

# 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 – MAY 11, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**

- A. Date: May 11, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President (left at 3:23 p.m.)  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (left at 10:21 a.m.)  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer  
Doreen G. Blaker (arrived at 9:09 a.m.)  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (arrived at 9:09 a.m./left at 10:21 a.m.)  
Eddy Edwards (left at 4:27 p.m.)  
Sue Ellen Elmblad  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (left 9:30 a.m./1:04 p.m./left at 4:32 p.m.)  
Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: May 11, 2022

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

- Additions: Closed Session: 6. Elizabeth "Liz" Julio – School Update Discussion  
7. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager –Personnel Issue  
Deletions: New Business: 1. Rick Geroux – POW/MIA Update  
6. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Update

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from Baraga High School Physics Class for helping fund their Six Flags Physics Trip

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. January 8, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE JANUARY 8, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

2. January 12, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE JANUARY 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. arrived at 9:09 a.m.**

**Doreen G. Blaker arrived at 9:09 a.m.**

3. January 19, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE JANUARY 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Department Head Reports – February 2022

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2022 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. ALL 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, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:10 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. ALL 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, 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/Josh Pietre/Skip Durocher – Land Claims Update (9:15 a.m.)

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. left at 9:30 a.m.

**Recess to attend the 1st Children’s Water Walk: 10:21 a.m. – 1:04 p.m.  
-Robert R.D. Curtis/Toni J. Minton left/Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. returned**

**Jenn Hill, Candidate for State Representative – Meet and Greet – The Council met with Ms. Hill at the Water Walk.**

- b. Weekly Update
  2. Kathy Mayo, Health Director – Kimberly J. Stowe, NP Employment Agreement Nurse Practitioner 3-year term May 23, 2022-May 23, 2025
  3. Ed Janisse, Eagle Radio General Manager – Jim Koski WMQT/WZAM 2-week bank of Annual/Sick Leave upon hire June 1, 2022 Discussion
  4. Michael Lahti, C-Stores Manager – Orion Food Systems, LLC Franchise Agreement for Hot Stuff Pizza at the Pines Convenience Center and Equipment Estimate
  5. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. – Personnel Issue
  6. Elizabeth “Liz” Julio – Alternative School Update
  7. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Personnel/Staff Issues

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 3:23 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 3:24 p.m. – 3:34 p.m. -Susan J. LaFernier left at 3:24 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE KIMBERLY J. STOWE NURSE PRACTITIONER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS AND RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD TO APPROVE THE ORION FOOD SYSTEMS, LLC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE JIM KOSKI’S TWO WEEK BANK OF ANNUAL/SICK LEAVE UPON HIS JUNE 1, 2022 HIRE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**K. New Business:**

1. Evelyn Ravindran, NRD Director – Commercial Fishing License Application Small Boat On-Reservation – Shawn Seppanen (Late Application)

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE COMMERCIAL FISHING APPLICATION FOR SHAWN SEPPANEN AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer - Weekly Update: Marquette, Crystal Falls, Negaunee, “Mashkiki”
3. Rachel Tarpey, Forester – Resolution KB-032-2022 Giizhik (Northern White Cedar) Harvesting Guidelines: Best Management Practices for harvesting Giizhik boughs on the L’Anse Reservation to conserve

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-032-2022 GIIZHIK (CEDAR) HARVEST: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Old Business:

1. William W. Jondreau, Sr., Chief Judge –
  - a. Services Agreement – Brian M. Bloch, PLLC to provide services to KBIC Tribal Court as a Guardian Ad Litem, Public Defender and Special Counsel (CPS Cases) January 1, 2021-December 31, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRIAN M. BLOCH, PLLC AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Emergent Foster Care Fund – The Policy was approved on May 11, 2017

Chief Judge Jondreau will meet next Monday with Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham and Kim Klopstein to review a revised policy and bring recommendations next week for Council approval.

**Eddy Edwards left at 4:27 p.m.**

M. New Business:

4. Dale F. Goodreau – Letter of Support for the Baraga County ATV/ORV Trail

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ATV/ORV TRAIL AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER.**

No motion needed-Consensus of the Council is to sign the letter that was drafted by Mr. Goodreau.

**Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. left at 4:32 p.m.**

Rescheduled to the May 12, 2022 Meeting:

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-05 – Title 3 – Criminal Offenses and Penalties – Amendments to Criminal Code

Tyler Larson, Baraga High School Varsity Girls Basketball Coach -Thank You

Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – Updated Policies

N. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD TO ADJOURN AT 4:33 P.M.  
SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. SIX IN FAVOR (Randall R. Haataja,  
Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio,  
Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 5 (Susan J. LaFernier,  
Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe

CEO/President's Administrative Specialist