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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 – JUNE 15, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: June 15, 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
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (arrived at 9:16 a.m./left at 12:21 p.m.)
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
Doreen G. Blaker
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (left at 2:35 p.m.)
Eddy Edwards (left 12:21 p.m.-1:31 p.m.)
Sue Ellen Elmblad
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (left at 2:37 p.m.)
Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: June 15, 2022
- Additions: 8. b. Doreen Blaker, Housing Director – Amendment to the ERAP Policy

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Chassell PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions Support) Team for the \$150.00 donation

H. Old Business:

1. Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – Classification and Compensation Administration Program (8) Policies

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION POLICIES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:11 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

I. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney –
 - a. Josh Pitre - Land Claims Update

Toni J. Minton arrived at 9:16 a.m.

- b. Opioid Multidistrict Litigation/Settlement Discussion
- c. Weekly Update

Break: 10:19 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

2. Mark Abraham – Cannabis Partnership Agreement Review

Lunch: 12:21 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. -Toni J. Minton left

3. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Ojibwa BP Fuel Discussion

Eddy Edwards returned from lunch at 1:31 p.m.

4. Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – Amendment #1 Employment Agreement Information Technology Director-ended June 15, 2022. Effective June 16, 2022 the employee shall be governed under the terms of the Personnel Policy Manual.

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 1:56 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE OPIOID MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION SETTLEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER AND GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

J. New Business:

1. Michael Lahti, C-Stores Manager – U.S. Oil Retailer Supply Agreement for the Rez Stop and Pines for seven (7) years

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE U.S. OIL RETAILER SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR THE PINES AND REZ STOP AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

2. Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Coordinator – ITC of MI Sub-Contractual Agreement for Families First Prevention Services Act Expansion for \$70,000.00 January 1, 2022-September 30, 2022

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE ITC OF MI SUB-CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR FAMILIES FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT EXPANSION AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

3. Jason Ayres, Real Estate/Transportation Officer

- a. Resolution KB-042-2022 Deanna M. Hadden Residential Lease (and cancels a prior lease)

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-042-2022 DEANNA M. HADDEN RESIDENTIAL LEASE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. James E. Lahti Request for a Tribal Free-Use Harvesting Permit for Hay – (Vuk/Brewery Road)

MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL FREE-USE HARVESTING PERMIT FOR JAMES LAHTI FOR HAY ON VUK/BREWERY ROAD AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update regarding Marquette, Crystal Falls, “Mashkiki”, Negaunee, On-Reservation

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. left at 2:35 p.m./Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. left at 2:37 p.m.

5. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Requests
 - a. 33rd Annual Parade of Nations to be held on September 17, 2022

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE A \$2000.00 DONATION TO THE PARADE OF NATIONS AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER AND SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don

Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Carol Heckroth Request for her daughter's funeral expenses (Lake Linden)

MOTION MADE BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD TO DONATE \$1,000.00 FOR FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR CAROL HECKROTH'S DAUGHTER. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT.

SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD WITHDREW HER MOTION UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS BROUGHT FORWARD ON WHAT WAS DONE IN THE PAST FOR NON-TRIBAL REQUESTS.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO TO TABLE CAROL HECKROTH'S REQUEST UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS BROUGHT FORWARD ON WHAT WAS DONE IN THE PAST FOR NON-TRIBAL REQUESTS. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- c. (Carole LaPointe) Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence-Organization Memberships for \$500.00

MOTION MADE BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD TO APPROVE \$500.00 FOR THE MICHIGAN COALITION TO END DOMESTICE & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- d. Resolution KB-040-2022 - Baraga 2% Requests (Spring 2022) \$141,503.48

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-040-2022 BARAGA 2% REQUESTS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- e. Resolution KB-041-2022 - Marquette 2% Requests (Spring 2022)
\$206,136.33

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-041-2022 MARQUETTE 2% REQUESTS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

6. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO - Weekly Update-Proposed Budget Timeline for FY23
7. Susie Elmland, ENP Director/JLyn Jorgenson, Assistant Tribal Attorney – Resolution KB-043-2022 Senior Assistance Program (Draft)

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-043-2022 SENIOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND CHANGE THE WORDING IN 6A ELIGIBILITY. THE ONE-TIME PAYMENT OF \$275.00 to \$750.00 THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO TABLE RESOLUTION KB-043-2022 AND RETURN THE CORRECTED VERSION NEXT WEEK. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

8. Doreen Blaker, Housing Director –
 - a. Amendment to Section III Eligibility-Subsection (A) para.(1) (d) Persons. ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) Policy

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE ERAP POLICY TO INCLUDE "RENT ONLY TO ALL KBIC TRIBAL MEMBERS RESIDING OUTSIDE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND LOOK INTO INCLUDING UTILITY PAYMENTS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. HAF (Homeowner Assistance Fund) Draft Policy and Application

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE HAF DRAFT POLICY AND APPLICATION AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot),

OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

K. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO ADJOURN AT 3:38 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist