

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM  
SATURDAY – MAY 4, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED

10-30-14

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- A. Date: May 4, 2013
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Elizabeth D. Mayo, Vice President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Fred Dakota  
Jean Jokinen  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Carole L. LaPointe  
Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews  
Don Messer, Jr.  
Absent: Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: May 4, 2013
- Additions: Closed Session- 2. Dan MacNeil Commitment Letter  
Old Business- 2. OHA Board Terms and Chairman Appointment

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. A "Thank you" from the Family of Ilene LaPlante
2. A "Thank you" from Quality Equipment Inc.
3. A "Thank you" from Baraga Varsity Girls Softball Group and Return of \$1,000.00 Donation from 6/4/11 as the group has decided to disband
4. A "Thank you" from Bruce Rundman, Baraga Area Schools Counselor/Testing Coordinator
5. A "Thank you" from the Baraga Area Schools Yearbook Staff
6. A "Thank you" from Gayle Isaacson and the Baraga County Lumberjack Days Committee
7. A "Thank you" from the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development for support of "Excellence in Education Week"
8. Notification of Approved Enrollment Applications April 30, 2013 (10)

H. President's Report/April 2013 – Verbal Report

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2013 PRESIDENT'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. TEN IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Secretary's Report/April 2013 – available for your review

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2013 SECRETARY'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. TEN IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. CEO's Report/April 2013 – available for your review [also available on ojibwa.com]

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2013 CEO'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Department Head Reports – March 2013

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2013 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), ONE OPPOSED (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Charlotte Loonsfoot (not present) – Food Sovereignty Summit Travel Report

M. Old Business:

1. Evelyn Ravindran, Parks and Recreation Committee Chair –
  - a) Tribal Recreation Five Year Plan – The Council requested a comment period for the public and to bring the plan back on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Parks & Recreation By-Laws Clarification

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE BY-LAWS ARTICLE III SECTION 3 CHANGING “MAINTENANCE” TO “DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,” ARTICLE V SECTION 6 DELETING “THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON SHALL ONLY VOTE IN THE EVENT OF A TIE,” CORRECT A TYPO IN SECTION 6 CHANGING “THERE” TO “THEIR” AND IN ARTICLE II SECTION 1 ADD “DEPARTMENTS AND” COMMITTEES. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. TEN IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 10:00 – 10:10 a.m.**

2. President Swartz – OHA Board Terms and Chairman Appointment

Fred Dakota addressed the Council with his concerns. He stated the Ojibwa Housing Authority has been acting on its own for quite some time; taking and giving loans for, what he believes to be political reasons. The Council is responsible for the Ojibwa Housing Authority and yet not one resolution was brought before them. He would like to see the operations run properly and is requesting monthly reports and a forensic audit.

President Swartz stated that he spoke with Eddy Edwards, Ojibwa Housing Director, and Eddy is willing to provide monthly reports and is in agreement with a forensic audit.

Vice President Mayo nominated Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. for Chairman of the Ojibwa Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. (R.D. declined)

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPOINT ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. AS THE CHAIRMAN TO THE OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Don Messer, Jr.), THREE OPPOSED (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Jean Jokinen, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY JEAN JOKINEN TO APPOINT JANICE SHALIFOE TO A ONE-YEAR TERM, ROLAND SWARTZ TO A TWO-YEAR TERM, DOMINIC PICCIANO TO A THREE-YEAR TERM, AND ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. AND GARY LOONSFOOT, SR. TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. FOUR IN FAVOR (Jean Jokinen, Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), SIX OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION DEFEATED.**

R.D. Curtis stated the reason he declined is because of the responsibility, but he will accept. He said Eddy Edwards is in favor of a Forensic Audit.

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO CONDUCT A FORENSIC AUDIT AT THE OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY AND TO HAVE A FIRM SELECTED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AND TO HAVE THE OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY PAY FOR THE FORENSIC AUDIT. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), ONE OPPOSED (Jean Jokinen), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

The following names were drawn from a hat by William Jondreau

**MOTION MADE BY CAROLE L. LAPOINTE TO APPOINT THE OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD TERMS AS: GARY LOONSFOOT, SR. FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM, JANICE SHALIFOE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM, ROLAND SWARTZ FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, AND ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. AND DOMINIC PICCIANO FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), ONE OPPOSED (Jean Jokinen), ONE ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

N. New Business:

1. President Swartz – Donations May 2013 – (The budget is overspent by \$9,511.38)

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE A DONATION TO THE AMERICAN LEGION OF \$500.00 FOR THE AMERICAN FLAGS AND BRASS MARKERS FOR THE GRAVES OF LOCAL VETERANS. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. TEN IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY JEAN JOKINEN TO DENY THE REMAINING DONATION REQUESTS.**  
Motion died for lack of support.

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO TABLE THE REMAINING DONATION REQUESTS FOR MAY 2013 UNTIL THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), ONE OPPOSED (Jean Jokinen), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

O. Closed Session:

1. Anthony Rabitaille, Aanikoosing Inc. Chair – Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the KBIC Tribal Council and Aanikoosing Inc. Board
2. Dan MacNeil Commitment Letter (for the \$7,000.00 donation)

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:33 A.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), FOUR OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Don Messer, Jr.), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:23 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. TEN IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

The Council will hold the next evening meeting on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

P. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 12:28 P.M. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. TEN IN FAVOR (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Jennifer Misegan, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist