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MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112
111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 9, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
SIGNATURE: PK

- A. Date: March 9, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Liz Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer (Arrived at 9:10 a.m.)
Doreen G. Blaker (Left 10:45 a.m.-11:22 a.m.)
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards (Via Zoom at 9:59 a.m./left 1:20 – 1:55 p.m.)
Sue Ellen Elmland
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (Left 1:36 p.m.-1:55 p.m.)
Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: March 9, 2022

Addition: Closed Session: 3. Larry Denomie, III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – d. Personnel Issue

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmland, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Robert Voakes Sr. Family
2. Retirement Celebration for Dale S. Dakota – Thursday, March 10, 2022
3. Retirement Celebration for Lauri J. Denomie – Friday, March 11, 2022
4. Letter from KBIC Enrolled Tribal Members residing Off Reservation regarding the vaccination incentive for enrolled children

H. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Jeff Loman – Great Lakes Encounter Symposium 2022 hosted by Michigan Technological University on June 1-4, 2022-Discussion

Randall R. Haataja arrived at 9:10 a.m.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. March 25, 2020

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE MARCH 25, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 3 (Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 1 (Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.

2. April 3, 2020

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE APRIL 3, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 1 (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:50 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 9:51 a.m. – 9:59 a.m. -Eddy Edwards via Zoom

J. Closed Session:

1. Ryan Pulvermacher, M3 Insurance –
 - a. Ryan Pulvermacher, Account Executive – Property & Casualty Insurance Report
 - b. Keith Berry, Retirement Plan Consultant – M3 Financial 2021 Stewardship Report

- c. Corey Palmer, Account Executive – Overview of Current Tribal Paid Life Insurance Program and Option for Supplemental Life Coverage for Members with Guaranteed Pricing and Eligibility
- 2. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney –
 - a. Resolution KB-020-2022 – Dorsey & Whitney Attorney Services to appeal unfavorable rulings and defend favorable rulings in the pending case of KBIC v. the Treasurer of the State of Michigan
 - b. Weekly Update

Doreen G. Blaker out of the room 10:45 a.m. – 11:22 a.m.

- 3. Larry Denomie, III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager
 - a. Restaurant Space Options Discussion
 - b. U.S. Oil Company Retail Supplier Agreement Renewal Options Discussion
 - c. Review of Klas Robinson’s Preliminary Study for the Ojibwa Casino II Hotel and RV Park
 - d. Personnel Issue-Notice of Retirement

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:12 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Lunch Break: 12:15 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. -Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, and Rodney Loonsfoot absent

MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-020-2022 AS PRESENTED IN CLOSED SESSION. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Jr., Suzie Elmlblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

K. Old Business:

- 1. 2nd Reading of Title 30 At-Risk Adult Provision – President Klopstein read the legislative process. There were no comments from the public or written comments received.

The 3rd Reading was scheduled for April 13, 2022

L. New Business:

- 1. Larry Denomie, III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager –
 - a. (1) Bid for the New Laundromat Equipment for the Ojibwa Laundromat

MOTION MADE BY SUZIE ELMBLAD TO APPROVE THE BDS LAUNDRY BID FOR THE NEW LAUNDROMAT EQUIPMENT FOR THE OJIBWA LAUNDROMAT FOR \$53,355.20 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Jr., Suzie Elmland, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Eagle Radio Organizational Structure with WMQT Marquette

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. returned from lunch at 1:26 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE EAGLE RADIO ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Suzie Elmland, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Cost Estimate to Reuse and Install the Baraga Casino's Old Generator at the Hotel along with a new concrete pad for \$141,000.00

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. out of the room at 1:36 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE COST ESTIMATE TO REUSE AND INSTALL THE BARAGA CASINO'S OLD GENERATOR AT THE HOTEL AND COSTS TO BE ADDED TO THE ARPA FUNDS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmland, Liz Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

- d. Weekly Update: iGaming, COVID-19, Baraga Hotel-Pressbox Renovations/Eagle Radio/Taconite Broadcasting/C-Stores/Campground Facility Improvements/Other/Employee Reports

- 2. Jason Ayres, Real Estate/Transportation Officer – Resolution KB-019-2022 Baraga Streets Project Grant of Right of Way Easement

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-019-2022 BARAGA STREETS PROJECT GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmland, Liz Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. Evelyn Ravindran, NRD Director (Presented by Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO) – Biological Services Subcontract between Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission

(GLIFWC) and KBIC for lake trout assessments and sea lamprey assessments \$125,041.00
2022

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BIOLOGICAL SERVICES SUBCONTRACT BETWEEN GLIFWC AND KBIC AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY LIZ JULIO AND RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

4. Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – Weekly Update

Break: 1:51 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. -Gary returned/Eddy Edwards returned on Zoom at 1:55 p.m.

5. John Hebert, Youth Director – Playground Equipment Bids (3) \$77,035.34

MOTION MADE BY SUZIE ELMBLAD TO APPROVE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE KBIC YOUTH DEPARTMENT FROM LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

6. Kathy Mayo, Health Administrator –
 - a. (3) Bids for a 2-Dimensional Panoramic X-Ray Machine

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM PLANMECA FOR \$22,250.00 FOR THE 2-DIMENSIONAL PANORAMIC X-RAY MACHINE FOR THE DENTAL CLINIC AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. (2) Bids for Touchless Faucets and Toilet Upgrades at the KBIC Health System

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM NORTHERN HEATING AND PLUMBING FOR \$9,012.00 FOR TOUCHLESS FAUCETS AND TOILET UPGRADES AT THE KBIC HEALTH SYSTEMS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

7. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer - Weekly Update: Crystal Falls, Marquette, Negaunee businesses and Mashkiki application.

M. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO ADJOURN AT 2:06 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist