

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

KIM KLOPSTEIN, President
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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 – AUGUST 24, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED

- A. Date: August 24, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:06 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.
Eddy Edwards (arrived 9:08 a.m.)
Sue Ellen Elmblad
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
SIGNATURE: 

- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: August 24, 2022

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. 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 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 Treyson Dunleavy
2. Thank You from the Hospice of the EUP (Sault Ste. Marie) – Donation of \$50.00 In Memory of Cynthia Payment
3. Thank You from the U.P. Children’s Museum – 2% Distribution
4. Thank You from Rashida Tlaib – Member of Congress Michigan’s 13th District for gifts she received from Councilmen Eddy Edwards and Rodney Loonsfoot during their trip to Washington, D.C.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. May 4, 2022

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE MAY 4, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. 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. May 11, 2022

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE MAY 11, 2022 MEETING MINUTES 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 Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

3. May 12, 2022

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE MAY 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

I. Old Business:

1. Doreen G. Blaker, Housing Director – Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Application Amendment regarding Mortgage Assistance/Payments

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE HAF APPLICATION 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.

J. New Business:

1. Erin Johnston, Wildlife Biologist – Bids for Manoomin Wild Rice Seed to support restoration efforts– she recommended to purchase the unprocessed seed from the two bidders Jeremy Londo and Jerry Jondreau, Dynamite Hill Farms, not to exceed the requested amount as they have been very dependable.

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE BIDS FROM JEREMY LONDO AND GERALD JONDREAU FOR THE WILD RICE SEED FOR RESTORATION 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, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Lisa Denomie, Pre-Primary Director - Tier II Services Agreement with Lakeside Flooring to provide and install flooring/carpeting for the Pre-Primary – Amended from July 13, 2022 from \$49,821.51 to \$54,654.27 due to higher freight charges and increased prices, to be completed by December 31, 2022. The quote is good for thirty days from 8-23-22.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AMENDED TIER II SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LAKESIDE FLOORING FOR \$54,654.27 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, 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 – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Bid Form for Updating the Bathrooms/Showers at the Powwow Grounds from Northern Heating and Plumbing for \$4,450.00 for two tankless water heaters, \$37,780.00 for updating the shower building and bathrooms and \$6,825.00 from Superior Polymer for new epoxy floors. (Resolution KB-012-2022 from ARPA Funds)

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BIDS FROM NORTHERN HEATING AND PLUMBING FOR \$4,450.00 FOR TWO TANKLESS WATER HEATERS AND \$37,780.00 FOR UPDATING THE SHOWER AND BATHROOM BUILDINGS AND \$6,825.00 FROM SUPERIOR POLYMER FOR NEW EPOXY FLOORS FOR A TOTAL OF \$49,055.00 AS PRESENTED. 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 Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update: Crystal Fall, Marquette, Mashkiki
5. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO –
 - a. Tier II Services Agreement with Independent Roofing & Siding Co. for the Niiwin Akeaa/Youth Center Roof Repairs for \$53,500.00.

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENT ROOFING AND SIDING CO. FOR THE NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER ROOF REPAIRS FOR \$53,500.00 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. 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. Weekly Update – COVID Update and Department Updates

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:37 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. 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.

Break: 9:37 a.m. – 9:46 a.m.

K. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – Weekly Update

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:13 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. 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.

Sue Ellen Elmblad invited the Tribal Council Members to the Ojibwa Seniors Picnic on September 2, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at the Ojibwa Senior Center. There will be hot dogs, brats, salads and sweet corn. They will be playing Dirty Polly Bingo so please bring a gift if you are attending.

L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 10:15 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. 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 Elmblad, 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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