

# 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 – MARCH 16, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**

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**KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**  
**SIGNATURE: ll**

- A. Date: March 16, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Liz Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President  
Susan J. LaFerner, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (Left at 12:30 p.m.)  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Eddy Edwards (Left at 3:15 p.m.)  
Sue Ellen Elmlad  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (Left at 3:15 p.m.)  
Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: March 16, 2022
- Additions: G. For Your Information: 4. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Potential Sale of Marquette Gas Station Tanks
- L. New Business: 9. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request from the Baraga High School Girls Basketball Team

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Village of L'Anse for the 2% Distribution
2. Thank You from the Baraga BASH Committee Members, Parents and Volunteers
3. Thank You from L'Anse Area Schools for the 2% Distribution
4. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Potential sale of the Marquette Gas Station fuel tanks by LVD, they are making an offer and may remove in one week.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. April 6, 2020

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE APRIL 6, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. CO-SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. AND DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Department Head Reports – January 2022

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2022 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:12 A.M. CO-SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON AND LIZ JULIO. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney –
  - a. Josh Clause – Land Claims Update
  - b. Non-Disclosure Agreement between Airboss Defense Group, LLC (ADG) and KBIC
  - c. Weekly Update

Break: 9:52 a.m. – 10:04 a.m.

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:04 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Sara Siekierski, USFWS Refuge Manager – Brief Overview and Update on the Huron National Wildlife Refuge and the Huron Islands Wilderness and the 2021-2022 Service Projects

L. New Business:

1. Dione Price/Lyndon Ekdahl, NRD Staff –
  - a. (3) Bids for a Cardboard Baler – Solid Waste Facility

\*Rodney Loonsfoot out of the room at 11:12 a.m.

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM ACE EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$14,570.16 FOR THE CARDBOARD BALER FOR THE SOLID WASTE FACILITY AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER AND ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Sole Source Bid for 3-Phase Power for the Cardboard Baler – Solid Waste Facility

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE BID FROM UPPCO \$23,278.22 FOR THE 3-PHASE POWER FOR THE BALER FOR THE SOLID WASTE FACILITY AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

\*Rodney Loonsfoot returned at 11:17 a.m.

2. Arlan Friisvall, DPW Director – (4) Bids for BE-20-K82 Acorn Trail Sewer Extension. The project is to abandon the existing septic systems and connect the existing homes to the recently constructed sewer system.

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE BID FOR THE ACORN TRAIL SEWER EXTENSION FROM SMITH CONSTRUCTION FOR \$727,199.00 AS RECOMMENDED BY IHS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:19 A.M. CO-SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. AND LIZ JULIO. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

M. Closed Session:

2. Todd Forslund, Ojibwa Casinos Human Resources Director –
  - a. General Manager Job Description Review/Discussion
  - b. Business Director Job Description for the Non-Gaming Enterprise Businesses Review/Discussion

**Lunch Break: 12:30 p.m. – 1:34 p.m. -Eddy Edwards and Toni J. Minton absent**

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 1:35 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.**

N. New Business:

3. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request from the Baraga High School Girls Basketball Team as they travel downstate for the semi-finals

**Eddy Edwards returned from lunch at 1:37 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO APPROVE \$5,000.00 FOR THE FIRST GAME AND IF THEY ADVANCE, AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000.00 FOR THE NEXT GAME. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 1:40 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFornier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.**

O. Closed Session:

b. Todd Forslund continuation-Business Director Job Description for the Non-Gaming Enterprise Businesses

3. Kim Klopstein, President – CEO Evaluation Discussion

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:40 P.M. SUPPORTED BY LIZ JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFornier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni Minton) MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

4. Jason Ayres, Real Estate/Transportation Officer –

a. Renewal of (2) Commercial Sugaring Permits – Thomas E. Chosa, Jr. and Gerald P. Jondreau: February 1, 2022-May 31, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF COMMERCIAL SUGAR BUSH PERMITS FOR JONDREAU AND CHOSA AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER AND LIZ JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFornier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Michigan Statewide Authoritative Imagery and LiDAR Program (MiSAIL) – Intergovernmental Agreement for Data Exchange between KBIC and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget (Orthophotography)

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN STATEWIDE AUTHORITATIVE IMAGERY AND LIDAR PROGRAM (MiSAIL) FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$11,783.98 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFornier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Rachel Tarpey, Forester – Resolution KB-022-2022 Pine Wind Planting Project where a 2020 Summer wind storm damaged or destroyed mature pine (near the Pines Convenience Center)

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-022-2022 PINE WIND PLANTING PROJECT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Lisa Denomie, Pre-Primary Program Director:

- a. (4) Bids for New Shuttle Bus/Van for the Center

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE GREENLIGHT SALES AND SERVICE FOR A 2009 FORD E350 COMMERCIAL VAN FOR THE PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAM AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUZIE ELMBLAD. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Proposed Organizational Chart – for the addition of a Housekeeper (there is funding until 2023)

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE HOUSEKEEPING POSITION TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE PRE-PRIMARY PROGRAM AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY LIZ JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.**

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7. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-05 Title 3 – Criminal Offenses and Penalties - Amendments to Criminal Code

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO WAIVE THE FIRST READING OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2022-05 TITLE 3 – CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES – AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL CODE. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.**

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The 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading was scheduled for April 20, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.

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**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM BEST HOTEL PRODUCTS FOR \$57,112.57 FOR THE HOTEL FURNITURE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

d. Bids for Window Blinds for the Ojibwa Hotel - \$17,852.00 (ARPA Funded)

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE CREATIVE INTERIORS BID FOR THE WINDOW BLINDS FOR THE HOTEL. CO-SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER AND LIZ JULIO. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

e. Sole Source Bid from Amazon for Furniture for the Ojibwa Hotel \$12,437.40 (ARPA Funded)

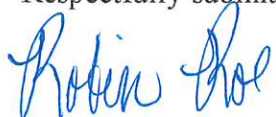
**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE BID FROM AMAZON FOR THE FURNITURE FOR THE HOTEL. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE TO CHANGE THE ENTERPRISE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART BY ADDING THE BUSINESS DIRECTOR WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE NON-ENTERPRISE BUSINESSES PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE GENERAL MANAGER. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

P. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO ADJOURN AT 3:22 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Roe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Robin Roe  
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist