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# Addendum to the Decision of Election Committee In Re Aaron Payment

#### Allegations of Complaint

The Election Committee initially received a written complaint (via email) from tribal member DJ Hoffman. The complaint alleged that Chairman Payment was unlawfully campaigning by publishing campaign material in the Sault News, on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 (The article is entitled "Who Does Aaron Payment Endorse for ST Board?") The Committee then issued Mr. Payment a Decision notifying him that he had 15 days to register as a Non-Candidate Registrant, otherwise a referral would be made to the Prosecutor's office. Mr. Payment has not registered and has not appealed the Decision of the Election Committee within the time provided by the Code. As such, he continues to be in willful violation of the Election Code.

### Additional Sanction Imposed by Election Committee

That pursuant to Section 10.120(2)(c), a quorum of the Election Committee convened electronically on June 8, 2022 to discuss the matter and rendered a decision. By majority vote, the Election Committee finds that Aaron Payment has failed to register as a Non-Candidate Registrant as requested and has otherwise failed to appeal the Committee's factional findings. Therefore, the Election Committee hereby fines Aaron Payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 and will make a referral to the Prosecutor's office to be investigated for Election Fraud. This matter has been decided pursuant to section 10.120(2)(c)

## APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Dated: June 8, 2022

James McKerchie

Election Committee Chairman

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10.120(7) of the Election Code a decision issued by the election committee may be appealed to the Sault Tribe Chippewa Tribal Court of Appeals pursuant to Chapter 82 (Subchapter II) of the Tribal Code. A notice of appeal must be filed within five business days of the Appellant receiving an adverse decision from the Election Committee.

A copy of this decision was mailed to Aaron Payment on June 8, 2022 by first class mail.

James McKerchie

Election Committee Chairman