

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 – FEBRUARY 16, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: 

- A. Date: February 16, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:03 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
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer (via Zoom at 9:13 a.m.)
Doreen G. Blaker
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards (left 1:20 – 1:43 p.m.)
Sue Ellen Elmblad
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
Rodney Loonsfoot (via Zoom-left at 9:44 a.m.)
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: February 16, 2022
Changes: Addition: Closed Session: 3. Larry Denomie, III, Ojibwa Casinos
General Manager – Personnel Issue
Deletions: Closed Session: 1. Ryan Pulvermacher, M3 Insurance –
a.) b.) c.) until the March 9, 2022 meeting

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. KBIC Tobacco Company Financial Review - January 2022

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. March 5, 2020

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE MARCH 5, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 3 (Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), MOTION CARRIED.

I. Department Head Reports – December 2021

The November and December 2021 Department Head Reports will be reviewed for approval next week. A reminder will be sent to the Department Heads stating when the reports are due. The reports will be added to the Share Drive for Council Members to review.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:09 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), MOTION CARRIED.

J. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney - Weekly Update

Randall R. Haataja via Zoom at 9:13 a.m.

2. Thomas Chosa, Jr., FEM Director – Personnel Issue
3. Larry Denomie, III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Personnel Issue

Rodney Loonsfoot left at 9:44 a.m. per email to President Klopstein

Break: 10:49 a.m. – 10:58 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:07 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN 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 Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO SUSPEND THE LUCKY 7'S BUSINESS AND LIQUOR LICENSE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN 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 Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

K. Old Business:

1. Larry Denomie, III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager -

- a. Amendment to Resolution KB-012-2022 (approved on February 9, 2022) -- Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in the amount of \$5,050,000.00 for Casino, Campground and C-Store Renovation Projects**

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO KB-012-2022 - USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE OJIBWA CASINO, CAMPGROUND, AND C-STORE RENOVATION PROJECTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,050,000.00 TO INCLUDE A NEW FACILITY THAT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE SAND POINT PROPERTY TO INCLUDE SHOWERS, RESTROOMS, AND A SMALL RETAIL SPACE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN 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 Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Arrow Audio. Inc. Change Order for Baraga Casino Conference Rooms Projection Screens- \$4,918.06**

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE ARROW AUDIO CHANGE ORDER FOR THE CONFERENCE ROOMS PROJECTOR SCREENS. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. TEN 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 Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

L. New Business:

1. Larry Denomie, III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager -

- a. Asset Purchase Agreement - Taconite Broadcasting, Inc., Marquette, Michigan to purchase (4) FCC Licenses for radio broadcast stations**

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH TACONITE BROADCASTING, INC. AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN 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 Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Weekly Update – iGaming, COVID-19, Financial Update, Other, Employee Reports
- 2. Thomas Chosa, Jr., FEM Director – KBIC Fire and Emergency Management/Administrative Policy Manual – Review and Revisions. The changes as discussed will be brought back at next week's meeting.

Lunch Break: 12:20 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. -Eddy Edwards left

- 3. Kim Klopstein, President – Resolution KB-013-2022 KBIC Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide \$130,034.00 to the Baraga Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a new fire engine

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-013-2022 ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE BARAGA FIRE TRUCK AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE 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, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

- 4. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer:

- a. Resolution KB-014-2022 - Baraga 2% Requests (Fall 2021) \$174,719.30

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-014-2022 BARAGA 2% AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE 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, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Resolution KB-015-2022 - Marquette 2% Requests (Fall 2021) \$254,999.81

Eddy Edwards returned from lunch at 1:43 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-015-2022 MARQUETTE 2% AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN 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 Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F.

Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

5. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer/Weekly Update – Crystal Falls, Marquette, Negaunee, Baraga, Mashkiki
6. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO/Weekly Update – COVID-19, Employee Reports, Department Updates, Other

M. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO ADJOURN AT 1:52 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN 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 Elmsblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist