

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 8, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: September 8, 2007
- B. Call to Order: President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFernier, President
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Assistant Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO
Doreen G. Blaker
Jerry Lee Curtis
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: September 8, 2007

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. A “Thank you” from Robin Roe and Kerry, Gabrielle & Gavin Picciano for the Florida trip support.
2. A “Thank you” from the Upper Peninsula Children’s Museum for the 2% disbursement.
3. An acknowledgement from Debbie Stabenow regarding VOCA Support.
4. A “Thank you” from Debbie Stabenow for campaign donation.
5. A letter from Byron Dorgan, United States Senator/Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.
6. A letter from Robert Kewaygoshkum, Chairman of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians – KBIC Flag was flown during the Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial Week July 13-16, 2007.

H. President’s Report/August 2007 – available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

I. CEO’s Report/August 2007 – available for your review. [Also available on ojobwa.com]

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE CEO’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

J. Secretary’s Report/August 2007 – available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE SECRETARY’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

K. Treasurer’s Report/August 2007 – no written report, Council approved two donations.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

L. Department Head Reports- July 2007

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO TABLE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR JULY 2007. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

M. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Bill Jondreau – Enrollment and Education Issues. The Committee has 487 new enrollees, 64 pending applications, 214 denials, 28 relinquishments and 244 corrections since the enrollment has reopened. Bill will put information from the Enrollment Ordinance in the Newsletter on the process for correcting enrollment files.

Bill informed the Council that his son did not get accepted into the Head Start Program this year and he was under the impression that all KBIC 4-year olds would be accepted.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO CONTACT OTHER TRIBES TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY DO IN ORDER TO INCLUDE ALL TRIBAL MEMBER CHILDREN IN THEIR HEAD START PROGRAMS REGARDLESS OF THEIR FAMILIES INCOME AND TO HAVE IT BACK WITHIN TWO WEEKS. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Susan LaFernier - Grave Markers Request from Bernie Johnson for her grandparents.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPROVE A GRAVE MARKER FOR WILLIAM AND CHARLOTTE MIGIZINES. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Jeff Lamson was in attendance and approached the Council. He asked if his cigarette license will be renewed. Toni Minton responded that the Tribe lost the cigarette tax case in Federal Court. Susan LaFernier explained that they would have more information by next week and he should request to be on the agenda.

N. New Business:

1. Jennifer Misegan/Doreen Blaker – 1st Reading of the Child Support & Paternity Ordinance 2007-003 Title Seven – Domestic Relations.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO INTRODUCE THE CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY ORDINANCE 2007-003. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO WAIVE THE 1ST READING OF THE CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY ORDINANCE 2007-003 DUE TO THE LENGTH, BEING OVER 40 PAGES LONG. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

The Council set the date for the 2nd Reading of the ordinance for September 27, 2007 for public comment. Peggy Minton will distribute copies to the public.

O. Closed Session:

1. John Baker, Attorney

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:50 A.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 10:51 – 11:00 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:33 A.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

P. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO ADJOURN AT 11:34 A.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Recording Secretary