

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112**  
**111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908**  
**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 19, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: January 19, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (Arrived at 9:15 a.m.)  
Eddy Edwards (Left at 11:19 a.m.)  
Sue Ellen Elmland  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (Via Zoom)  
Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: January 19, 2022

Deletions: New Business: 3. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVED**

**MAY 11 2022**

**KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

**SIGNATURE: RL**

G. Old Business:

1. Jlyn Jorgenson, Assistant Tribal Attorney/Assistant Tribal Prosecutor – 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to Resolution KB-029-2021 – KBIC Coronavirus Vaccination Incentive Payment Program for Tribal Members and Employees. To be eligible a person needs to be fully vaccinated by March 31, 2022 and the deadline for the application/documentation is April 15, 2022.

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION KB-029-2021 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

H. New Business:

1. Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President – 2022 Baraga County Visitor Guide Ad for KBIC and the Casinos/Businesses to share the cost

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO PURCHASE A HALF PAGE AD FOR THE 2022 BARAGA COUNTY VISITOR GUIDE. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Larry Denomie III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager
  - a. POS (Point of Sale) Upgrades (consoles, terminals, etc.) for the Pines, Ojibwa BP and Rez Stop – Northwest Petroleum Service, Inc.

**R.D. Curtis, Jr. arrived at 9:15 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE POS UPGRADES FOR THE PINES, OJIBWA BP AND REZ STOP WITH NORTHWEST PETROLEUM SERVICE, INC. AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Sale of Walk-In Cooler/Freezer Equipment from the Ojibwa Express Convenience in Marquette to Custom Construction Company for \$14,000.00

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE WALK-IN COOLER/FREEZER EQUIPMENT TO CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- c. Gundlach Champion Standard Form of Agreement December 2, 2021 – Baraga Casino Upgrades-designing and renovating the existing Hotel, Pressbox Bar and Grill and the front entrance canopy for a total of \$4,050,000.00

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE GUNDLACH CHAMPION SERVICE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- d. Weekly Update regarding COVID 19, Financial Update, Other
3. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO/Weekly Update regarding COVID 19/Testing, Hires/Resignation, Department Updates. There will be a TERO job recruitment fair on February 1, 2022 at the Casino.

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:15 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 10:16 a.m. – 10:24 a.m.**

I. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney/Weekly Update

**Eddy Edwards left at 11:19 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:24 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO ADJOURN AT 11:25 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe  
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist

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