

# 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 – MAY 18, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**

**AUG 31 2022**

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

- A. Date: May 18, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 (left at 12:01 p.m.)  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Eddy Edwards  
Sue Ellen Elmblad  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Rodney Loonsfoot
- Absent: Doreen G. Blaker  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: May 18, 2022
- Additions: New Business: 2. b. Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elder Nutrition Director – Senior Pension
- Deletions: Old Business: 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Proposed Ordinance 2022-04 – Title 29 – Cannabis Conviction Expungement - 1:00 p.m. until June 1, 2022
- New Business: 3. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. CO-SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA AND TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. January 26, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 26, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

2. January 28, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 28, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Department Head Reports – March 2022

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR MARCH 2022. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:09 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – Weekly Update;

Airboss Defense Group (ADG) LLC Teaming Agreement with Aanikoosing, Inc. for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) opportunities;

Professional Services Agreement with Ronald Demaray/Demaray Consulting, LLC and Dorsey & Whitney LLP to provide research, analysis and possible expert testimony relating to potential claims for contract support cost funding from the Indian Health Service

**Break: 10:29 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.**

2. Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – Employment Resource Group Inc.: KBIC Retained Search Agreement with an engagement fee of \$20,000.00 to aid in identifying, attracting, and hiring suitable candidates for a Dentist for KBIC

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:58 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE GROUP INC. RETAINED SEARCH AGREEMENT FOR A DENTIST AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE RONALD DEMARARY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE AIRBOSS DEFENSE GROUP (ADG), LLC TEAMING AGREEMENT WITH AANIKOOSING, INC. AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert**

**R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Sue Ellen Elmlad), ABSTAINING – 1 (Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

**Lunch: 12:01 p.m. – 1:06 p.m.** -Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. and Doreen G. Blaker are absent.

**I. New Business:**

1. Debra Picciano, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Treasurer/Debra Williamson, President – Request to remodel and expand where the OSC Center Sewing Room is for \$5,500.00 and \$1,300.00 for new tile from the L’Anse Furniture Mart

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. and Eddy Edwards returned from lunch at 1:12 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO APPROVE K AND N CONTRACTOR LLC FOR \$5,500.00 AND TO INCLUDE THE FLOORING FROM L’ANSE FURNITURE MART FOR \$1,300.00 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Sue Ellen Elmlad), ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

There may be an MIEA meeting in October with new delegates. The new Board is as follows:

Debbie Williamson, President  
Donald Chosa, Vice President  
Tina Owens, Secretary  
Tracy Emery, Assistant Secretary  
Debbie Picciano, Treasurer  
Elvera Lantz, Assistant Treasurer

2. Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elder Nutrition Director –
  - a. Disability Pension Trust regarding the Earned Income Criteria has a gross income cap. The IRS sets this amount for SSI. Our Senior Pension document does not adjust with the IRS rate. JLyn Jorgenson, Assistant Tribal Attorney suggested that our document be revised for adjusting rates and she will work on the revision.
  - b. Senior Pension Increase will be discussed at the annual budget meetings.
3. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update: Covid, Department Updates, Hires/Resignations, attended “Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities” at the Harvard Business School
4. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager –

- a. Oasis System Upgrade Bids (2) for the Baraga/Marquette Casinos for \$36,810.00

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE CDW OASIS SYSTEM UPGRADE BID FOR THE BARAGA AND MARQUETTE CASINOS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Pressbox Kitchen Renovation Equipment Bid for \$86,685.43 (ARPA Funds) from Supplies on The Fly

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE "SUPPLIES ON THE FLY" BID FOR THE PRESSBOX KITCHEN EQUIPMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

- c. Weekly Update: Covid, Igaming, Campground, Transfer Station, and Financial/Employee Reports

J. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO ADJOURN AT 1:51 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe  
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist

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  - 2. January 28, 2022
- H. Department Head Reports – March 2022
- I. Closed Session:
- 1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – Weekly Update (9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
  - 2. Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – Employment Resource Group Search Agreement
- J. Old Business:
- 1. **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Proposed Ordinance 2022-04 – Title 29 – Cannabis Conviction Expungement - 1:00 p.m.**

K. New Business:

1. Debra Picciano, TERO Director – Remodel OCS Center – Sewing Room
2. Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elder Nutrition Director – Disability Earned Income Criteria
3. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer - Weekly Update
4. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update
5. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager –
  - a. Oasis Upgrade Bids for Baraga/Marquette Casinos
  - b. Pressbox Kitchen Equipment Bid (ARPA Funds)
  - c. Weekly Update

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