

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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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 – APRIL 13, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

- A. Date: April 13, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
Doreen G. Blaker
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (via Zoom at 1:30 p.m.)
Eddy Edwards
Sue Ellen Elmlad
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
Rodney Loonsfoot

Absent: Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President

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

- F. Approval of Agenda: April 13, 2022

Deletion: New Business: 4. Rachel Tarpey, Forestry – Amendment to Portable Logging Bridge Bid from September 2, 2020

APPROVED

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: 

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Robert Seppanen Family
2. Thank You from the U.P. Children's Museum 2%
3. Thank You from the YMCA of Marquette County 2%

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. April 22, 2020

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE APRIL 22, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

2. April 30, 2020

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 30, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

3. May 6, 2020

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE MAY 6, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND RODNEY LOONSFOOT. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

4. May 8, 2020

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE MAY 8, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

I. Old Business:

1. 3RD Reading of Title 30 – At-Risk Adult Provision

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE TITLE 30 – AT-RISK ADULT PROVISION AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:28 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

J. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle – Weekly Update

Break: 10:15 a.m. – 10:27 a.m.

2. Todd Forslund, Human Resources Director –

a. Ojibwa Casino’s General Manager Interview

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. out of the room: 10:48 a.m. – 10:51 a.m.

b. Business Director Applications Review

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:47 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

Lunch Break: 11:49 a.m. – 1:03 p.m.

Eddy Edwards returned from lunch at 1:07 p.m.

K. New Business:

1. Hope Laramore, Interim Personnel Director –

- a. Personnel Policy Update – 7.3 Closures of Government Offices 1.c. and 3.c. Remove “Employees on approved sick leave shall be converted to closure pay” and change the word annual to accrual

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE PERSONNEL POLICY 7.3 CLOSURES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND RODNEY LOONSFOOT. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Personnel Policy Update – 17.0 Holidays/17.1 Policy B. Employee Eligibility Review regarding Temporary/On-Call Employees-this will be brought back next week for more discussion
- c. Personnel Policy Update – Clarification on 4.11 Transfers and 4.12 Promotions that were suspended on February 11, 2020 and suggested to add after test scores (if applicable) in 4.12 Promotions.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO REVERT BACK TO THE POLICY ON TRANSFERS/PROMOTIONS AS DISCUSSED WITH CHANGES AND ADD IN “IF APPLICABLE” WHERE NEEDED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- 2. Erin Johnston, NRD – Amendment to Services Agreement from March 15, 2019 with Luis Verissimo to provide Geospatial gathering for landscape level assessment of the L’Anse and Ontonagon Reservation not to exceed \$396,735.00

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LUIS VERISSIMO AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. Charles Miller, SORNA – Resolution KB-029-2022 – DOJ SORNA Grant application up to \$400,000.00 for a three-year project

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-029-2022 DOJ SORNA GRANT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

4. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – a. Donations: Baraga Township Lions Club (picture on the yearly calendars)

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE \$500.00 FOR THE BARAGA TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- a. Baraga High School Chicago Lab Field Trip April 28-May 1, 2022

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE \$550.00 TO THE BARAGA HIGH SCHOOL CHICAGO LAB FIELD TRIP AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Rick Geroux Travel Request – Defense POW/MIA Agency Invitation to the Family Member Update Minneapolis Area on April 23, 2022

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE \$900.00 TO RICK GEROUX FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES AS PRESENTED AND THEY WOULD LIKE RICK TO GIVE TRIBAL COUNCIL AN UPDATE ON HIS TRIP. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Copper Country Habitat for Humanity Cedar Barrel Sauna Raffle Fundraiser to build new homes and provide critical repair of existing homes for families in our Community

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE \$500.00 TO THE COPPER COUNTRY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.,

Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

5. Kim Klopstein, President – a. Committee Selections – i. Enrollment Board – 7 Seats

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE INCUMBENTS: AMELIA SAPCUT, AMY ST. ARNOLD, DARLENE GENSCHOW, ROBIN ROE, ALDEN CONNOR, JR., DONALD L. CHOSA, JR. AND BRENT WARANKA FOR THE ENROLLMENT BOARD. CO-SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA AND RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

*R.D. Curtis via Zoom 1:30 p.m.

ii. ICWA Committee – 2 Seats (term ends January 2025)

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE RACHEL CLISCH AND TINA MURRAY TO THE ICWA COMMITTEE. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFERNIER) MOTION CARRIED.

b. Appellate Court Vacancy – Chief Justice James Bittorf

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE CHIEF JUSTICE JAMES BITTORF TO THE APPELLATE COURT. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFERNIER) MOTION CARRIED.

6. Don Messer, Baraga Casino Property Manager – a. NAV (North American Video) Security Camera Quotes

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR THE BARAGA CASINO CANOPY ENTRANCE FOR \$5,126.03 AND THE SURVEILLANCE FOR THE ELEVATOR FOR \$2,296.44 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFERNIER) MOTION CARRIED.

b. IGT – Participation Exchange at the Ojibwa II Marquette Casino

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE IGT PARTICIPATION EXCHANGE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

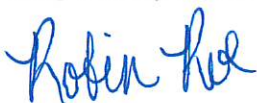
7. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update
8. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update: Employee Reports, Department Updates, Other
9. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – Service Agreement Amendment for Quadrant Consulting Group to extend the contract to May 31, 2022

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR QUADRANT CONSULTING GROUP AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 1 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO ADJOURN AT 2:03 P.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist