

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR.  
RODNEY LOONSFOOT

**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 Elmlblad  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
- Absent: Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot

**APPROVED**

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
SIGNATURE: RL

- 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 Elmlblad, 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 Elmlad, 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 Elmlad, 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 ELMLAD. FIVE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad) 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 Elmlad, 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

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