

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY– FEBRUARY 15, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: February 15, 2007
- B. Call to Order: President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFernier, President
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President (arrived at 1:20 p.m.)
Toni Minton, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Assistant Secretary (left at 2:40 p.m.)
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Larry Denomie III, CEO
Doreen G. Blaker
Jerry Lee Curtis
William E. Emery
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo
- Absent: Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: February 15, 2007
- Additions: FYI- 6. Susan LaFernier - Gaming Commission letters to and from Council
7. Jennifer Misegan – Draft Expert Report by Robert Doherty on Fishing Rights
- Closed Session- 5. Larry Denomie

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Copies of the Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes from January 23, 30, 2007.
2. A copy of the DC Circuit Court Rules Against Tribes in NRLB Case
3. The Annual U.P. Legislative Dinner on March 17, 2007 at the American Legion Post in L’Anse
4. 2007 Executive Education for Tribal Leaders – April 10-12, 2007 in Tucson, Arizona
5. A copy of HUBZone Conference Synopsis – Submitted by Linda Wood & Jesse Luttenton
6. Gaming Commission Letters to and from the Council
7. Draft Expert Report by Robert Doherty on Fishing Rights

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. January 18, 2007

Elizabeth Mayo – page 4, first paragraph, add to end of sentence: “Susan LaFernier said.....in closed session.”

Jennifer Misegan – page 3, last paragraph, remove “Chris Swartz and Jennifer Misegan agreed to attend.”

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 18, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

2. January 25, 2007

Toni Minton – page 4, motion on donations should read “per semester” on Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.’s donation for language class.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

I. Closed Session:

1. Mary Deline – Don Heikkila Contract
2. Kathy Mayo – Women’s Retreat Contract (contract not complete, postpone for another meeting)
3. Jesse Luttenton – Annual Review of the continuation of Comprehensive Plan
4. Drug Task Force Update - 1:00 p.m. Vicki Dompier/Valerie Voakes/Marty Curtis
5. Larry Denomie

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE ITEMS LISTED AT 9:30 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 11:05 – 11:20 a.m.

Lunch: 12:20 – 1:20 p.m.

Chris Swartz arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Break: 2:20 – 2:35 p.m.

Gary Loonsfoot left at 2:40 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 3:47 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED. (Doreen Blaker & Larry Denomie out of room)

J. Old Business:

1. Jason Ayres –a) Resolution KB1529-2007 Johnson Road House Bid Approval

Jennifer Misegan asked if anyone went to the house to make sure the previous tenants had cleaned it out. Jason answered, no it was not cleaned out. It was advertised to bid “as is.” The Council reviewed the ad and the purchase agreement.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB 1529-2007. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan), TWO ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III), TWO ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Jennifer Misegan stated her opposition – she feels the house should have been cleaned out prior to the purchase.

b) Resolution KB 1530-2007 Pikes Peak Right Of Way Stapleton Easement

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB 1530-2007. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

K. New Business:

1. Eddy Edwards/Kristen Wakeham – They were requesting support to apply for (2) U.S. Department of Justice Grants, Office of Violence Against Women. The grant would assist woman victims of violence with emergency housing assistance.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO DESIGNATE THE OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY AS AN AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Eddy Edwards handed out a Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for the Ojibwa Building Supply and Ojibwa Builders.

Larry Denomie handed out a financial summary through December of the Marquette and Baraga properties. Larry reported that he met with David Haataja and John Mantila regarding the numbers and he felt that the issues he wanted looked at are being done and praise was given where deserved.

BC/BS Renewal Rates-

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL RATES FOR BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD FOR THE CASINO AND GOVERNMENTAL PLANS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Professional Services Agreement-

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DONALD HEIKKILA FOR THE EVEN START PROGRAM, THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT IS OCTOBER 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), TWO ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Zero Tolerance for Theft-

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS THAT ALL INCIDENTS OF THEFT BE TURNED OVER TO THE TRIBAL PROSECUTOR AND THE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO ADJOURN AT 4:23 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Recording Secretary