

# 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**  
**THURSDAY – MARCH 24, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: March 24, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by 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  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Eddy Edwards (Via Zoom)  
Suzie Elmlad  
Liz Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (Arrived 9:18 a.m.)  
Rodney Loonsfoot

**APPROVED**

**JUL 13 2022**

**KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

SIGNATURE: 

**Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. was out of the room during the roll call-returned at 9:18 a.m.**

- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: March 24, 2022
- Addition: New Business: 6. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request-Community Member
- Deletion: New Business: 7. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, 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 – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Marquette Area Schools Title VI Program 2% Funds
2. Thank You from Amanda Bloxton-Lippola for the Pandemic Economic Relief Funds who had to leave the Reservation

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. April 7, 2020

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 7, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. 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., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. April 14, 2020

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 14, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. 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., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Old Business:

1. 3rd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-01 – Title 10 Hunting and Trapping Amendment

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO RESCHEDULE THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2022-01 – TITLE 10 HUNTING AND TRAPPING AMENDMENT TO NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022, SO THAT AMENDMENTS MAY BE ADDED AND CONSIDERED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, 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 – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Eddy Edwards – Resolution KB-025-2022 - Negotiation of a Cooperative Management Agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Interior – Re: Huron Islands which are at risk as a result of continued vandalism and deferred maintenance.

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-025-2022 – NEGOTIATIONS OF A COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REGARDING THE HURON ISLANDS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

J. New Business:

1. Shannon DesRochers, NRD Great Lakes Resource Specialist – U.S. Department of Interior U.S. Geological Service Joint Funding Agreements (4) October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR U.S. GEOLOGICAL SERVICE JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR THE FALLS RIVER, SILVER RIVER, MIDDLE BRANCH ESCANABA RIVER, SALMON TROUT RIVER AND THE EAST BRANCH SALMON TROUT RIVER AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, 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 – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Joseph Schutte, Operations & Compliance Specialist – Tier II Services Agreement with Western Upper Peninsula Regional Development Commission for \$15,405.00 to compile a list of existing Community individuals and organizations into a feasibility study pertaining to the proposal to MEDC for a KBIC Shared Kitchen Facility

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND KBIC AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUZIE ELMBLAD. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Evelyn Ravindran, NRD Director – Proposed Department Organizational Chart (elimination and addition of positions)

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 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, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Justin Woodruff, NRD Water Resources Specialist –
  - a. (2) Bids for the State of the Reservation Waters Report

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM WHITEWATER ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR \$35,000.00 AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON AND 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, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. FYI Memo - KBIC Draft Water Quality Standards Update- On March 18, 2022, a current draft of the Water Quality Standards was submitted to the EPA for technical review which will then be presented to the Tribal Council for adoption consideration and then a public hearing.
- c. Resolution KB-021-2022 – Clean Water Act 401 Certification for the 2022 proposed reissuance of the Regional General Permit for Minor Work, Structures and Discharges of Dredged and Fill Material within the L'Anse Indian Reservation

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-021-2022 401 CERTIFICATION FOR 2022 REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT FOR MINOR WORK, STRUCTURES AND DISCHARGES OF DREDGED AND FILL MATERIAL IN MICHIGAN AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUZIE ELMLAD. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, 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 – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- 5. Dylan Friisvall, NRD Water Resources Technician – (2) Bids for YSI EXOs Sonde for Water Monitoring Equipment

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE BID FOR FONDRIEST ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS FOR \$15,619.87 AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT AND 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, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- 6. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donations for Community Members-Jackson D. Tikkanen age 13 who attended the Baraga Area Schools passed away on March 19, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE \$1,000.00 FOR JACKSON TIKKANEN'S FAMILY. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, 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 – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

Eric Dufek Benefit - A basket will be made from the Ojibwa Casino for the raffle benefit on April 9, 2022.

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-023-2022 PL 93-638 CONTRACT ATTORNEY FEE FUNDS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, 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 APPROVE THE NEPOTISM WAIVER REQUEST FOR EAGLE RADIO. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, 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 DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TRIBAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AGREEMENT WITH GLENN SARKA AS PRESENTED. 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., Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE HOUSING WAIVER REQUEST 002-2022 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. THREE IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 6 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), ABSTAINING – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 0, MOTION DEFEATED.**

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO ADJOURN AT 12:15 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, 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.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe

CEO/President's Administrative Specialist