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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
THURSDAY – JUNE 16, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: June 16, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:16 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 9:35 a.m.)
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
Doreen G. Blaker
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards, (left at 11:00 a.m.)
Sue Ellen Elmland
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
- Absent: Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
Rodney Loonsfoot

APPROVED

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
SIGNATURE: 

- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: June 16, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.
SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer,
Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen
Elmland, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J.
Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:18 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

G. New Business:

1. Todd Forslund, Ojibwa Casinos Human Resources Director – Interviews for the Business Director who will be responsible for the overall operations of, and accountable for, the performance of all of the following businesses: Solid Waste Facility, Radio Stations, C-Stores, (Pines, Rez Stop, Ojibwa BP), Cannabis, Campground, and Asemaa

- a. Michael Lahti

Toni J. Minton arrived at 9:35 a.m.

- b. Zelina Huhta

Break: 10:23 a.m. – 10:38 a.m.

- c. Cynthia Thierry

-Eddy Edwards left at 11:00 a.m.

- d. Patrick Racette (Doreen G. Blaker left at 11:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.)

- e. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:50 P.M. SUPPORTED BY 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., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO OFFER THE BUSINESS DIRECTOR POSITION TO CYNTHIA THIERRY WITH A STARTING WAGE OF \$36.05. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. FIVE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad) OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), ABSENT – 3 (Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

H. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO ADJOURN AT 12:51 P.M.
SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni
J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue
Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3
(Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist