

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**FINANCE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**MONDAY – OCTOBER 5, 2009 – 8:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: October 5, 2009
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President  
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
Jerry Lee Curtis (left at 10:40 a.m.)  
Fred Dakota  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (arrived at 9:38 a.m.)  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. (arrived at 9:06 a.m.)  
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews  
Elizabeth D. Mayo (left at 9:48 a.m.)  
Isabelle Helene Welsh (left 9:55 – 11:20 a.m.)
- Absent: Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
William E. Emery, Assistant Secretary

**Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. arrived at 9:06 a.m.**

- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.

F. Approval of Agenda: October 5, 2009

- Additions: New Business-
1. Jennifer Misegan - Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October - KBIC Reservation
  2. Elizabeth Mayo/President Swartz - Request from Geraldine Bess Regarding Christmas Check

**MOTION MADE BY JERRY LEE CURTIS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. New Business:

1. Jennifer Misegan - Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2009 – KBIC Reservation (received from Carole LaPointe)

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Elizabeth Mayo/President Swartz - Request from Geraldine Bess Regarding Christmas Check

She is requesting to have Wal-Mart gift cards in place of her Christmas check and Senior Pension so it will not affect her SSI. Gift cards are still considered taxable income by the IRS. Popcorn will call her and let her know the Council is looking into it.

H. Closed Session:

1. Budget Reviews/Approvals
2. Larry Denomie III, CEO
3. Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:18 A.M. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), TWO OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Mike LaFerner, Sr. arrived at 9:38 a.m.**

**Elizabeth Mayo left at 9:48 a.m.**

**Isabelle Welsh left 9:55 – 11:20 a.m.**

**Break: 10:40 – 11:03 a.m.**

**Jerry Lee Curtis left at 10:40 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:32 A.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO GIVE EMPLOYEES A 2% RAISE.

Motion died for lack of support.

Budget Approval -

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE 2010 BUDGETS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), ONE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan), ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

Jennifer Misegan stated her opposition: She believes there were further cuts that could have been made to give the employees an additional raise.

Student Sovereignty Fund - \$600.00 to \$800.00 full-time and \$300.00 to \$400.00 part-time

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO INCREASE THE STUDENT SOVEREIGNTY FUND TO \$800.00 PER SEMESTER FOR FULL-TIME AND \$400.00 PER SEMESTER FOR PART-TIME. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

Annual Raises -

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE A 1% RAISE. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), ONE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan), ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

Jennifer Misegan stated her opposition: She believes the Tribe could have afforded a 2% raise.

Amendment to Motion -

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO AMEND HIS PREVIOUS MOTION TO ADD THE EFFECTIVE DATE AS THE EMPLOYEE'S ANNIVERSARY DATE. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

Christmas Checks -

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS TO GIVE ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS IN BARAGA AND MARQUETTE COUNTIES \$800.00 FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHECKS PER THE TOBACCO ORDINANCE. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO ADJOURN AT 11:44 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton  
Administrative Specialist