribe is authorized to proceed with the next qualified bidder identified through the procurement process; and

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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.

CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**FEDERAL CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR SAULT TRIBE INC.
CONTRACT AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is the sole owner of Sault Tribe, Incorporated (“STI”), a federally chartered Section 17 corporation, and STI is the parent organization of Sault Tribe Solution Services (“STSS”); and

WHEREAS, the STI Corporate Charter establishes STI as a separate and distinct economic entity from the Tribe and provides that the Tribal Board will not interfere or involve itself in the day-to-day operations of STI and its subsidiaries, which are managed solely through their respective corporate governance structures; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that officials of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as the ultimate tier entity, and any intermediate tier entities between the Tribe and STSS shall not require and shall not have access to classified Federal information in the custody of STSS or any cleared subsidiary or affiliated entity performing classified work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that STSS hereby acknowledges the execution of this exclusion resolution by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, whereby the Tribe, Tribal officials acting in their Tribal capacities, and intermediate excluded entities shall not require and shall not have access to classified information, and that this action will not adversely affect the safeguarding of classified information or the performance of classified contracts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these actions of the Tribal Board of Directors are taken for the purpose of excluding the Tribe and Tribal officials from access to classified information and exempting the Tribe from the requirement to obtain a Facility Security Clearance under the “National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual”, while preserving the separation between Tribal governance functions and classified contract operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF APPELLATE JUDGE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby accepts the resignation of the Appellate Judge, effective immediately.

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. _____

**AUTHORIZING AMENDED CONSTITUTION SUBMISSION
FOR A SECRETARIAL ELECTION**

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 USC 461 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Article X-Amendments states, "This constitution and bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, but no amendment shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment upon the receipt of a resolution passed by a majority of the board of directors, the chairperson having the right to vote thereon"; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of the Board of Directors that a Secretarial election be held for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to create a co-equal three-branch government creating a separation of powers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby requests the Secretary of the Interior to call a Secretarial Election to present the proposed, and attached, amendments to the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in accordance with Article X of the Constitution and 25 C.F.R. Part 81.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the attached copy of the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Secretary of the Interior within 30 days of enactment of this resolution.

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: _____

**SUPPORTING A STATE OF MICHIGAN TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
ON LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTERS AND CRYPTOCURRENCY
MINING**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with inherent sovereign authority to govern its lands, citizens, data, and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a responsibility to protect natural resources, cultural lands, and the health and well-being of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe approved Resolution 2026-107 establishing a moratorium on data centers on Tribal land; and

WHEREAS, proposed state legislation may limit local authority over zoning decisions related to large-scale data centers and cryptocurrency mining facilities; and

WHEREAS, such developments may significantly impact water usage, energy consumption, and environmental quality within or near the 1836 ceded-territory; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe supports the state of Michigan establishing a temporary moratorium on large-scale data centers and cryptocurrency mining until a consultation process with the Tribe is established on any legislation involving large-scale data centers and cryptocurrency mining.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians supports the state of Michigan establishing a temporary moratorium on large-scale data center and cryptocurrency mining developments until a consultation process is established with Tribes, including comprehensive environmental and cultural impact assessments on any legislation involving large-scale data centers and cryptocurrency mining.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby affirms its commitment to protecting treaty rights, natural resources, and future generations.

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

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Chippewa Indians

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ESTABLISHING CARBON CAPTURE AND SUBSURFACE LAND USE
FRAMEWORK**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Sault Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with inherent sovereign authority to govern its lands, citizens, data, and resources; and

WHEREAS, the tribe wishes to establish legislative framework for carbon capture, pipeline development, and subsurface land use; and

WHEREAS, these activities may affect groundwater, natural resources, and culturally significant lands; and

WHEREAS, provisions such as unitization may impact land rights and sovereignty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby establishes that no carbon capture, pipeline, or subsurface land use activities shall occur on tribal land without conducting environmental and cultural review, and ensuring protection of treaty rights and tribal jurisdiction to be presented to the Board of Directors in open session with public comment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby requests the State of Michigan to establish formal consultation requirements for all actions the state takes in regards to carbon capture, pipeline development, and subsurface land use to ensure prior and informed consent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is not intended to diminish the Tribe’s ability to approve pipelines related to utilities, that would bring necessary utilities to tribal households residing on tribal land.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2026
Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

FY 2027 Budget Document 001 (Schedule A Budgets) – Jennifer Clerc/Budget Dept.
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Supporting A State of Michigan Temporary Moratorium on Large-Scale Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Mining – Director Hampton
Establishing Carbon Capture and Subsurface Land Use Framework – Director Hampton

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: May 14, 2026
RE: Workshop Agenda for May 19, 2026

AGENDA

10:00
Enterprise Authority Workshop (CLOSED)

11:45 (or upon completion of EA WS)
Enterprise Authority Meeting

12:00 – 1:15
Lunch Break

1:15
STI Opportunity (CLOSED)

2:00
Chief Judge Applicants (CLOSED)

2:30
Enhanced ID/Tribal License Plate Updates

3:30
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting