

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2016 TRIBAL COUNCIL

WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR., President  
JENNIFER MISEGAN, Vice President  
SUSAN J. LAFERNIER, Secretary  
TONI J. MINTON, Assistant Secretary  
DOREEN G. BLAKER, Treasurer

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 25, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**  
3-10-16

- A. Date: February 25, 2016
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Donald Shalifoe, Sr./Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Fred Dakota (left at 11:36 a.m.)  
Eddy Edwards  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. (left at 12:18 p.m.)  
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.  
Absent: Jennifer Misegan, Vice President
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: February 25, 2016
- Additions: New Business- 5. Doreen Blaker, Treasurer – Zeba Hall Policies  
6. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney/Tribal Prosecutor/Carole LaPointe, Health Administrator – MJP Healthcare LLC Consulting Agreement

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

G. For Your Information:

1. Council Poll February 19, 2016 regarding Emergency Travel Request (airline tickets) from Tanya, Theresa, and Avery Miller for Out of Area Funeral. (6 For)
2. Secretarial Election Schedule Revised extending the Election Date to April 26, 2016 because two election board members will be out of town on April 19, 2016

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. February 4, 2016

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 4, 2016 MEETING MINUTES. CO-SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. AND DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. February 6, 2016

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 6, 2016 MEETING MINUTES. CO-SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON AND DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. New Business:

1. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney/Tribal Prosecutor/Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources – Shirley Recollet Language Immersion Instructor Tier III Services Agreement February 23, 2016 – August 31, 2016 for students enrolled at the Bay Mills Community College

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE TIER III SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SHIRLEY RECOLLET FOR LANGUAGE IMMERSION INSTRUCTION. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Hannah Beesley, Personnel Director/Robin Chosa, Background Investigator - Background Investigations Policy Adjudication Panel Members/Alternates

Due to the recent vacancy of the Court Advocate position, the Personnel Department is recommending that an alternate position be appointed to serve on the adjudication panel and they are requesting the

current alternates be allowed to serve in place of any position. It is also their recommendation that additional alternates be appointed from other departments. These changes are necessary in order to ensure timely adjudications for individuals that are hired into positions that fall under the provisions of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act.

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO REPLACE THE TRIBAL COURT ADVOCATE POSITION ON THE ADJUDICATION PANEL WITH A TRAINED EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE ANY TRAINED TRIBAL EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE AS ALTERNATES FOR THE ADJUDICATION PANEL. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Michael LaFernier, Sr. – Resolution KB-008-2016 Men’s Health Week 1994 - 2016

The resolution will proclaim the week ending on Father’s Day (June 13-19) as Men’s Health Week to increase awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles, regular exercise, and medical check-ups and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-008-2016 MEN’S HEALTH WEEK. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Weekly Update

The Harvey tenant meeting to discuss the Casino project is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and will begin at 5:30 p.m. serving Indian Tacos and the meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. Doreen Blaker, the new Housing Director, will be in attendance to allow the tenants to meet her and discuss any housing issues they may have. Contracts are underway with Gundlach Champion and work continues regarding the new casino projects.

The Ojibwa Builders and Ojibwa Roads were officially closed as of February 13, 2016 and the Ojibwa Builders employees have been transferred to the Housing Department and the Ojibwa Roads employees have been transferred to the Public Works Department.

The New Day Director applications are being reviewed.

There is a project being worked on regarding the Trail from Sand Point to the Baraga Marina which is \$550,000 with commitments from the Village of Baraga and the Baraga Downtown Development Authority. There may also be funds available from MDOT. This is one segment of the project and it is hopeful that eventually the trail will end at the Zeba Hall.

5. Doreen Blaker, Treasurer – Zeba Hall Policies

Natalie Mleko and Vicki Dompier are working on policies for the utilization and rental usage of the Zeba Hall and they would like clarification from the Council whether or not to allow alcohol to be served during certain events.

It is a community center and the purpose of the building was for community use and events. If community members would like to serve alcohol at their events an agreement will be signed regarding the responsibilities.

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALCOHOL AT THE ZEB A HALL FOR COMMUNITY MEMBER EVENTS AND WORK ON THE POLICIES THAT PERTAIN TO IT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. FIVE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), THREE OPPOSED (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), TWO ABSTAINING (Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards), ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney/Tribal Prosecutor /Carole LaPointe, Health Administrator – MJP Healthcare Consulting, LLC Agreement (Michael J. Popp) for professional assistance with billing and insurance claim follow up as requested - February 18, 2016 – April 15, 2016

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH MJP HEALTHCARE CONSULTING, LLC. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Closed Session:

1. Greg Geroux – Workers Compensation Discussion
2. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources – Quarterly Report
3. Lynn Haataja, Executive Director Gaming Commission – Quarterly Report
4. Bradley Dakota, Chief Judge – Tribal Court Advocate [added to the agenda]
5. Debra Picciano, TERO Director – Quarterly Report

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:05 A.M. AND ALLOW TRIBAL MEMBERS FOR THE DIRECTOR REPORTS. CO-SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS AND RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 10:06 – 10:19 a.m.**

**Fred Dakota left at 11:36 a.m.**

**Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. left at 12:18 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:31 P.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TO ADJOURN AT 12:32 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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