


***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Joanne Carr, Board Secretary   
**DATE:** May 5, 2022  
**RE:** Special Meeting

**Per Chairperson Payment, this is your notice of a Special Meeting.**

**The agenda items are:**

Referendum Res. 2022-90

Election Interference Investigation

Censure Compliance

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN  
May 10, 2022  
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - II. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging, Presentation of Grandfathers
  - III. ROLL CALL
  - IV. PRESENTATION:
  - V. MINUTES:
  - VI. RESOLUTIONS:
  - VII. NEW BUSINESS:     Referendum  
                                  Election Interference Investigation Tribal Citizens for Change  
                                  Censure Compliance
  - VIII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
  - IX. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
  - X. ADJOURN
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**Board of Directors: Pursuant to Chapter 12, after the Registrar certifies at least 100 signatures, the petition goes to the Board of Directors.**

**12.106 Submission by Petition of Eligible Voters.**

(1) An ordinance or resolution enacted by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a popular referendum upon petition of at least one hundred (100) eligible voters of the Tribe presented to the Board in accordance with this section.

(2) The petition submitted shall be in substantially the following form:

"WE, THE UNDERSIGNED ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE TRIBE, REQUEST A REFERENDUM ON [NAME OF ORDINANCE AND NUMBER OF RESOLUTION ENACTING ORDINANCE, OR NUMBER OF RESOLUTION] ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON [DATE OF ENACTMENT]."

The petition shall bear the name and address of each signatory in legible form. The name and address of the person circulating the petition shall also be included.

(3) All petitions must be received at the main administrative office of the Tribe, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, by no later than the close of business of the next business day following the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days from the date of enactment of the ordinance or resolution of the Board of Directors which is the subject of the petition. This provision is mandatory and jurisdictional. Each petition submitted must contain the original signatures; no copies, duplications or facsimiles may be submitted.

(4) As soon as practicable after receipt of a petition, the Secretary shall consult with the Enrollment Department and review Tribal voter registration records to determine whether the petition contains the requisite number of signatures. The Secretary shall report to the Board of Directors on the matter at its next regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

(5) The Board of Directors shall determine whether the petition is valid not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the petition. If the petition is determined to be valid, the Board of Directors shall establish a deadline for the mailing of ballots to eligible voters of not less than forty (40) days after receipt of the petition and shall provide for not less than twenty (20) days thereafter until the deadline for receipt of ballots. In no event shall the deadline for receipt of ballots exceed sixty (60) days from the receipt of the petition.

(6) The referendum question on the ballot shall be worded substantially as follows:

"DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVED OF [NAME OF ORDINANCE OR NUMBER OF RESOLUTION]?"

APPROVE                                   DISAPPROVE"

The Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, suspend the ordinance or resolution which is the subject of the referendum petition pending the referendum election. If the Board does not act affirmatively to suspend such ordinance or resolution, it shall continue in effect during the pendency of the referendum election.

**12.107 Conduct of Referendum Election.**

(1) The referendum election shall be conducted by the Tribal Election Board by first class mail in accordance with the procedures established in the Election Ordinance, Tribal Code Chapter 10.

(2) The Tribal Election Board may develop a short, objective explanatory statement of a referendum question and may place such statement directly on the ballot or as a separate insert accompanying the ballot.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2022-90

**AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Sault Tribe Inc. is a federally chartered Corporation of the Tribe, incorporated pursuant to Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and wholly owned by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, Sault Tribe Inc. owns 51% of Binesi Contracting, LCC, a contracting company with large construction and project management capabilities, and


WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe has determined it is in the best interest of the Tribe and the Tribal membership to streamline the procurement and construction process in order to facilitate the current and future construction projects, aide in addressing the current work load on existing tribal staff, and maximize cost savings by utilizing the expertise of Binesi Construction.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, authorizes a sole source award to Binesi Construction, LLC to provide Construction Management Services to the Sault Tribe, as negotiated between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' CFO and Binesi Contracting, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors authorizes its Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to execute any documentation to effectuate the negotiated agreement(s).

**CERTIFICATION**

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 13 members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 15 day of March 2022; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 members for, 2 members against, 2 members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Aaron A. Payment, Chairperson  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

  
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Bridgett Sorenson, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
May 10, 2022  
Sponsor's List**

RESOLUTION:

NEW BUSINESS:

Referendum Res. 2022-90 Chairperson Payment  
Election Interference Investigation/Tribal Citizens for Change - Various Board Members  
Censure Compliance – Various Board Members

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