

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL

WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR., President  
JENNIFER MISEGAN, Vice President  
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DOREEN G. BLAKER, Treasurer

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MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR.  
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DON MESSER, JR.  
DONALD SHALIFOE, SR.

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY – MAY 7, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**  
6-25-15

- A. Date: May 7, 2015
- B. Call to Order: Vice President Misegan called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Susan J. LaFernier, Assistant Secretary  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (left at 10:00 a.m.)  
Eddy Edwards  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Don Messer, Jr.  
Absent: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.
- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President Misegan declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: May 7, 2015
- Addition: New Business- 5. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Dominic Picciano Request

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Vice President Misegan handed out a card for Council Members to sign in appreciation of our Police Officers. May 15<sup>th</sup> is Police Officers Memorial Day and a lunch will be provided for them.

G. For Your Information:

1. Head Start Graduation Celebration May 15, 2015 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Zeba Community Center
2. A letter to Representatives of Congress from The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians regarding Federal Recognition Regulations under the Secretary of Interior

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. October 4, 2014

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 4, 2014 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. FOUR IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, THREE ABSTAINING (Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Ray Weglarz, Development Director/Carol Pfefferkorn, Events Coordinator – Omega House Sponsorship Request (September 19, 2015 at the Finnish-American Heritage Center at Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan)

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE MAJOR SPONSORSHIP OF \$2,500.00 FOR THE OMEGA HOUSE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Old Business:

1. Don Messer, Jr., Interim General Manager Ojibwa Casinos - Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau 4% Room Assessment Request. All motel rooms in Baraga County pay this to promote tourism in our area for brochures, website, advertising, etc.

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE AN INCREASE OF THE ROOM ASSESSMENT FEE TO 3% FOR THE BARAGA COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**K. New Business:**

1. Diana and Jason Chaudier/Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney – Woodland Firearms and Supply, LLC Business License Renewal

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE WOODLAND FIREARMS AND SUPPLY, LLC BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL FOR DIANA AND JASON CHAUDIER. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources – Resolution KB-019-2015 Department of Interior NAGPRA 2015 Grant (National Parks Service will pay up to \$15,000.00 per grant for repatriation with no match) May 7, 2015 – June 1, 2020

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-019-2015 DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR NAGPRA 2015 GRANT. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Mark Misegan, Marina Caretaker (not present)/Bruce LaPointe, Director of Public Works Department – Campground Fees

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE CAMPGROUND FEES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. FOUR IN FAVOR (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Don Messer, Jr.), THREE OPPOSED (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Susan LaFernier stated her opposition: She would have liked to see a discount for the Seniors.

4. Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer - Resolution KB-020-2015 Plum Creek Timber Lands Acquisition – \$414,000.00 (548 acres)

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-020-2015 PLUM CREEK LAND ACQUISITION. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR.

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO TABLE RESOLUTION KB-020-2015 UNTIL WE MEET WITH OUR CFO LATER IN THE DAY. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. FIVE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), TWO OPPOSED (Eddy Edwards, Don Messer, Jr.), ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Dominic Picciano Request

Dominic requested to be named a Consultant for Housing or the Do It Best Center so he can remain on the Amerind Board.

Jennifer stated that while he was on the Housing Board he was not willing to cooperate with the Council. He also made motions, while on the Housing Board, to give the CDC hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of cash and assets including mortgages worth \$441,000.00 that were Housing's.

No action was taken.

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. left at 10:00 a.m.**

L. Closed Session:

1. Francis LaPointe, CFO - Investment Accounts
2. Vice President Misegan – Review Tribal Attorney Applicants

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:01 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FIVE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 10:02 – 10:15 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:59 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FIVE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**



Investment Accounts - Changes

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE THREE ACTION ITEMS AS PRESENTED BY OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WHICH ARE: 1) 401K - ACCEPT MASS MUTUAL OFFER TO INCREASE THE RETURN ON GUARANTEED ACCOUNT FROM 3% TO 3.2% AND REPLACE THREE INVESTMENTS WHICH ARE MASS MUTUAL PREMIER VALUE WITH INVESCO COMSTOCK A, T. ROWE PRICE SPECTRUM GROWTH WITH GE PREMIER GROWTH, AND MASS MUTUAL SELECT LARGE CAP VALUE A WITH AMERICAN CENTURY VALUE INV., 2) DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN REPLACE GOLDMAN SACHS WITH RUSSELL US CORE EQUITY, AND 3) WELLS FARGO TRUST CHANGE INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT TO INCREASE EQUITY ALLOCATION FROM 25% TO 41%. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FIVE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution KB-020-2015 Plum Creek Timber Lands Acquisition – Contract of Sale

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-020-2015 PLUM CREEK LAND ACQUISITION. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FIVE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

M. Adjournment:

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Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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