

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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.  
EDDY EDWARDS  
SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD  
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 – AUGUST 17, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**

**OCT 26 2022**

**KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

**SIGNATURE:** RR

- A. Date: August 17, 2022
- B. Call to Order: Vice President Susan J. LaFernier 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 (voice issues)  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (arrived at 9:05 a.m.)  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Eddy Edwards (left at 10:40 a.m.)  
Sue Ellen Elmland  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot (left at 12:05 p.m.)
- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: August 17, 2022

Additions: New Business: 5. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request from Jordan Hoover for Baraga County Youth Football

Deletions: New Business: 4. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Director – Weekly Update

L. Recognized Delegations/Individuals: 1. Jack Bergman, Congressman

**Toni J. Minton arrived at 9:05 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Family of Karen V. Mayo

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. April 27, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 27, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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.**

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:09 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. ALL IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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.**

I. Closed Session:

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

**Break: 10:40 a.m. – 10:53 a.m. -Eddy Edwards left at 10:40 a.m.**

2. William Jondreau, Chief Judge – Social Services Department Issue
3. Kim Klopstein, President – Attorney Update

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:54 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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. Old Business:

1. Doreen G. Blaker, Housing Director – Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Amendment for a budget modification to transfer from the mortgage assistance program to the homeowner repair displacement program.

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO TO APPROVE TO APPLY FOR A BUDGET MODIFICATION TO MOVE \$300,000.00 FROM THE MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE TO THE HOMEOWNER REPAIR DISPLACEMENT PROGRAM AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Doreen G. Blaker), ABSENT – 1 (Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.**

Rodney Loonsfoot left at 12:05 p.m.

K. New Business:

1. Dione Price, Environmental Specialist/presented by Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO MOU with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for non-financial direct technical assistance under the "Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities" for a plan concerning Green Infrastructure Designs

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE MOU WITH FEMA FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONCERNING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMLAD. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Duane Misegan, Chief of Police (not present) – Sole Bid for Axon Enterprise, Inc. for 12 Tasers and 60 cartridges for \$28,702.20.

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE SOLE BID FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR 12 TASERS AND 60 CARTRIDGES FOR \$28,702.20 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Weekly Update: Covid, Slots, Renovation Update, Employee Reports and Employee Picnic dates.
4. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – a. Bids for Niiwin Akeaa Youth Center – Roof Repair

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE BID FROM INDEPENDENT ROOFING AND SIDING, CO. FOR \$53,500.00 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

- a. Weekly Update: Covid Update, Employee Reports and Department Updates
5. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request from Jordan Hoover, Head Coach for Baraga County Youth Football (36 athletes) for Football Equipment, Jerseys, Supplies, Gatorade, and Portable Toilets for the season - \$6,605.00.

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE \$6,605.00 FOR THE BARAGA COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM AND PASSED THROUGH THE OSTERMAN/JONDREAU ACCOUNTS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO ADJOURN AT 12:32 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe  
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist

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L. Recognize Delegation/Individuals:

1. **Jack Berman, Congressman (1:30 p.m.)**

M. Adjournment: