

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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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 – OCTOBER 12, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: RL

- A. Date: October 12, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (arrived at 9:12 a.m.)
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer (arrived at 9:10 a.m./
left at 11:43 a.m.)

Doreen G. Blaker
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards (left at 11:14 a.m.-1:05 p.m.)
Sue Ellen Elmlad
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Rodney Loonsfoot (left at 3:29 p.m.)
- Absent: Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: October 12, 2022

Additions: Closed Session: 3. Sue Ellen Elmlad – Personnel Issue

Deletions: 3. Doreen G. Blaker, Housing Director – National Marine Sanctuary Presentation

4. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Weekly Update
5. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update (absent)
6. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

G. Old Business:

1. Bruce LaPointe, Assistant Director DPW – Amend the June 8, 2022 motion for the DPW Trucks with Plows Bid (price was \$100,126.00) from Keweenaw Chevy

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS MOTION FOR THE INCREASED COSTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$115,665.60 TO PURCHASE TWO 2023 TRUCKS WITH PLOWS FROM KEWEENAW CHEVY AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

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

Council sang Happy Birthday to Susan and Toni for their birthdays this month.

Toni J. Minton arrived at 9:12 a.m.

H. New Business:

1. Michael Lahti, NRD Administrative Specialist (not present) – Tier II Services Agreement Larson Pump Company, LLC – Consensus of the Council was that he didn’t need to be present since the bid was approved on September 28, 2022 for \$13,025.04 for well rehabilitation

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LARSON PUMP COMPANY, LLC. AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

I. Recognize Delegation/Individuals:

1. **Timothy Pinnow, President, Reverend Sarah Semmler Smith, Campus Pastor, and Julie Badel, Chair of the Board of Finlandia University**– Tim Pinnow, Finlandia President presented President Klopstein with gifts. They asked the Council for feedback regarding “Finlandia University-Indigenous Land Acknowledgement” that was drafted and approved by their Board of Trustees on March 2, 2022 stating that Finlandia University is located on Ojibwa (Anishinaabe) ancestral lands. There were 3 versions presented. They also asked for feedback on wording for a sign or sculpture as they are working toward a deeper understanding and better relationship as neighbors. They will also be offering 10 scholarships of \$1,000.00 to the first 10 Tribal members and this can be renewable each year. Council will continue to work with the University.

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:25 A.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, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

J. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney –
 - a. Josh Clause – Land Claims Update
 - b. Update on the Cannabis Audit

Break: 10:32 a.m. – 10:44 a.m.

- c. Weekly Update/Municode-CivicPlus Demo Review (William Jondreau present)

Eddy Edwards left at 11:14 a.m.

Lunch Break: 11:43 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. -Randall R. Haataja left/Eddy Edwards returned

2. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Budgets Review (regarding the wage grid, raises, pending reclassifications and the up to \$1.50 wage adjustments)
3. Sue Ellen Elmblad – Personnel Issue

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 3:18 P.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO INCREASE WAGES \$3.00 ACROSS THE BOARD FOR GOVERNMENT AND ENTERPRISE EMPLOYEES AND TO ADJUST THE WAGE GRID ACCORDINGLY, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022, OR THEIR ANNIVERSARY DATE, AND ALL CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES WILL BE AS IS IN THEIR CONTRACTS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO UNFREEZE THE UP TO \$1.50 WAGE ADJUSTMENTS, EFFECTIVE JULY 3, 2022. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE FY2023 BUDGETS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE FUNDING FOR CIVICPLUS; TO APPROVE THE RECODIFIED TRIBAL CODE TO PUBLISH AND ADD THE AMENDMENTS: TITLE TWO AND THREE, TITLE 10, TITLE 30 – AT RISK ADULTS, PROVISIONS AND CANNABIS EXPUNGEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

K. New Business:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – CivicPlus Demo of Services and Decision on Approval of Code Re-Codification Proof with Changes – Discussed in Closed Session

2. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – KBOCC MOU

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO TABLE THE KBOCC MOU REVIEW UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

L. Adjournment

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO ADJOURN AT 3:44 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist

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D. Roll Call:

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E. Declaration of Quorum:

F. Approval of Agenda: October 12, 2022

G. Old Business:

1. Bruce LaPointe, Assistant Director DPW – Amend 6-8-22 motion for DPW Trucks with Plows Bids (price went up)

H. Recognize Delegation/Individuals:

1. **Reverend Sarah Semmler Smith, Campus Pastor, Finlandia University/Finlandia Students (9:15 a.m.)**

I. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney –
 - a. **Josh Clause – Land Claims Update (9:30 a.m.)**
 - b. **Update on Cannabis Audit (10:00 a.m.)**
 - c. Weekly Update

2. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Budget Reviews

J. New Business:

1. Michael Lahti, NRD Administrative Specialist – Tier II Services Agreement Larson Pump Company, LLC (**Zoom**)
2. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – CivicPlus Demo of Services and Decision on Approval of Code Re-Codification Proof with Changes
3. Doreen G. Blaker, Housing Director – Water Preserve Presentation
4. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Weekly Update
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 - a. KBOCC MOU
 - b. Weekly Update

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