

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL  
SATURDAY – JANUARY 4, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: January 4, 2020
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Dale F. Goodreau  
Randall R. Haataja  
Kim Klopstein  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot  
Elizabeth D. Mayo (left at 9:18 a.m.)
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: January 4, 2020

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- G. President’s Report/December 2019 – Verbal Report

**Elizabeth Mayo left at 9:18 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2019 PRESIDENT'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Secretary's Report/December 2019 – available for your review

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2019 SECRETARY'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY KIM KLOPSTEIN. TEN IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. CEO's Report/December 2019 – available for your review

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2019 CEO'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Department Head Reports/October 2019

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2019 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot), ONE ABSENT (Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

K. New Business:

1. Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chair – Certification of the December 14, 2019 General Election Results

Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chair, read the results of the December 14, 2019 General Election.

The total percentage of the 740 registered voters that voted was 70%.

The percentage of the 823 eligible voters that voted in this election was 63%.

Baraga District: **Rodney Loonsfoot (Inc.) – 252**, Donald L. Chosa, Jr. – 193, Michael P. Lahti – 208, Carole L. LaPointe – 112, **Don Messer, Jr. - 209**

L'Anse District: **Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. (Inc.) – 307, Eddy Edwards – 240**, Jean Jokinen – 203, Jennifer Misegan – 214

Associate Judge: **Violet M. Friisvall Ayres (Inc.) – 284**, Tyler Larson - 225

Proposal 1: *“Do you support voting by any member who lives off of the reservation?”*  
Yes – 192      **No - 321**

Proposal 2: *“Would you support term limits for all tribal council members?”*  
**Yes – 367**      No – 146

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO CERTIFY THE DECEMBER 14, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS. CO-SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. AND KIM KLOPSTEIN. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), ONE ABSENT (Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. President Swartz –

- a) Recognize Outgoing Council Members Elizabeth D. Mayo (not present), Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. (parting gifts)

President Swartz and members of the Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society (KBIC Veterans) recognized Michael LaFerner, Sr. for his 30 years of service on the Council. President Swartz stated: Without his leadership and stability over those 30 years, the Community would not be where it is now today.

- b) Swearing in of Tribal Court Associate Judge – Violet M. Friisvall Ayres

President Swartz congratulated Violet and administered the Oath of Office.

- c) Swearing in of Tribal Council Members –
  - i. (Baraga District) Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer
  - ii. (L'Anse District) Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Eddy Edwards

President Swartz congratulated Rodney, Don, Gary, and Eddy and administered the Oath of Office.

3. Reorganization:

- a) President

Doreen Blaker nominated Warren C. Swartz, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot nominated Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Nominations closed.

Ballot Vote Results: Warren C. Swartz, Jr. 8  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. 4

**Warren C. Swartz, Jr. is President**

b) Vice President

Doreen Blaker nominated Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. nominated Rodney Loonsfoot.  
Nominations closed.

Ballot Vote Results: Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. 8  
Rodney Loonsfoot 4

**Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. is Vice President**

c) Secretary

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. nominated Susan J. LaFernier, she declined.  
Toni Minton nominated Kim Klopstein.  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. nominated Dale Goodreau, he declined.  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. nominated Doreen Blaker, she declined.  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. nominated Randall Haataja, he declined.  
Kim Klopstein nominated Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., he declined.  
Hearing no other nominations, President Swartz closed the nominations.

**Kim Klopstein is Secretary**

d) Assistant Secretary

Kim Klopstein nominated Toni J. Minton.  
Hearing no other nominations, President Swartz closed the nominations.

**Toni J. Minton is Assistant Secretary**

e) Treasurer

Toni J. Minton nominated Doreen G. Blaker.  
Dale Goodreau nominated Eddy Edwards.  
Nominations closed.

Ballot Vote Results: Doreen G. Blaker 8  
Eddy Edwards 4

**Doreen G. Blaker is Treasurer**

4. Depository of Funds – Superior National Bank and Flagstar Bank

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK AND FLAGSTAR BANK AS OUR DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Susan J. LaFernier), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Check Signers/Council

6. Check Signers/Tribal Court and Office of Child Support

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AS CHECK SIGNERS WITH TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED AND ALL CHECK SIGNERS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR FOR THE TRIBAL COURT (COUNCIL, CHIEF JUDGE, ASSOCIATE JUDGE, CHIEF COURT CLERK) AND OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT (COUNCIL, CHIEF JUDGE, ASSOCIATE JUDGE, CHILD SUPPORT DIRECTOR, CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST, CHIEF COURT CLERK). SUPPORTED BY DALE F. GOODREAU. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO ADJOURN AT 10:16 A.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist