

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY – JULY 19, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: July 19, 2007
- B. Call to Order: President LaFerner called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFerner, President
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President (arrived at 1:12 p.m.)
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Asst. Secretary (left 10:10 – 10:42 a.m.)
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO
Jerry Lee Curtis
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. (arrived at 2:38 p.m.)
Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo (arrived at 10:02 a.m.)
- Absent: Doreen G. Blaker
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFerner declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: July 19, 2007

Addition: FYI- 6. Larry Denomie – Going Away Potluck Luncheon for Joe Mrstik

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For your Information:

1. VOIGT Task Force Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2007
2. A copy of Casino Enterprise Management – 2007 Gaming Forecast
3. A letter from Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce – Snowmobile Trail Closure Issues. Susan LaFernier will send a letter of support.
4. Indian Land Consolidation Program Update
5. An Invite to the Three Fires Confederacy Gathering on August 20-26, 2007 in Ontario, Canada. (On the website the dates are changed to Aug. 20th – 24th).
6. Going Away Party – Potluck luncheon for Joe Mrstik on July 25, 2007 at noon in the Tribal Center Conference Room.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. June 14, 2007

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE JUNE 14, 2007 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

2. June 21, 2007 - Larry Denomie had one change on page 3, change the word license to lease.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE JUNE 21, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

3. June 22, 2007

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE JUNE 22, 2007 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 9:32 – 9:37 a.m.

I. Old Business:

1. Mary Breslin, Higher Learning Commission – Accreditation Update - **9:30 a.m.**

Also present: Debbie Parrish, OCC President, Treneice Marshall, Assessment Coordinator, Donald Funke, Board of Regents, Tim Shanahan, Board of Regents and Francis LaPointe, CFO.

The site visit was in 2005 and after the report, the Board withdrew from the Candidacy Process in December 2005. In April of 2006 they received the self-study report. The process of accreditation for the OCC was then restarted in March 2007 with the Higher Learning Commission. Some of the findings were that OCC does not meet some of the requirements for the faculty and the College's plan. According to Mary Breslin the accreditation process cannot go forward until these issues are met. The College does not have legal or fiduciary responsibility. The College must have its own governance and needs to be an autonomous entity before accreditation will be considered. OCC does not have its own checking account, which is a major impediment to accreditation.

Mary suggested to Francis LaPointe that accounting needs to separate the organizations, they could still do the checks for the College, but on OCC checks. The College can do requests to the Tribe for the amount needed in their budget to operate and justify the amount.

Jennifer Misegan stated the Tribe only signs off on OCC's checks they do not approve expenditures. Jennifer inquired about the qualifications of the Board Members. Debbie responded that the only requirement of the Board Members is they have to be Tribal Members.

Larry Denomie thanked everyone for coming. Many questions have been answered regarding accreditation.

Elizabeth Mayo arrived at 10:02 a.m.

Gary Loonsfoot left 10:10 – 10:42 a.m.

Break: 10:30 – 10:40 a.m.

J. New Business:

1. Cherie Dakota, Health Administrator – a) CHS Budget Update

The Clinic needs an additional \$50,000 for emergent services, diagnostic testing and the walk-in clinic.

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO ALLOCATE \$50,000.00 TO THE TRIBAL HEALTH FUND FOR THE CLINIC. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

b) Clinic Roof Bids (3)

The Health Department's roof needs new shingles. Cherie presented 3 bids but there were questions and she will bring back more information later in the day after she meets with the insurance adjuster at noon.

K. Closed Session:

1. Dottie Pryor, Pressbox Manager – Qubica Scoring System Update
2. Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO – Bus Painting Service Agreement
3. Jerry Lee Curtis – Contract for Larson Well Drilling LLC/Larson Pump Company
4. Susan LaFernier/John Baker/Larry Denomie – Economic Development
5. John Baker/Skip Durocher - **Conference Call – 3:00 p.m.**

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:10 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING – 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Lunch: 11:50 a.m. – 1:12 p.m.

Chris Swartz arrived at 1:12 p.m.

Mike LaFernier arrived at 2:38 p.m.

Break: 4:25 – 4:37 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 6:18 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE QUBICA SCORING SYSTEM PURCHASE OF \$60,173.60 FOR THE PRESSBOX. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CHRIS VOAKES CUSTOMS TO PAINT THE 1994 SCHOOLBUS. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH LARSON WELL DRILLING LLC AND LARSON PUMP CO. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KBIC AND JOSEPH WAARA FOR \$206,000.00 TO COME OUT OF FY 2008 LAND BUDGET. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO MOVE THE SEPTEMBER 1ST REGULAR MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 8TH BECAUSE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO DONATE \$1000.00 TO CARL LEVIN’S RECEPTION. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Jerry Lee Curtis), ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY JERRY LEE CURTIS TO APPROVE THE BID FROM DRIFT ROOFING FOR \$24,478.00 FOR THE ROOFING AT THE HEALTH CENTER. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 6:26 P.M. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Recording Secretary