

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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

- A. Date: April 19, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 (left at 10:20 – 10:58 a.m.)
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
Doreen G. Blaker
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (via Zoom)
Eddy Edwards
Sue Ellen Elmblad
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: April 19, 2022

Additions: New Business: 1. Marty Curtis, New Day Treatment Center House Manager – New Day Vehicle Purchase

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. 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 Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

G. Old Business:

1. 2nd Reading Proposed Ordinance 2022-04 – Title 29 – Cannabis Conviction Expungement - Verbal comments were received from Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., and Eddy Edwards
Scheduled the 3rd Reading for May 18, 2022

Break: 10:00 a.m. – 10:13 a.m.

2. Kim Klopstein, President – Ojibwa Casino's General Manager Consideration

MOTION MADE BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD TO REPOST THE GENERAL MANAGER POSITION EXTERNALLY. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. FOUR IN FAVOR (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 5 (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSTAINING – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer), ABSENT – 0, MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO OFFER THE GENERAL MANAGER POSITION TO DON MESSER. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. FIVE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 4 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), ABSTAINING – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

President Klopstein asked Robin Roe to order Robert's Rules of Order for the Council Members.

H. New Business:

1. Marty Curtis, New Day Treatment Center House Manager – (2) Bids New Day Vehicle Purchase. He recommended the bid from Riverside Auto Sales for a 2021 Chrysler Pacifica (minivan)

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM RIVERSIDE AUTO SALES FOR \$48,225.00. 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 Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Doreen Blaker, Housing Director – Review proposed Amendment to Tier 1 Contracts and Service Agreements up to \$5,000.00 be processed through the CEO’s office (presently they must be reviewed by the attorney’s office). She will bring this back after review from the Accounting and Legal Departments

Don Messer left at 10:20 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:33 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

I. Closed Session:

1. Hope Laramore, Interim Personnel Director – 20.0 Grievance Procedure Discussion. The utilization of an Appeals Officer was suspended on July 29, 2020. Employees have requested the procedure. Hope will revise with the CEO’s recommendation.

Don Messer returned at 10:58 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:58 A.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. 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 Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

J. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO ADJOURN AT 10:59 A.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. 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 Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist

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