

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM  
SATURDAY – MARCH 1, 2008 – 9:00 A.M.**

A. Date: March 1, 2008

B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer

D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
William E. Emery, Assistant Secretary  
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Jerry Lee Curtis  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews  
Elizabeth D. Mayo  
Fred Dakota

Absent: Larry J. Denomie III, CEO

E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.

F. Approval of Agenda: March 1, 2008

Additions: FYI- 13. John Baker, Attorney – Update on Sales and Use Tax Case  
Old Business- 1. Jennifer Misegan – Recognition of Susan LaFernier  
New Business- 3. Debbie Parrish – Even Start License Purchase

**MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. A “Thank you” from Mary Beiring for the Christmas Gift Card
2. A “Thank you” from the Save The Wild UP Org for the Fall Fundraiser Picture
3. A “Thank you” from Virginia Hiltunen and Family for Margaret St. Onge
4. A “Thank you” from Jordan Maki for the U.P. Football Game Ad
5. A “Thank you” from the Washington DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation
6. A “Thank you” from the Life Outreach Center
7. A “Thank you” to the KBIC Cultural Committee from Lynn Forcia for honoring her father at the Pow-Wow
8. A “Thank you” to the KBIC Cultural Committee from Dempsey & Dolores Forcia for the blanket
9. A copy of the VOIGT Task Force Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2008
10. Upcoming VOIGT Task Force Meeting on March 6, 2008 in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin – Gene Emery will attend
11. Upcoming National Conference of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations on June 22-27, 2008 in Oneida, Wisconsin
12. A copy of Approved Enrollment Applications
13. John Baker, Attorney - Update on Sales and Use Tax Case – The hearing was held in Federal District Court in Grand Rapids. Judge Quist heard (4) motions, two from KBIC and two from the State. He will issue a decision within 30 days.

H. President’s Report/February 2008 – available for your review

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. CEO’s Report/February 2008 (absent)

J. Secretary’s Report/February 2008 – available for your review

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE SECRETARY’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Treasurer's Report/February 2008 – available for your review

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

There was a request from the audience for another Community year-end financial report. This will be sent in the mail.

L. Department Head Reports- January 2008

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2008 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Fred Dakota), ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

M. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

N. Old Business:

1. Jennifer Misegan – Recognition of Susan LaFernier

Jennifer stated, "The Council would like to thank Susan for serving as the KBIC President for the last three years. Susan brought a special gentleness to the Office of the Tribal President, she was always available for the Tribal Council as well as the Membership, she was extremely dedicated and we all know that she put in many hours, she was the first one at the Tribal Center in the morning and usually the last to leave. She often put the Tribe before herself and she probably didn't take time to pamper herself so we want to present her with a gift certificate for a one hour-long massage, a manicure, and a pedicure and thank her for all that she has done for our Tribe."

O. New Business:

1. Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President – Robert Lamson, Jr. Lease (transfer). Chris would like approval from the Council to have the authority to sign the lot lease agreements.

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO AUTHORIZE THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT TO SIGN LOT LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE ZEB A TRAILER COURT. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Jennifer Misegan – a) Constitutional Task Force – Jennifer suggested that the Task Force be revived and that a letter be sent to find out who is still interested and will commit to re-convene. An advertisement will then be sent for additional members.  

b) Zeba Hall – An exploratory Committee will be formed to re-build the old Zeba Hall. Volunteers are welcome. A request will be put in the newsletter for old pictures of the Hall.
3. Debbie Parrish - Even Start Access 21<sup>st</sup> Century Site License Purchase – This request requires the CEO and the Department Head approval. A memo will be sent regarding the process and procedure for Budget spending approvals.

P. Closed Session:

1. Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
2. Larry Denomie, CEO - (absent)
3. John Baker, Attorney

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:08 A.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), TWO OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 10:09 – 10:20 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:53 A.M. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

Q. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY JERRY LEE CURTIS TO ADJOURN AT 10:54 A.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Larry J. Denomie III), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton  
Recording Secretary