

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL

WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR., President  
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DON MESSER, JR.  
DONALD SHALIFOE, SR.

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY – JUNE 4, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.**

APPROVED  
7-30-15

- A. Date: June 4, 2015
- B. Call to Order: Vice President Misegan called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Prayer by Vice President Misegan
- D. Roll Call: Present: Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Susan J. LaFernier, Assistant Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer (arrived at 9:31 a.m., left 9:46 – 10:15 a.m.)  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (left 9:27 – 9:32 a.m.)  
Eddy Edwards  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
Don Messer, Jr.  
Donald Shalifoe, Sr. (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)  
Absent: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President Misegan declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: June 4, 2015
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| Addition: | Old Business- | 1. Eddy Edwards – IDA Accounts  |
| Deletion: | New Business- | 2. Larry Denomie III, CEO – a) Housing Department<br>Organization Structure |

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

G. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. October 23, 2014

**Donald Shalifoe, Sr. arrived at 9:10 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO TABLE THE OCTOBER 23, 2014 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. October 24, 2014

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 24, 2014 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja), TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. October 30, 2014

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO TABLE THE OCTOBER 30, 2014 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Old Business:

1. Eddy Edwards – Individual Development Accounts (IDA) Project/Accounts. There are 13 participants and the grant period is to June 15, 2015.

These funds were deposited into an Ojibwa Housing Authority Checking Account.

Jennifer had arranged a meeting between Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO and Eddy and he did not show up. There are discrepancies between the information Eddy provided and the actual bank account balance.

Eddy stated an error was made at the bank related to the tax number ID and OHA should not have been on the documents.

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. left at 9:27 a.m.**

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO RETURN THE GRANT TO THE KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. returned at 9:32 a.m.**

**Doreen Blaker arrived at 9:31 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL THE IDA ACCOUNT IS RECONCILED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), THREE OPPOSED (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), ONE ABSTAINING (Doreen G. Blaker), ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**I. New Business:**

1. Jason Ayres, Realty Officer – Resolution KB-027-2015 Ann M. Degenauer and Patrick A. Degenauer (non-Indian) Residential Lease Modification to add their children: Brett A. Degenauer and Jeffrey T. Degenauer

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-027-2015 ANN M. DEGENAER LEASE MODIFICATION. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Larry Denomie III, CEO – CNAP Policy Amendment – Medical Travel Increase for Terminally Ill (include critically injured) up to \$10,000.00

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE POLICY AMENDMENT RELATED TO MEDICAL TRAVEL, ADD CRITICALLY INJURED, AND RECOMMEND A REVIEW OF THE OTHER INFORMATION TALKED ABOUT IN TERMS OF INCLUDING MARQUETTE COUNTY INTO THE SERVICE AREA AND WHAT IT HAS COST IN THE PAST. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**J. Closed Session:**

1. Carole LaPointe, Health Administrator/Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney – Ronald J. Carmody, DDS Employment Agreement Dentist
2. Government Employee Appeal of Termination Hearing Case #010-15



**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:44 A.M. CO-SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS AND MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 9:45 – 9:57 a.m.**

**Doreen Blaker left 9:46 – 10:15 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:57 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Dentist Employment Agreement -

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE DENTIST EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH RONALD J. CARMODY, DDS. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Doreen G. Blaker), ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Government Employee Appeal of Termination Case #010-15

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO UPHOLD THE CEO'S DECISION IN CASE #010-15 BUT CHANGE THE REASON TO NON-COMPLIANCE. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO ADJOURN AT 11:00 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Peggy Loonsfoot*

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Administrative Specialist

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