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**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY – APRIL 7, 2016 – 11:00 A.M.**

APPROVED
5-4-16

- A. Date: April 7, 2016
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Donald Shalifoe, Sr./Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary (arrived at 11:42 a.m.)
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Fred Dakota (left at 12:01 p.m.)
Eddy Edwards
Randall R. Haataja
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.
- Absent: Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: April 7, 2016
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| Additions: | New Business- | 2. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources – Pinery Cemetery |
| | Closed Session- | 1. Larry Denomie III, CEO – b) Enterprise Employee Issue |

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Letter from John Gervais, Lucky 7's Restaurant Owner – Request to the Council to consider keeping a lease with the Lucky 7's Restaurant in the new casino. Doug Smith present
2. Burial Task Force Educational Sessions to provide the Community with information and choices regarding burials, funeral planning, and preparations. Each session is open to the public and all are invited and urged to attend. (4) sessions April 12, April 19, April 26, and May 18

H. New Business:

1. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Weekly Update

Training was held for the Supervisors related to the Drug Free Workplace Policy. The I.H.S. Clinic 3-year funding agreement is complete.

Employee recognition Awards Luncheons were held in Marquette and Baraga for the casino employees. David Haataja, Mary Kostamo, Nancy Shalifoe were recognized for 30 years of service, Sarah Mayo 25 years of service, Terri Alexander, Richard Blamer, Debbie Hietikko, Jay MacGugan, Kathy Pleaugh, Dawn Rivord, Peggy Winters, Debra Wirkkala, 20 years of service, Robert Balbierz, Michael DeCota, Mary Egan, Tenia Hodges, Connie Sullivan, Alyna Tollefson, Mark Ward 15 years of service, Stacey Blamer, Todd Couture, Erica DeGarmo, Amanda Furr, Dianne Gallagher, Ryan Higgins, Misty Rose, William Seppanen, David Tousignant, Jack Witt 10 years of service.

The Retirement Committee met with M-3 Insurance and Wells Fargo.

2. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources - Pinery Cemetery

Gary requested the Council to consider closing off an older section of the cemetery due to overcrowding of graves. When the retainer wall was put into place it was discovered that there were graves on top of graves. There is a lack of documentation to identify the remains of ancestors, some being buried over 500 years ago.

Susan LaFernier has been working with families to plot out areas in the new section of the cemetery and has recommended that no burials be done in the older section except to families in the past.

Toni Minton arrived at 11:42 a.m.

The Community members will need to be informed and made aware of the overcrowding issue. Input from the Community will be gathered during the educational sessions provided by the Burial Task Force.

MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO CLOSE OFF THE AREA IN THE PINERY CEMETERY AS DESCRIBED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL RESOURCES AND ALLOW ONLY CREMATION REMAINS TO BE PLACED THERE OR THE PREARRANGED BURIALS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE BY SOME FAMILIES. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO TABLE THE PINERY CEMETERY ISSUE UNTIL AFTER THE FOUR BURIAL EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS ARE HELD AND IN THE MEANTIME THE FAMILY WILL CONTACT THE THPO OFFICE REGARDING BURIALS IN THE OLDER SECTION. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), THREE OPPOSED (Susan J. LaFernier, Eddy Edwards, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

The Tribe will contact the Funeral Homes and make sure they are aware of the issue.

I. Closed Session:

1. Larry Denomie III, CEO –
 - a) Tobacco Manufacturing
 - b) Enterprise Employee Issue [Rescheduled]
2. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President –
 - a) Governor Snyder Letter
 - b) Legal Department
 - c) Updates

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 12:00 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, 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., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 12:01 – 12:14 p.m. (Fred Dakota left)

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:58 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, 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, TWO ABSENT (Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

J. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO ADJOURN AT 12:59 P.M. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, 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, TWO ABSENT (Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot
Administrative Specialist

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