

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN SHORES CASINO EVENT CENTER  
ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN**

**September 5, 2023**

**5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 04/18/23, 05/02/23, 05/16/23, 08/15/23, 08/29/23
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: Health Division – Stronger Systems, Stronger Communities Establishment FY 2023 Budget  
Health Division – Emergency Preparedness Establishment of FY 2023 Budget  
Buildings – Internal Repairs & Maintenance FY 2023 and FY 2024 Budget Modifications  
Indirect Executive Director and Indirect Costs FY 2023 Budget Modifications  
Authorization to Negotiate – Sault Ste. Marie, MI Property Disposition  
Acceptance of the 2022 Governmental Audit  
Approving Amendments to the Employee/Employer Health Insurance Premium Tier Structure  
Approving the Sponsorship Program under the Employee Benefit Plan  
Approving Amendments to Vision Benefits  
Approving Amendments to Hearing Aid Benefits  
Rescinding Resolution No: 2022-359 and Terminating the Special Counsel Contract-Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak, & Somerville, P.C.  
Temporarily Disbanding the Election Committee and Establishing the Emergency Election Committee  
Amending Chapter 16: Removal from Office  
Supporting Federal Recognition of the Mackinac Band
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Committee Appointment  
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH DIVISION – STRONGER SYSTEMS,  
STRONGER COMMUNITIES  
ESTABLISHMENT FY 2023 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 2023 budget for Stronger Systems, Stronger Communities with Other Revenue monies of \$17,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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

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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
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**HEALTH DIVISION – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
ESTABLISHMENT FY 2023 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 2023 budget for Emergency Preparedness with State of Michigan Revenue monies of \$14,950.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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**BUILDINGS – INTERNAL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE  
FY 2023 AND FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Buildings – Internal Repairs and Maintenance for an increase in use of Buildings Fund Balance monies of \$141,426.46.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Buildings – Internal Repairs and Maintenance for an increase in use of Buildings Fund Balance monies of \$256,489.72.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIRECT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND INDIRECT COSTS  
FY 2023 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Indirect Executive Director to decrease expenses \$40,153.34. This budget modification reflects changes to the personnel sheet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2023 budget modification to Indirect Costs to decrease Tribal Support \$40,153.34.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE – SAULT STE MARIE, MI  
PROPERTY DISPOSITION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director of Enterprises Operations, or his designee, to negotiate the sale of real property, 460 West Spruce, as presented to the Board of Directors in the workshop.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, upon successful negotiations, the Board of Directors authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign any and all documentation to complete the transaction.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022 GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as accepted by the Audit Committee on August 31, 2023, hereby accepts and approves the 2022 Governmental Audit as presented by Dennis, Gartland, & Niergarth.

**CERTIFICATION**

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**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEE/EMPLOYER  
HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM TIER STRUCTURE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the amendments to the employee premium tier structure as set forth by the Sault Tribe Insurance Department, attached and incorporated herein, under the Tribe's Employee Benefit Plan effective January 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or designee, to execute any and all documents that may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVING THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM  
UNDER THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the addition of the sponsorship program as set forth by the Sault Tribe Insurance Department, under the Tribe's Employee Benefit Plan effective January 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or designee, to execute any and all documents that may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO VISION BENEFITS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the amendments to the employee vision benefit plan as set forth by the Sault Tribe Insurance Department, under the Tribe's Employee Benefit Plan effective January 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or designee, to execute any and all documents that may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

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**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO HEARING AID BENEFITS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the amendments to the employee hearing aid coverage benefit as set forth by the Sault Tribe Insurance Department, under the Tribe's Employee Benefit Plan effective January 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or designee, to execute any and all documents that may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO: 2022-359 AND TERMINATING THE  
SPECIAL COUNSEL CONTRACT- MORISSET, SCHLOSSER,  
JOZWIAK, & SOMERVILLE, P.C.**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the the Board of Directors hereby terminates the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak, & Somerville, PC, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe's Legal Department shall coordinate with Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak, & Somerville, PC on the transition and the transfer of any and all client files generated during the life of the attorney client relationship between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak, & Somerville, PC.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**TEMPORARILY DISBANDING THE ELECTION COMMITTEE AND  
ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY ELECTION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors has the duty under Article V Sec. 6 of the Tribe's Constitution to enact ordinances to implement the holding of tribal elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has created an Election Code, Chapter 10, to govern the conduct of persons within its jurisdiction and to establish authority for holding tribal elections and create regulations and procedures for Tribal elections; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe does not currently have an active Election Committee established pursuant to 10.108 to carry out the Tribal Elections necessary under Chapters 10 and 12; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out its Constitutional Duty, the Board of Directors finds that it is in the Tribes best interest to temporarily disband the Election Committee and put an interim Emergency Election Committee in place to effectuate the current Referenda Elections on Tribal Resolutions 2023-189 and 2023-190.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the current Election Committee as promulgated under Section 10.108 of the Tribal Code is hereby temporarily disbanded and replaced with the interim Emergency Election Committee as follows:

**Emergency Election Committee.**

(1) The Emergency Election Committee shall be composed of the Tribe's General Counsel, the Tribal Registrar, the Tribe's Enrollment Coordinator, and the Board Administrator. In the event that one or more of the above team members is unable to sit on the emergency election committee, the committee must, at minimum, consist of at least one representative from the following departments: Legal; Enrollment; and Admin. The Emergency Election Committee shall be comprised of enrolled Sault Tribe Members. No person shall be appointed who is currently holding tribal elective office. The Committee may assign or outsource specific tasks or duties as necessary to carry out election tasks or duties, consistent with the Constitution and this Chapter.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Emergency Election Committee to conduct the Referenda Election for Tribal Resolutions 2023-189 and 2023-190.

