

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

**KIM KLOPSTEIN, President**  
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**EDDY EDWARDS**  
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**ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO**  
**GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR.**  
**RODNEY LOONSFOOT**

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112**  
**111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908**  
**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 2, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**

- A. Date: March 2, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Liz Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (via Zoom at 9:11 a.m.-left at 10:40 a.m.)  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer (Arrived at 9:08 a.m.)  
Doreen G. Blaker (Arrived at 9:07 a.m.)  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (Arrived at 10:07 a.m.)  
Eddy Edwards  
Sue Ellen Elmland  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot (left 10:47 a.m.-10:57 a.m.)
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: March 2, 2022

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**KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**  
**SIGNATURE: **

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY SUZIE ELMBLAD. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmland, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

- G. For Your Information:

1. Phone Poll Approval from February 25, 2022 – DP Construction Services Agreement (Tier II) for Insulation Services at the Ojibwa Senior Center for \$11,375.00
2. Diana Chaudier, Enrollment Director – Approval of Enrollment Applications (18)

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. March 12, 2020

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2020. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 3 (Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. March 18, 2020

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2020. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Toni J. Minton via zoom at 9:11 a.m.**

3. March 19, 2020

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 19, 2020. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Old Business:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Proposed Ordinance 2022-01 – Amending Title 10.5 Hunting and Trapping. The Council received verbal comments from Tribal members at this public hearing.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading was scheduled for March 23, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY SUZIE ELMBLAD TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:36 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney –
  - a. Josh Clause/Josh Pitre/Skip Durocher/Meade Atkeson/Jason Ayres – Land Claims Update
  - b. Weekly Update

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 9:55 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 9:56 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.**

K. New Business:

1. Jason Ayres, Real Estate/Transportation Officer –
  - a. KB-016-2022 Katherine Malmgren transfer to Brent C. Geroux Residential Lease/Improvements

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE KB-016-2022 BRENT C. GEROUX RESIDENTIAL LEASE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. arrived at 10:07 a.m.**

- b. KB-017-2022 Clifford K. Durant and Stevie A. Durant Residential Lease and cancels the undeveloped residential lease KB-031-2020

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE KB-017-2022 CLIFFORD K. DURANT AND STEVIE A. DURANT RESIDENTIAL LEASE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

- c. Alternate US 41 Route – Proposed 17-mile development of the Baraga Plains Road into a year-round alternate route to U.S. Highway 41 and also applying for funding for the route. Consensus of the Council was to NOT take the lead on this project as requested.

- d. Gundlach Champion – Preliminary Agreement for Design and Preconstruction Services for three KBIC Housing Developments (Baraga, L’Anse Supportive Housing) \$265,000.00

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE GUNDLACH CHAMPION – DESIGN AND PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR KBIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Alden Connor, Jr., THPO Director – Resolution KB-018-2022 Application for the Living Languages Grant Program funding with no match for one year in the amount of \$200,000.00 to support the Language Apprentice, Language Instructor, and the language classes and activities in the Baraga and L’Anse Schools and during Summer youth programming.

**MOTION MADE BY SUZIE ELMBLAD TO APPROVE KB-018-2022 LIVING LANGUAGES GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Toni J. Minton left at 10:40 a.m.**

3. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request from Chief of Police, Duane Misegan for the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics of Michigan to be held on March 19, 2022 by the Marquette County Law Enforcement

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE \$500.00 FOR THE POLAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF MICHIGAN DONATION REQUEST AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Larry Denomie, III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Weekly Update: COVID-19, Financial Update, Projects Update, Employee Reports, Other

**Rodney Loonsfoot left the room 10:47 a.m. – 10:57 a.m.**

5. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update: Marquette/Crystal Falls Sales, Negaunee, Baraga, Mashkiki
6. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO –

- a. Weekly Update: COVID-19, Department Updates, Employee Reports. She also requested approval to open up the Tribal buildings to Phase III with unlocked main doors and removing screening protocols for COVID-19

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO MOVE TO PHASE 3 EFFECTIVE MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022, AND OPEN THE DOORS TO THE PUBLIC AT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier), ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Portage Health Foundation Grant Application – Matching Funds of \$20,000.00 from the ARPA funds requested for the “Community Playground Rehabilitation Project”

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE \$20,000.00 MATCHING FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE PORTAGE HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY LIZ JULIO AND RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier), ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO ADJOURN AT 11:13 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe  
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist

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