

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
MANISTIQUE TRIBAL CENTER  
MANISTIQUE, MICHIGAN  
October 17, 2023  
5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 10/03/2023
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: Grimes Building FY 2023 Budget Modification  
Sanitation BE-23-M98 Establishment of FY 2024 Budget  
Acceptance of the 2022 Housing Authority Audit  
Authorization for Signature Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Self  
Governance Annual Funding Agreements  
Authorization to Transfer Funds from Nicolet Bank to  
Huntington Bank – Elder Land Claims Fund  
Amending Travel Policy  
Approving Contract Foster Garvey  
Memorandum of Agreement with Consolidated Community  
Schools Services  
Approval of a Contract to Blue Stone Strategy Group LLC for  
an Assessment of Tribal Health Services
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

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

**GRIMES BUILDING  
FY 2023 BUDGET MODIFICATION**

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 the Grimes Building for an increase in Other Revenue from Tribal Operations monies of \$17,000.00.

**CERTIFICATION**

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

**SANITATION BE-23-M98  
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 Sanitation BE-23-M98 with Federal IHS monies \$827,000.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022 HOUSING AUTHORITY AUDIT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby accepts and approves the 2022 Housing Authority Audit, as presented to the Sault Tribe Audit Committee by Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC.

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURE  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS 2023 SELF GOVERNANCE  
ANNUAL FUNDING AGREEMENTS**

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, Section 402 of P.L. 93-638, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Interior to select tribes to participate in the Tribal Self-Governance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe became a BIA Self-Governance Tribe in 1997 to more effectively and efficiently manage its governmental and tribal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the office of Self-Governance requires the Tribe to negotiate annually with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as part of the Self-Governance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or designee, to sign, negotiate, amend, and execute any agreement thereof for the Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Self-Governance Program and Tribal Transportation Program.

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM NICOLET BANK TO  
HUNTINGTON BANK -  
ELDER LAND CLAIMS FUND**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 467 et seq; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the tribe to transfer funds between the tribe's operating accounts; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the CFO or his designee, to transfer funds between Nicolet Bank and Huntington Bank.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman and Tribal CFO to execute any and all documents to facilitate this transfer.

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

**AMENDING TRAVEL POLICY**

WHEREAS, it is imperative that team members and Director's travel in furtherance of the operational needs of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, modern travel is impacted by unpredictable delays and interruptions; and

WHEREAS, it is not feasible for the travel office to respond to such delays and interruptions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to authorize self-booking of travel for identified team members and Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the travel policy is amended as attached.

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

**APPROVING CONTRACT  
FOSTER GARVEY**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the the Board of Directors hereby approves the contract between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the law firm of Foster Garvey for the purposes of providing legal services to the Tribe.

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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH  
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and encourages and supports the educational opportunities for its memberships; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians believe that learning is a life long process that should be available to all of its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this agreement between Consolidated Community Schools Services and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians that the Consolidated Schools will reimburse the Tribe in the amount of \$30,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe agrees to meet or exceed all rules and regulations regarding certification and class curriculum in the operation of a state adult education program and that the Tribe will absorb such expenses as teacher wages, space cost, and other associated administrative cost.

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

**APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT TO BLUE STONE STRATEGY GROUP  
LLC FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF TRIBAL HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the proposal from Blue Stone to provide a specialized health care assessment of the organization and structure, policy and procedure, and delivery of health care services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the tribe wishes to award a contract to Blue Stone Strategy Group LLC.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute any all documents to engage the consulting services of Blue Stone Strategy Group LLC, and authorizes the Executive Director to create the necessary budget documents that appropriate the funds, utilizing third party funds necessary to complete the project.

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## **Sponsor's List**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Grimes Building FY 2023 Budget Modification – Andrew Lane

Sanitation BE-23-M98 Establishment of FY 2024 Budget – Joni Talentino/Mariea Mongene

Acceptance of the 2022 Housing Authority Audit – Robert Schulte

Authorization for Signature Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Self Governance Annual Funding Agreements – Robert Schulte

Authorization to Transfer Funds from Nicolet Bank to Huntington Bank – Elder Land Claims Fund – Robert Schulte

Amending Travel Policy – Legal

Approving Contract Foster Garvey – Legal

Memorandum of Agreement with Consolidated Community Schools Services – Charlee Brissette

Approval of a Contract to Blue Stone Strategy Group LLC for an Assessment of Tribal Health Services – Directors' Freiheit, Lee, LaPlaunt, McKechnie

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Board Concerns

# ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO: Board of Directors**  
**FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator**  
**DATE: October 12, 2023**  
**RE: Workshop Agenda for October 17, 2023**

## **AGENDA**

11:00  
Site Visit – Manistique Property

12:00  
Lunch

### **Closed Session**

1:00  
Elder Advisory Committee

1:30  
ARPA/Building Projects

1:45  
Health Report

2:00  
Executive Reports – Governmental

3:00  
Broadband Project Team

4:00  
Agenda Review

5:00  
Board of Directors Meeting