

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN**

**January 2, 2024
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 12/05/23, 12/19/23 SPMTG
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: ACFS – OVC 2022 Tribal Victim Services Set
Aside Establishment of FY 2024 Budget
Natural Resources - GLRI Lake Whitefish
Experimental Rearing FY 2024 Budget
Modification
Natural Resources - Nunn’s Creek Rehab Hatchery
Establishment of FY 2024 Budget
Enrollment Establishment of FY 2024 Budget
Health Division – Medication Assisted Treatment
Clinic Establishment of FY 2024 Budget
Health Division – National Indian Health Board
Dental Scholarship Establishment of FY 2024
Budget
Health Division – St. Ignace Dental Establishment
of FY 2024 Budget
Acting Appointment for Repatriation & Historic
Preservation Program
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Affairs, Tribal Transportation Program 2024-2027
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for the Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Community
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Chippewa Indians and the State of Michigan

Approving Contract Amendment Khoury Johnson
Leavitt

Approving Contract Michele Castagne

Approving Contract Amendment Sonosky,
Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP

VIII. NEW BUSINESS Conservation Committee – License Transfer
Board Concerns

IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM

XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**ACFS – OVC 2022 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET ASIDE
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2024 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 2024 budget for OVC Tribal Victim Services Set Aside with Federal Department of Justice Revenue monies of \$326,983.20. 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
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

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

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES –
GLRI LAKE WHITEFISH EXPERIMENTAL REARING
FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to GLRI Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing for an increase in BIA Federal Revenue monies of \$63,991.66 and to make changes to the personnel sheet. No effect on Tribal Support.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES – NUNN’S CREEK REHAB HATCHERY
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2024 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 2024 budget for Nunn’s Creek Rehab Hatchery with Federal BIA monies of \$124,500.00 and BIA fund balance monies of \$115,493.75. 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: _____

**ENROLLMENT
ESTABLISHMENT FY 2024 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 2024 budget for Enrollment with Other Revenue monies of \$40,000.00 and Tribal Support of \$538,689.97.

CERTIFICATION

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT CLINIC
ESTABLISHMENT FY 2024 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 2024 budget for Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic (MAT) with Third Party Revenue monies of \$918,529.68.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
DENTAL SCHOLARSHIP
ESTABLISHMENT FY 2024 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby accepts the funds from the National Indian Health Board for \$10,000.00.

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 2024 budget for NIHB Dental Scholarship with Other Revenue monies of \$10,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – ST. IGNACE DENTAL
ESTABLISHMENT FY 2024 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 2024 budget for St. Ignace Dental with IHS Revenue monies of \$124,665.75 and Third Party Revenue of \$1,241,054.98.

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: _____

**ACTING APPOINTMENT FOR REPATRIATION & HISTORIC
PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the Acting appointment of Emma Donmyer for the Administrative oversight of the Repatriation & Historic Preservation program until the Repatriation & Historic Preservation Specialist Position is filled. This appointment will provide a 5% increase in salary per this resolution with an administrative modification.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
2024-2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors is a federally recognized governing body of the Tribal members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has developed the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan, which we are using to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to incorporate into their Control Schedule Transportation Improvement Plan as a required step to help us receive our “Tribal Shares” funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors agrees with the needs and priorities presented in the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors supports and adopts the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan for the projects listed in the attached TIP documents that were developed between us and the BIA for Tribal Shares Funding.

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

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 12 members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2024; 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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO: _____

AWARD CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT TO ALBERTS HEATING & COOLING FOR CHILLER REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the Construction Agreement with Alberts Heating & Cooling for chiller replacement located at the Big Bear Arena.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairperson, or his designee, to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents, including appropriate internal budget modifications or forms that do not change the substantive terms of the agreements and project, 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 _____ 2024; that the 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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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AWARD THE CUB AND BEAR COURTS FLOORING CONTRACT FOR THE CHI MUKWA (BIG BEAR) COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER USING ARPA FUNDING TO DYNAMIC SPORTS CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Community Recreation Center’s Cub and Bear Courts need flooring replacements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the Flooring Contract with Dynamic Sports Construction, Inc. for the Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Community Recreation Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the use of funding allocated by Resolution 2022-123 for Big Bear Community Center enhancements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all budgets and/or budget modifications can be created and executed by the Assistant Executive Director or the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee (Facilities & Operations Manager), to execute any and all documents, including ancillary or supplemental documents or forms that do not change the substantive terms of the agreements and project, as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPROVAL OF FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE TAX AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF
CHIPPEWA INDIANS AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

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 State of Michigan has proposed two changes to the tax agreement; and

WHEREAS, the first change was a change in the definition of a Tribal entity having no impact on tax status of a Tribal entity; and

WHEREAS, the second change increases the tax credit Resident Tribal Members in the tax agreement area claim from \$80,000 to \$113,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute the Fifth Amendment to the Tax agreement between the Tribe and the State of Michigan.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPROVING CONTRACT AMENDMENT
KHOURY JOHNSON LEAVITT**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Khoury Johnson Leavitt, ending December 31, 2024, at the monthly fee of \$7,500, for the purpose of providing consulting services to the Tribe.

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

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPROVING CONTRACT
MICHELE CASTAGNE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Michelle Castagne, starting immediately and ending December 31, 2024, for the purpose of providing Federal Policy Analyst Services to the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**APPROVING CONTRACT AMENDMENT
SONOSKY, CHAMBERS, SACHSE, ENDRESON & PERRY, LLP**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP, ending December 31, 2024, at the monthly fee of \$7,500, for the purpose of providing consulting services to the Tribe.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

January 2, 2024

Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

ACFS – OVC 2022 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Establishment of FY 2024 Budget – Jami Moran

Natural Resources – GLRI Lake Whitefish Experimental Rearing FY 2024 Budget Modification – Christine McPherson

Natural Resources – Nunn's Creek Rehab Hatchery Establishment of FY 2024 Budget – Christine McPherson

Enrollment Establishment of FY 2024 Budget – Julie Salo

Health Division – Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic Establishment of FY 2024 Budget – Carrie Horton

Health Division – National Indian Health Board Dental Scholarship Establishment of FY 2024 Budget – Dr. Leo Chugunov

Health Division – St. Ignace Dental Establishment of FY 2024 Budget – Cheryl LaPlaunt

Acting Appointment for Repatriation & Historic Preservation Program – Jessica Dumback

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Graham/Andrew Lane

Approval of Fifth Amendment to the Tax Agreement Between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the State of Michigan – Josh Elliot/Candace Blocher

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Approving Contract Amendment Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP – Mike McCoy

NEW BUSINESS:

Conservation Committee – License Transfer

Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: December 28, 2023
RE: Workshop Agenda for January 2, 2024

AGENDA **Closed Session**

10:00
Budgets

10:30
Health Report

10:45
Executive Reports - Governmental

12:00 – 1:00
Lunch Break

1:00
Dual Enrollment

2:00
Mobile Medical Vehicle

2:30
Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and Annual Report

3:30
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting