

MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
SATURDAY – AUGUST 15, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

- A. Date: August 15, 2009
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Susan J. LaFerner, Vice-President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (arrived at 11:28 a.m.)
William E. Emery, Assistant Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Jerry Lee Curtis
Fred Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Isabelle Helene Welsh
- Absent: Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: August 15, 2009
- Addition: N. Old Business- 1. Debbie Parrish, OCC –
- a) Accreditation Update
b) Broadband Technology Opportunity Program Grant

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. A “Thank you” from Jennifer Weston, National Native Language Revitalization Summit for the sponsorship support
2. A “Thank you” from Kathy Mayo for the gift of a clock for 15 years of service
3. A “Thank you” from Lois Bedell and the Ochoa Family for saving their homes during the Pinery Fire
4. A “Thank you” from the Baraga County Convention & Visitors Bureau – 2009 membership
5. A “Thank you” from Peggy Derwin, Indian Education Program – Gwinn Area Community Schools – 2% donation
6. A “Thank you” from Courtney Swartz for the travel donation
7. A “Thank you” from Colleen DeRoche for the flowers
8. A “Thank you” from Gordette Leutz, Baraga County Community Foundation – 4th Annual Denise Marth Memorial Family Fun Run donation of \$2,500.00
9. A “Thank you” from Norman McKindles III, Baraga Area Schools for 2% Distribution
10. A “Miigwetch” from the Michigan Historical Center – Upper Peninsula Museum Section for the \$10,000.00 donation to the MI Iron Industry Museum
11. Notification of Approved Enrollment Applications June 2009 (7) and July 2009 (7)
12. A copy of the Environmental Health Survey Report for the Ojibwa Hotel Pool from I.H.S.

H. President’s Report/June 2009 – available for your review [President Swartz will present July 2009 at the August Meeting]

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

I. Vice-President’s Report/July 2009 – available for your review

Toni Minton arrived at 11:28 a.m.

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

J. Secretary's Report/July 2009 – available for your review

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE JULY 2009 SECRETARY'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

K. Treasurer's Report/July 2009 – [The Treasurer's report is included in the Financial Report under Closed Session] – available for Tribal Members review

L. CEO's Report/July 2009 – available for your review [Also available on ojibwa.com]

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

M. Department Head Reports – June 2009

MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2009 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

N. Old Business:

1. Debbie Parrish, OCC

- a) Accreditation Update – A meeting with the Review Committee members is scheduled for September 14th in Chicago. They will recommend either to follow the recommendations of the Visiting Team or they can change their decision. It would then go to the Higher Learning Commission Board in October to make the final decision at that time. The process is proceeding as planned.
- b) Broadband Technology Opportunity Program Grant through the USDA/Rural Utilities and Department of Commerce – Debbie was notified in June that funding was available and she met with Tom Chosa, Sarah Smith and Jim Stingle and there was a short timeline. Tom Chosa will be submitting a proposal for a broadband system throughout the reservation to the Council. The OCC Board of Regents authorized Debbie to move forward with a grant application for the expansion of their current campus on the south end of the building and they will use it for a public computer center. OCC has applied for \$1,897,560.00 with a 20% cash match. OCC is contributing \$25,000.00, which can be waived.

O. Closed Session:

1. Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer – FY2008 Financial Report (KBIC Members Only)
2. Larry J. Denomie III, CEO

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:55 A.M. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), TWO OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 11:56 a.m. – 12:07 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 1:43 P.M. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Donald LaPointe Health & Education Center Expansion Project – New (updated) cost estimate

MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION COST OF \$1,260,300.00 FOR THE DONALD LAPOINTE HEALTH AND EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

FY2008 Audit-

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO POST THE FY2008 AUDIT. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

P. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 1:45 P.M. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Administrative Specialist