(3) Should any election complaint or contest arise, due to the above referenda election, while the Emergency Election Committee is in place, the

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committee, in collaboration with the Election Attorney, shall handle all allegations in accordance with Tribal Code 10.120.

- (a) Should it be determined that any allegations rise to the level of prosecution for any crime under Tribal Code Chapter 71, the matter shall be immediately sent to the Tribal prosecutor's office for further review.
- (4) The Authority of the Emergency Election Committee is limited to matters involving the current Referenda Elections for Tribal Resolutions 2023-189 and 2023-190 and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe's Senior Attorney shall be appointed in the role of Elections Attorney for the purposes of the Referenda Election for Tribal Resolutions 2023-189 and 2023-190.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Emergency Election Committee shall remain in place until the completion of the Referenda Election for Tribal Resolutions 2023-189 and 2023-190.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately and shall expire upon the completion of the Referenda Election for Tribal Resolutions 2023-189 and 2023-190.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 16: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby amends Tribal Code Chapter 16: Removal from Office as follows:

**16.106 Procedure Upon Filing of Petition.**

- (1) The Secretary shall maintain the original petition at all times. The allegations contained in the petition shall be made public. Information identifying the signatories to the petition shall be made public.
  - a. The Secretary shall deliver within two business days by United States mail to the accused official and each member of the Board of Directors a copy of the petition.
- (2) As soon as practicable after the filing of the petition, the Secretary shall refer the petition to the Tribal Registrar, who shall make a determination of whether the petition contains the requisite number of signatures of eligible voters. The Registrar shall review the petition and Tribal voter registration records under standards and procedures utilized for the verification of signatures on nominating petitions for Tribal elections conducted under Tribal Code Ch. 10. The Registrar shall certify the determination to the Board of Directors at least five (5) days before the date of the meeting at which the Board of Directors will consider the petition.
  - a. Immediately upon certification by the Tribal Registrar of the signatures, the names and addresses of all those signing the Petition shall be released to the accused official.
- (3) The Board of Directors shall consider the petition within fifteen (15) days of its receipt of the petition at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. The Board of Directors shall consider the petition in an open meeting.
- (4) The Board of Directors shall determine whether the petition, on its face, appears to meet the criteria of §16.105. The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, request the opinion of the Legal Department or outside counsel on the facial sufficiency of the petition. If the Board of Directors determines that the petition appears to be insufficient, it shall dismiss the petition.
- (5) If the Board of Directors determines after the presentation of evidence by the principal sponsor that the petition is supported by probable cause, the

Board of Directors shall set the date, time, and place for the initial hearing and direct the Secretary to prepare and serve a notice of hearing upon the accused official stating the date, time and place of the initial hearing and attach the allegations of the petition as notice of the charges against the accused official.

(6) The determination of the Board of Directors on the sufficiency of the petition shall not be subject to the referendum provisions of Tribal Code Ch. 12.

**(7) The determination of the Board of Directors on the sufficiency of the petition shall only be heard and voted on once.**

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**SUPPORTING FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE MACKINAC BAND**

WHEREAS, the Mackinac Band believes it is distinct tribe worthy of Federal recognition despite many of its membership being enrolled in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Mackinac Band has failed to gain Federal recognition under the Indian Reorganization Act; and

WHEREAS, the Mackinac Band continues to seek Federal recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians desires to support the Mackinac Band in this effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby offers its support to any and all efforts of the Mackinac Band to seek Federal recognition.

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**September 5, 2023**

## **Sponsor's List**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Health Division – Stronger Systems, Stronger Communities Establishment FY 2023 Budget – Heather Kerfoot

Health Division – Emergency Preparedness Establishment FY 2023 Budget – Heather Kerfoot  
Buildings – Internal Repairs & Maintenance FY 2023 and FY 2024 Budget Modifications – Andrew Lane

Indirect Executive Director and Indirect Costs FY 2023 Budget Modifications – Jessica Dumback

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Temporarily Disbanding the Election Committee and Establishing the Emergency Election Committee – Directors' LaPlaunt and McKechnie

Amending Chapter 16: Removal from Office – Director McRorie

Supporting Federal Recognition of the Mackinac Band – Director McRorie

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Committee Appointments

Board Concerns

# ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO: Board of Directors**  
**FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator**  
**DATE: August 31, 2023**  
**RE: Workshop Agenda for September 5, 2023**

## **AGENDA** **Closed Session**

10:00  
ARPA/Building Projects

10:30  
Health Report

10:45  
Budget Modifications

11:15  
Executive Reports - Governmental

**12:00 – 1:00**  
**Break for Lunch**

1:00  
Insurance Department

2:00  
Conversion Fishermen

3:00  
Agenda Review

5:00  
Board of Directors Meeting