

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL

WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR., President  
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DOREEN G. BLAKER, Treasurer

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GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR.  
DON MESSER, JR.  
DONALD SHALIFOE, SR.

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**THURSDAY – JUNE 18, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**  
7-30-15

- A. Date: June 18, 2015
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Susan J. LaFernier, Assistant Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer (left at 11:10 a.m.)  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
Don Messer, Jr.  
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.  
Absent: Eddy Edwards
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: June 18, 2015
- Additions: Closed Session- 3. President Swartz – TERO Update  
4. Larry Denomie III, CEO – GMA Report

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. New Business:

1. Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney – Resolution KB-032-2015 BIA Cooperative Agreement for Wildland Fire Management – Five-year term

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-032-2015 BIA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer – Resolution KB-033-2015 New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Commercial Lease – Option and Lease Agreement for placement of a communication tower on the Ojibwa Industrial Park Road

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-033-2015 NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS COMMERCIAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Gerald Jondreau, Tribal Forester – Resolution KB-028-2015 Industrial Park Timber Sale (excluding the northern 80 acres from the sale and establishing no entry zones in the NW corner to mitigate potential erosion issues associated with steep slopes)

**MOTION MADE BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-028-2015 INDUSTRIAL PARK TIMBER SALE. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Vicki Dompier, Housing Director - Resolution KB-031-2015 ICDBG Mold Remediation Project for Tribal housing units – Federal share amount of \$800,000.00 and committing \$343,000.00 in leveraging over the project period September 1, 2015 through October 31, 2020

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-031-2015 ICDBG MOLD REMEDIATION PROJECT. CO-SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN AND TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

5. President Swartz – Resolution KB-034-2015 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day (Rodney Loonsfoot, Healthy Start Father Advocate) – to designate and celebrate the event on the Saturday preceding the Nationally recognized Father’s Day in June of each year

**MOTION MADE BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-034-2015 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD DAY. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Closed Session:

1. Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal Hearing Case #011-15
2. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Liquor License Issues
3. President Swartz – TERO Update
4. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Global Marketing Advisors Report

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:57 A.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 9:59 – 10:12 a.m.**

**Break: 11:09 – 11:21 a.m. (Doreen Blaker left)**

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:13 P.M. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

Case #011-15 Government Appeal of Dismissal

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO UPHOLD THE CEO’S DECISION IN DISMISSAL CASE #011-15. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. FIVE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), TWO OPPOSED (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), TWO ABSTAINING (Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. stated his opposition: He would have liked to wait until after the investigation. Michael LaFernier, Sr. agrees with waiting until after the results of the investigation.

Donald Shalifoe, Sr. stated: "Another guilty until proven innocent."

Susan LaFernier stated: "That was not the case."

Toni Minton stated: "There were other issues."

Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. stated: He agrees with the termination but he would like to see him be able to go back to work and allow him to be hired at a job that does not supervise anyone and possibly attend treatment because it may have been drug related.

I. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO ADJOURN AT 12:17 P.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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