

MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 7, 2009 – 9:00 A.M.

- A. Date: November 7, 2009
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer and prayers for those who are ill and in the hospital, those recovering from illness, and to keep in your thoughts the families of those in Fort Hood and those who are serving our Country.
- 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
Fred Dakota
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Isabelle Helene Welsh
- Absent: Jerry Lee Curtis
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: November 7, 2009
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| Additions: FYI- | 7. Susan LaFernier – President Obama’s National Native American Heritage Month Proclamation |
| Recognize Scheduled Delegation- | 2. Susan LaFernier/Larry Denomie III – Update on Wellness Task Force |
| Old Business- | 2. Elizabeth Mayo – Past and Present Council Members and Judges |

MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA 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, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. A “Thank you” from Peeky St. George, Kerry Varline & Michelle St. George
2. A “Thank you” from Jackie Lemieux
3. A “Thank you” from the National Tribal Child Support Association – Silent Auction Donation
4. A “Thank you” from the Copper Country Humane Society – Appreciation for Years of Support
5. A “Thank you” from Paul LeClaire, Jr., L’Anse Township Supervisor - \$5,000 Donation for the Ball Field Fencing Project
6. Notification of Approved Enrollment Applications October 2009 (11)
7. President Obama’s National Native American Heritage Month Proclamation November 2009

H. Vice President’s Report/October 2009 - available for your review

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2009 VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

I. Secretary’s Report/October 2009 - available for your review

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2009 SECRETARY’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

J. Treasurer’s Report/October 2009 - available for your review

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2009 TREASURER’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

K. President's Report/October 2009 – Verbal Report

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2009 PRESIDENT'S VERBAL REPORT. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

L. CEO's Report/October 2009 (and Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO October 2009 Report) - available for your review [Also available on ojibwa.com]

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2009 CEO'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

M. Department Head Reports – September 2009

MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2009 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), ONE OPPOSED (Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), ONE ABSTAINING (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

N. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Zelina Huhta – Tribal Member Request for Woodstove - Zelina requested assistance in buying a woodstove for her FEMA trailer. She stated that the heat is electric and she has heard from other FEMA trailer buyers that the winter months heat bills are quite expensive.

Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. will contact other FEMA trailer buyers and ask that they attend the next Housing Board meeting to discuss the issues and look into putting in propane furnaces versus electric. Gary will report back to the Council for next Thursday's meeting.

2. Susan LaFerner/Larry Denomie III – Wellness Task Force Update

There are twelve employees on the Task Force, which includes Susan and Larry. Nine are Government employees and three are Enterprise. They also have fifty-eight employee volunteers. The Task Force will be working on quotes for the employee health assessments/screenings, a calendar of events/activities and a booth at the health fair.

O. Old Business:

1. Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer – Tobacco Task Force - Jennifer stated, with the issues that have come up with regards to tobacco, the Council has discussed the need to establish a task force that would focus on cigarette manufacturing, nation to nation trade and related ordinance developments that could be worked on and the possibility of stamping our own cigarettes. Jennifer feels the task force should be comprised of employees and Council members such as Trish Gerard, Manager of the Pines, Gregg Nominelli, the Economic Developer, Larry Denomie, CEO and three to four Council members.

The Council will be meeting with Gary Sanden next week, who manufactures cigarettes on his own reservation and is willing to help KBIC in looking at doing it here for ourselves.

Break: 10:47 – 10:56 a.m.

2. Elizabeth Mayo – Past and Present Council Members and Judges - Elizabeth would like to see recognition for past and present Council members and for those who have passed on, as well as Tribal Judges. She would like the Council to show their respect at the funerals and suggested having the flags at half-staff and giving the families a wooden KBIC logo.

The Cultural Committee has done research and has many old pictures of past Chiefs and Council members. They have recognized the past Council members at the mid-winter powwows and they have been doing the present Councils each year. They also had the plaques done that line the hallway in the Tribal Center.

Elizabeth would like to see more done at the funerals and will draft up a process for this.

Chiz Matthews said she would like to see more Council members attending Tribal member’s funerals.

P. New Business:

1. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Language Coordinator – Request for Community Calendars [Not present]

Q. Closed Session:

1. Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:05 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), TWO OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:16 A.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

R. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO ADJOURN AT 11:20 A.M. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jerry Lee Curtis), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Administrative Specialist