

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO
GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR.
RODNEY LOONSFOOT

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
16429 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

APPROVED

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: RR

- A. Date: September 14, 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 (left at 9:39 a.m.)
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)
Eddy Edwards
Sue Ellen Elmblad
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (left at 9:35 a.m.)
Rodney Loonsfoot (left at 10:10 a.m.)
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: September 14, 2022
- Changes: New Business: Change 3. Doreen G. Blaker, Housing Director – Flooring Bids to #1
- Deletions: New Business: 6. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Barbara Jones Family

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. June 1, 2022

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE JUNE 1, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

2. June 8, 2022

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE JUNE 8, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

3. June 10, 2022

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE JUNE 10, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Toni J. Minton), ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

I. New Business:

1. Doreen G. Blaker, Housing Director – Flooring Bids – Sole Bid from Fraco for \$42,626.02 as there were no other bids since it is the end of building season. This is replacing the flooring in the office(s) area at Housing. Funding is from the Covid Funds approved by Council last year.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE SOLE BID FROM FRACO FOR \$42,626.02 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, 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 – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mike Lahti, NRD Administrative Specialist – Bids for ¾ Ton Truck for NRD – Grant Funded. They requested a 2020 or higher model and one bid came in for a 2016 and they would like a newer model. Their preference would be from Northern Auto for the 2022 Ram 2500 Crew Cab Pickup.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO TO APPROVE THE BID FROM NORTHERN AUTO FOR \$53,890.00 PLUS TAXES FOR THE 2500 DODGE RAM CREW CAB PICKUP AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, 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 – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

3. Jason Ayres, Real Estate/Transportation Officer –
 - a. Resolution KB-054-2022 Carol M. Wettberg Residential Lease (and cancels a prior lease)

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. arrived at 9:15 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-054-2022 CAROL M. WETTBERG RESIDENTIAL LEASE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. 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.

- b. Resolution KB-055-2022 Proposed Acquisition of Property – 1015 Shields Street, L'Anse for \$169,500.00. The Misegan Home on 15894 Marksman Road is also listed for \$122,500.00.

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-055-2022 PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY – 1015 SHIELDS STREET, L'ANSE, MICHIGAN AND TO ALSO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE MARKSMAN ROAD PROPERTY AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Resolution KB-056-2022 Mark J. Misegan Residential Lease

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-056-2022 MARK J. MISEGAN RESIDENTIAL LEASE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, 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 – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

- d. Resolution KB-057-2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding request to the U.S. Department of Transportation with a 20% in-kind match to develop and adopt a transportation safety action plan.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-057-2022 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT SUBMISSION 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.

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. left at 9:35 a.m.

4. Cynthia "CJ" Thierry, Business Director –
- a. Bids for the Marquette Eagle Radio Station Vehicle – A late bid came from Fox Marquette for an Equinox that was \$6,000.00 cheaper but the consensus is those vehicles have several problems. Ed recommended the bid from Fox Negaunee for \$38,221.74 for the 2022 GMC Terrain. Most bidders advertise with Eagle Radio and have these vehicles in stock.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE BID FROM FOX NEGAUNEE FOR THE 2022 GMC TERRAIN FOR \$38,221.74 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. TEN 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, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Weekly Update – The C-Stores are fully staffed and a new assistant manager will begin on October 5th. Within the next month the stores will begin extending their hours again. Solid Waste is working on their billing issues. The BP pumps are being worked on by U.S. Oil. All pumps have been down at times due to computer issues as water may have gotten into the boards. The pumps are old and we need to address what we want to do with the gas station. The employee parking at BP needs to be addressed also. There are issues with Baraga Village when we park on the side of the building on the road to the Marina.

Doreen G. Blaker left at 9:39 a.m.

5. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Weekly Update – No COVID cases at either property, slot updates, I Gaming update and Renovations update.

6. Kim Klopstein, President – Lake Superior Performance Pro Rally Waiver “Hold Harmless Agreement” – Request from Brian Willoughby to use the Negaunee Airport Property Parking Lot on October 14, 2022 for the Pro Rally (to load and unload cars, photo’s, etc). This has been done in the past.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE LAKE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE PRO RALLY WAIVER AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:50 A.M. SUPPORTED BY 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 Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

J. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – Weekly Update

Rodney Loonsfoot left at 10:10 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:27 A.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

K. Adjournment

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO ADJOURN AT 10:28 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Roe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robin Roe
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist

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