

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY – JULY 7, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: July 7, 2011
- B. Call to Order: Vice President Emery called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer and an Ojibwa Prayer by Dale Shalifoe
- D. Roll Call: Present: William E. Emery, Vice President
Susan J. LaFERNIER, Secretary
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary (left at 12:05 p.m.)
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
Jerry Lee Curtis (arrived at 9:12 a.m.)
Fred Dakota
Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. (left at 12:05 p.m.)
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Isabelle Helene Welsh (arrived at 9:11 a.m., left at 12:05 p.m.)
- Absent: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President Emery declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: July 7, 2011

Move: Old Business #2. to FYI #3. Debbie Parrish - 2011 Land Grant Bill introduced by Senator Akaka

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Isabelle H. Welsh), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Margaret Ross Early Childhood and Family Education Center Open House and Dedication Ceremony on July 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
2. GLIFWC 2010 Strategic Plan
3. 2011 Land Grant Bill (S.1262) introduced by Senator Akaka – Letters of Support (2) will be sent to Senators Levin and Stabenow. This is a step to include the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College as a 1994 land-grant institution.

Isabelle Welsh arrived at 9:11 a.m.

Jerry Lee Curtis arrived at 9:12 a.m.

H. Old Business:

1. Eddy Edwards, Treasurer/OCC Board – OCC MOA Regarding Tuition

Present: Debbie Parrish, Amy St. Arnold, Cherie Dakota, Diana Chaudier, Megan Shanahan, Liz Julio, Kathy Mayo, Jerry Mayo, Sarah Maki, Robin Chosa

Eddy presented a letter he received from Travis Gauthier, a student at OCC, regarding his concern for his charge of tuition. He is a full-time student and claims the College told him they would waive his tuition and they did not.

Eddy is concerned that the College changed the MOA without the Council's knowledge.

Susan LaFernier had her copy of the MOA and stated her copy showed the changes in red.

Eddy stated that the College is charging twice for tuition. The College denies this. Eddy stated that the amount allotted for tuition will be considered at budget reviews now that the College students receive Federal funding to pay for their tuition. At the November 4, 2010 Council meeting, Council discussed the changes to the MOA.

Break: 10:10 – 10:26 a.m.

I. New Business:

1. Lyndon Ekdahl –
 - a) Request to Increase Youth Activity Fund – Council will consider at Budget Reviews
 - b) Request to Purchase Baraga Ice Rink – Lyndon will bring back a price
2. Tina Connor [not present]/Jim Rasanen [not present]/Jodene Rasanen – TEAM Michigan Indigenous Games – July 9-14 in Milwaukee, WI

Jodene stated parents and youth have concerns over an upcoming trip for the Indigenous Games. They were notified yesterday of the details. The cost of registration is \$175.00 each which will be taken from the Youth Activity Funds for next year. No fundraising was attempted for this travel.

The Council responded that on June 2, 2011 they instructed Cheryne Clements, Youth Director, to suspend all trips until policies/procedures were brought forth regarding chaperones/travel.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO DENY THE TEAM MICHIGAN TRIP UNTIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE IN PLACE REGARDING YOUTH TRAVEL. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

J. Closed Session:

1. Tyler Larson, Weed & Seed Coordinator – Four Thunders Drum Services Agreement
2. John Baker, Attorney
3. Baraga Casino Assistant General Manager Interviews – [Rescheduled for July 14, 2011]

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:10 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), TWO OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Lunch: 12:05 – 1:07 p.m.

Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. left at 12:05 p.m.

Toni Minton left at 12:05 p.m.

Isabelle Welsh left at 12:05 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 1:15 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Isabelle H. Welsh), MOTION CARRIED.

Four Thunders Drum Services Agreement – to provide educational services regarding drum construction, handling, and care for \$5,400.00

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS TO APPROVE THE FOUR THUNDERS DRUM SERVICES AGREEMENT. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. FIVE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Eddy Edwards), ONE ABSTAINING (Jerry Lee Curtis), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Isabelle H. Welsh), MOTION CARRIED.

Pinery Fire -

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO NOT PROCEED WITH THE LITIGATION OF THE PINERY FIRE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Isabelle H. Welsh), MOTION CARRIED.

K. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO ADJOURN AT 1:18 P.M. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Isabelle H. Welsh), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Administrative Specialist