

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**SATURDAY – JUNE 2, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**

A. Date: June 2, 2007

B. Call to Order: President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 (left at 11:42 a.m.)  
Doreen G. Blaker (arrived at 9:55 a.m.)  
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: June 2, 2007

Additions:	FYI-	12. Press Release - Kennecott Acknowledges Pollution in Flambeau Mine in Wisconsin
	New Business-	3. Chris Swartz – Promoting ATV's in Baraga County
		4. Jennifer Misegan – Donation
	Old Business-	1. Fred Dakota – Tribal Appellate Court

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. 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, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. Indian Pride – airing on Public TV-13 Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (ET)
2. A “Thank you” from Tanya Sherman and Laura Schneider, HOSA Advisor for donation.
3. A “Thank you” from Judy Watson Olson/Great Lakes Center – “Excellence in Education Week”
4. News from National Congress of American Indians – updates from the National Native American Economic Policy Summit and coverage of their work with HBO surrounding the film *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*.
5. A copy of the Huron Potawatomi Tribal Council and contact information.
6. M.A.S.T. Summer Meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Welch, MN.
7. Copper Country Area “Relay for Life” on June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 – Houghton High School Track.
8. Approved KBIC Enrollment Applications.
9. Beartown Fire Fighters Performance Rating at Baraga Plains Bump Fire.
10. A copy of Battle Creek Enquirer press release - “Michigan Supreme Court Affirms Casino Deal.”
11. A copy of Peggy Minton’s travel report from the Duluth Language Symposium.
12. Press Release - Kennecott Acknowledges Pollution at Flambeau Mine in Wisconsin.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. May 1, 2007

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE MAY 1, 2007 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. May 2, 2007

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. President's Report/May 2007 – available for your review.

On June 8, 1977 Tribal Construction opened. Eagle Radio is hosting a Barbecue in celebration of 30 years of operation on June 7, 2007 at the radio station.

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

J. CEO's Report/May 2007 – available for your review. [Also available on ojibwa.com]

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE CEO'S REPORT. 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, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Secretary's Report/May 2007 – available for your review.

Doreen Blaker arrived at 9:55 a.m.

**MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPROVE THE SECRETARY'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III. 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. Treasurer's Report/May 2007 – available for your review.

Jennifer announced to Tribal Members that they can use the West Branch Township Community Center, which has a pool and fitness center, and they must provide their Enrollment card.

She also reminded Tribal Members that donations are reviewed at the last scheduled meeting of the month and requests must be turned in by the Friday of the week prior to the meeting. On the July 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting the Tribe's finances will be discussed for KB Members only.

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. 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.**

Ginny Ann Jermac and Rose Kariainen were both present at the meeting and thanked the Council for donations they received for the gymnastics team and the alcohol-free dance respectively.

M. Department Head Reports- April 2007 – available for your review.

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2007 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. 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.**

N. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/ Individuals:

1. Gordette Lutz, Director of Baraga County Community Foundation – Cul Pepper Merriweather Circus requesting use of space, water and dumpster at OCC on July 29th.

**MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE THIS REQUEST.**

Susan LaFernier said a License Agreement would have to be drawn up with the Community Foundation before approval can be made.

**WILLIAM EMERY RESCINDED HIS MOTION.**

This was referred to Attorney John Baker’s office.

O. Old Business:

1. Fred Dakota – Tribal Appellate Court – Fred asked if a new appellate court has been implemented since the Council is no longer the appellate court. Doreen Blaker said that they have been using other judges from other reservations and it is time consuming. Mr. Baker said that an ordinance was passed in late 2001 or 2002 that transferred the Tribal Council’s jurisdiction to an appellate court for appellate matters. The Tribe is working on a new ordinance that he anticipates to be done by the end of September. Jennifer Misegan stated that the Court has been asked to identify problems and the Council has been waiting on this.

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO MEET WITH THE TRIBAL JUDGES AND COURT STAFF, TO DETERMINE THE PROBLEMS IN THE APPELLATE COURT ORDINANCE AND MOVE FORWARD, BEFORE THE END OF JUNE. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS. 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. New Business:

1. John Baker – a) New Business License Application for Christopher Voakes Custom Auto Body

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION FOR CHRISTOPHER VOAKES AND ROBERT VOAKES, SR. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Jerry Lee Curtis), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

Gary Loonsfoot stated that Chris Voakes is one of the Tribal Members that the Council approved financial help with for his education in this field.

- b) Resolution KB-1556-2007 – National Sex Offender Registry – the resolution will exempt the Community from State jurisdiction in connection with the Sex Offender Registration.

[Per Section 127 Public Law 109-248, the Adam Walsh Act]

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-1556-2007 TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AND TO COMPLY WITH THE ADAM WALSH ACT PL-109-248. 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.**

2. Elizabeth Mayo - Enrollment Card Photos for children. (Ages under 12)

Jennifer Misegan said that it hasn't been done in the past because a child's picture changes often and the cost is also an issue. Jennifer said for now, they will offer a picture ID for kids that are flying or traveling for safety reasons. Jennifer also talked to Chief of Police, Dale Dakota, regarding the Life-scan System they have that would keep the kids' fingerprints and photos on file. Chris Swartz said that on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> he is going to training on Life-scan in Arizona along with Chief of Police, Dale Dakota and Sergeant, Duane Misegan.

3. Chris Swartz – Promoting ATV use in Baraga County. Chris attended a meeting at the Baraga Village office on the safe use of ATV's and promoting tourism in Baraga County. Chris drafted an ordinance on the use of ATV's and it is in the attorney's office. Other ideas were discussed, such as a poker run which would involve the ATV riders going to different businesses. The next meeting will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Baraga Village Office.

4. Jennifer Misegan – Donation request from Lori (Sherman) Muhlig for Stock Car Racing.

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$250.00 TO LORI MUHLIG FOR STOCK CAR RACING. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. 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 D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

Q. Closed Session:

1. Summer Cohen
2. Doreen Blaker
3. Susan LaFernier
4. John Baker

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. 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.

Larry Denomie left at 11:42 a.m.

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:20 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

Services Agreement – Investigation/Evaluation of prominent bedrock outcrop on Eagle Rock-

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JAMES R. PAQUETTE AND MARLA BUCKMASTER WITH CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

R. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO ADJOURN AT 12:22 P.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton  
Recording Secretary