

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY – APRIL 11, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.

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APPROVED

10-30-14

- A. Date: April 11, 2013
- B. Call to Order: Vice President Mayo called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Elizabeth D. Mayo, Vice President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary  
Fred Dakota  
Jean Jokinen  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews  
Don Messer, Jr.  
Absent: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Carole L. LaPointe
- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President Mayo declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: April 11, 2013

Addition: New Business- 11. Vice President Mayo – Tribal Member  
Donation Request for Emergency  
Medical Travel

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. May 10, 2012

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE THE MAY 10, 2012 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Don Messer, Jr.), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. May 17, 2012

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE MAY 17, 2012 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Don Messer, Jr.), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Old Business:

1. Vice President Mayo – Direct Deposit for Casino Employees - Don Larson present - Superior National Bank is finalizing the arrangements and direct deposit is expected to begin for the next payroll.

I. New Business:

1. Brad Dakota, Chief Judge – Interim Appointment for Drug Court Coordinator (while awaiting hiring process)

**MOTION MADE BY JEAN JOKINEN TO APPOINT ALAN RAJACIC AS INTERIM DRUG COURT COORDINATOR. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Charlotte Loonsfoot – Travel Donation Request to attend the Food Sovereignty Summit in Green Bay, Wisconsin April 15-18, 2013 - Charlotte will provide registration confirmation and return receipts. There was discussion regarding prior garden equipment.

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO DENY THE TRAVEL REQUEST FROM CHARLOTTE LOONSFOOT. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. THREE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), FOUR OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), ABSTAINING – 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOTION MADE BY JEAN JOKINEN TO APPROVE \$517.00 FOR TRAVEL TO THE FOOD SOVEREIGNTY SUMMIT FOR CHARLOTTE LOONSFOOT TO ATTEND. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. FOUR IN FAVOR (Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), THREE OPPOSED (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Lori Sherman, Natural Resources Director - KISMA (Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area-Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw Counties) MOU until 2017

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE THE MOU WITH THE KEWEENAW INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREA. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Lindy Grell, Tribal Attorney/Brandon Loonsfoot – New Business License Application La Familia Restaurant in Baraga

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE A NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FOR BRANDON LOONSFOOT’S LA FAMILIA RESTAURANT. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Lyndon Ekdahl, NRD – Purchase Approvals (3 bids for each)
  - a) 4x4 Crew Cab Truck

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE F150 CREW CAB TRUCK FROM COPPER COUNTRY FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,650.00. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Side by Side

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE JOHN DEERE GATOR 825 FROM MICHIGAN SALES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,863.70. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

- c) Boat - Jon Boat 16' (includes trailer, motor, electric trolling motors, and deep cell batteries)

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM ED'S SALES FOR A SIXTEEN FOOT JON BOAT AND TRAILER WITH ACCESSORIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,308.00. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 10:01 – 10:20 a.m.**

- 6. Micah Petoskey, NRD Water Resources Specialist – TAS (Treatment as a State) Task Force Update – Micah will email the Council a narrative
- 7. Jacki Skytta, Casinos Marketing Manager/Dotti Pryor, Pressbox Sports Bar Manager – Diamond Talent HUNK's Male Revue Show

**MOTION MADE BY JEAN JOKINEN TO DENY THE ENTERTAINMENT AGREEMENT**  
Motion died for lack of support.

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH DIAMOND TALENT FOR THE HUNK'S MALE REVUE ENTERTAINMENT FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2013. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. FIVE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), TWO OPPOSED (Susan J. LaFernier, Jean Jokinen), ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8. Jim Stingle, Grant Writer – USDA FY13 Supplemental Funding Request – Commodity Foods Parking Lot Improvements (3 bids)

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE BID FOR THE USDA FY13 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE COMMODITY FOODS PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS FROM PAISANO PAVING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,806.00. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

- 9. Larry Denomie III, CEO –
  - a) Social Media Policy – the Council would like to move forward with drafting a policy.
  - b) Weekly Update

10. Susan LaFERNIER, Secretary – 2013 Progress Ad Daily Mining Gazette - \$1,400.00 (same as last year)

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE 2013 PROGRESS AD WITH THE DAILY MINING GAZETTE. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Vice President Mayo – Tribal Member Donation Request for Emergency Medical Travel (Tom Denomie and daughter)

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE UP TO \$1,000.00 FROM THE TRIBAL COUNCIL BUDGET FOR TOM DENOMIE’S EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAVEL FUNDS AND TO BE ADMINISTERED OUT OF THE CEO’S OFFICE. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Closed Session:

1. David Haataja, Casinos General Manager – Business Update
2. Lindy Grell, Tribal Attorney –
  - a) Trademark
  - b) I.H.S. CSC Case Update
3. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Summer Youth Coordinator Applicants Review

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:29 A.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. FOUR IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), THREE OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Don Messer, Jr.), ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:08 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

Summer Youth Coordinator Applicants Review –

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPOINT NICOLE ARENS TO THE SUMMER YOUTH COORDINATOR POSITION WITH A WAGE INCREASE OF \$1.50 FOR THE SUMMER TIME PERIOD. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), ONE OPPOSED (Jean Jokinen), ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO ADJOURN AT 12:11 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist