

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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RODNEY LOONSFOOT

**APPROVED**

**OCT 19 2022**

**KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

**SIGNATURE: RF**

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112**  
**111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908**  
**WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 3, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: August 3, 2022
- B. Call to Order: Vice President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President (voice issues)  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treas. (arrived at 9:11 a.m./left at 12:19 p.m.)  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Eddy Edwards (left at 12:19 p.m.)  
Sue Ellen Elmsblad  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: August 3, 2022

Additions: New Business: 4. b. Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo – John Toijala – Pharmacist Employment Agreement

Closed: 2. Rodney Loonsfoot – Investigation Update

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Randall R. Haataja) MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Carol Peterson Family
2. Thank You from the Dan Lamson Family

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:07 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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.**

H. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle – Tribal Attorney –

**Randall R. Haataja arrived at 9:11 a.m.**

- a. Josh Clause/Josh Pitre/Skip Durocher - Land Claims Update
- b. Legal Tier III Services Agreement - Eliason Law Office (Hancock) to review contracts, etc.
- c. Weekly Update

**Break: 10:29 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.**

2. Rodney Loonsfoot – Investigation Update Discussion

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:24 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE TIER III SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ELIASON LAW OFFICE WITH THE DELETION OF A.1.j. (PAGE 6 Tribal Council Meeting Attendance) AND FIX THE TYPOS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 3 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO TERMINATE KEVIN CARLISLE FOR CAUSE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS.**

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO TABLE UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED NEXT WEEK. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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 – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**I. New Business:**

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney, presented by Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Tier II Services Agreement Larry Denomie III, to provide training and mentoring for the new Non-Gaming Business Director until December 31, 2022.

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LARRY DENOMIE III AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 4 (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Debbie Williamson, Senior Board President – KBIC Title VI Elder Nutrition Guidelines request to add Disabled KBIC adult members 18+ years of age for the congregate and home delivered meals.

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE KBIC TITLE VI ELDER NUTRITION GUIDELINES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 1 (Sue Ellen Elmlad), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Heather Wood, Health Promotions Coordinator –
  - a. Tribal Perinatal Opioid Use Disorder/NAS Initiative – Amendment to the contract changing the end date only; October 1, 2021 – September 29, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE TRIBAL PERINATAL OPIOID USE DISORDER/NAS INITIATIVE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Healthy Start Initiative Entitled: "Maajtagg Mnobmaadzid" – Amendment to the contract adding an additional \$52,190.00 to the original agreement amount of \$32,810.00 making the total for the contract period \$85,000.00.  
April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE HEALTHY START INITIATIVE ENTITLED: "MAAJTAGG MNOBMAADZID" AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, Interim Health Administrator/Rob Mayo –
  - a. Northern Heating & Plumbing Bid (Sole Source) for L'Anse Clinic new boiler and water heater upgrade and replacement for \$19,685.00

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE BID FOR NORTHERN HEATING AND PLUMBING FOR \$19,685.00 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Pharmacist Employment Agreement July 1, 2022 with John Toijala – Part-Time Pharmacist

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE PHARMACIST EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOHN TOIJALA AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

5. David Seppanen, Hatchery Foreman – McMillen, LLC dba McMillen Jacobs Associates Agreement-BioFilter and Manganese Filter Evaluation Project for the replacement of the existing recirculating aquaculture system at the KBIC Tribal Fish Hatchery \$27,323.00

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KBIC AND MCMILLEN, LLC DBA MCMILLEN JACOBS ASSOCIATES AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Jane Kahkonen, Air Quality Specialist – GSI Environmental Tier II Services Agreement to provide health risk assessment services for the KBIC Department of Natural Resources to be completed by March 1, 2023 \$42,426.00

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GSI ENVIRONMENTAL AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Lunch: 12:19 p.m. – 1:35 p.m. -Eddy Edwards and Randall R. Haataja left**

7. Jason Ayres, Real Estate/Transportation Officer –
  - a. Resolution KB-047-2022 FY2022 Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Agreement – Annual Funding Agreement between KBIC and BIA for FY22 for \$919,552.13 for Construction, Road Maintenance Activities, Transportation Planning and Retained Services

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-047-2022 FOR THE FY2022 TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (TTP) AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON AND DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Tier III Service Agreement Gundlach Champion, Inc. to provide design and pre-construction services to the Tribe at three (3) separate sites referred to as Supportive Housing (Baraga), Baraga Development and L’Anse Development under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA Funds)  
March 31, 2022-October 31, 2023

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE TIER III SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GUNDLACH CHAMPION, INC. AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Weekly Update (verbal update)
9. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer –
  - a. Weekly Update – Verbal Update
  - b. Personnel Issue – Proposed Cannabis Director/Manager job description

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO POST THE CANNABIS DIRECTOR/MANAGER POSITION. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT.

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO TABLE THE CANNABIS DIRECTOR/MANAGER DISCUSSION UNTIL THE MASHKIKI IS FULLY LICENSED BY THE STATE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. FIVE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 3 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSTAINING – 1 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), ABSENT – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO REMOVE THE INTERIM STATUS AND APPROVE GARY AS THE CANNABIS DEVELOPER AND GIVE HIM HIS COLA RAISES FOR THE LAST TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. FIVE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 3 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSTAINING – 1 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), ABSENT – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – presented by Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Sole Source Bid from Filmtec Corporation – this company works with IHS and provides specialized seals, filters, silicone and tools for the upkeep at the Zeba Water Plant. \$12,522.00

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO TO APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE BID FOR FILMTEC CORPORATION AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update: COVID, Employee Reports, Department Updates, Other.

Rodney Loonsfoot stated that he will be attending the Department of Interior's "Road to Healing Tour" regarding Boarding School testimony on August 13, 2022 in Pellston, MI

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE ANY KBIC TRIBAL MEMBER WANTING TO TESTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR IN PELLSTON, MICHIGAN, REGARDING THEIR BOARDING SCHOOL EXPERIENCES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO ADJOURN AT 2:57 P.M.  
SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton,  
Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth  
“Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0,  
ABSENT – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe  
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist

**AGENDA**  
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A. Date: August 3, 2022

B. Call to Order:

C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth “Liz” Julio

D. Roll Call:

- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Sue Ellen Elmblad
- \_\_\_ Elizabeth “Liz” Julio
- \_\_\_ Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
- \_\_\_ Rodney Loonsfoot

E. Declaration of Quorum:

F. Approval of Agenda: August 3, 2022

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from Carol Peterson Family
2. Thank You from Dan Lamson Family

H. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle – Tribal Attorney –
  - a. **Josh Clause - Land Claims Update (9:15 a.m.)**
  - b. Legal Tier III Eliason Law Office Contract
  - c. Weekly Update

I. New Business:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – Tier II Services Agreement Larry Denomie III



2. Debbie Williamson, Senior Board President – Ojibwa Seniors Title IV Elder Nutrition Guidelines
3. Heather Wood, Health Promotions Coordinator –
  - a. Tribal Perinatal Opioid Use Disorder/NAS Initiative
  - b. Healthy Start Initiative Entitled: “Maajtagg Mnobmaadzid”
4. Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo, Interim Health Administrator – Northern Heating & Plumbing Bid (Sole Source) for L’Anse Clinic
5. David Seppanen, Hatchery Foreman - McMillen BioFilter Agreement
6. Jane Kahkonen, Air Quality Specialist – Tier II GSI Environmental Services Agreement
7. Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – Sole Source Bid for Filmtec Corporation
8. Jason Ayres, Real Estate/Transportation Officer –
  - a. Resolution KB-047-2022 2022 Tribal Transportation Program Agreement (TTP)
  - b. Tier III Service Agreement Gundlach Champion, Inc.
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10. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer –
  - a. Personnel Issue
  - b. Weekly Update
11. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update

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