

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
MARQUETTE CASINO EVENT CENTER
SATURDAY – OCTOBER 8, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.**

APPROVED

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: RK

- A. Date: October 8, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, 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 Elmland
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Rodney Loonsfoot
- Absent: Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President
Gary F. Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: October 8, 2022
- Additions: FYI: 6. Registered Voters List for Review
- Deletions: New Business: 5. a. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Flooring Bids for Shields Avenue Property

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Sally R. Brunk Family
2. Thank You from Superior National Bank for our loyal business – Ethan Johnson, Bonnie Dompier and Cathy Wadaga
3. Thank You from the Marquette Senior High School Girls & Boys Golf and Basketball Teams
4. KB OCC MOU Update
5. KBIC Tobacco Agent – Quarterly Report: July 2022 – September 2022
6. Registered Voters List for Review

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. July 18, 2022

Change: Adjournment motion needs to change from "to go into open session at" should be "to adjourn at"

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE JULY 18, 2022 MEETING MINUTES WITH CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

2. July 20, 2022

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE JULY 20, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

3. July 27, 2022

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE JULY 27, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

I. New Business:

1. Dianne Waara, Election Board Chairperson - Approval of Candidates running for Tribal Council in the Baraga District (10) and the L'Anse District (6) and Judicial Office for Associate Judge on November 5, 2022 Primary Election – The Election Board recommended approving the list with the exception of Robert A. Rajacic as he did not reside on the Reservation within the time line to run for Tribal Council. He can appeal to President Klopstein when he receives his letter from Toni J. Minton, Tribal Council Secretary.

MOTION MADE BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD TO APPROVE THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL/JUDICIAL OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2022, PRIMARY ELECTION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ROBERT A. RAJACIC. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. FOUR IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 5 (Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

2. Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elder Nutrition Director – Resolution KB-060-2022 approves the funding request for the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants (Parts A/B and C) for the grant period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026. Additionally, authorizes participation in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" needs assessment. There were 137 surveys filled out of 150 which will be processed.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-060-2022 TITLE VI SURVEYS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Sue Ellen Elmlblad), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

3. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request for the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal. The L'Anse United Methodist Church has taken this over from the Bethel Pentecostal Church. In previous years the Council has donated \$250.00

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO DONATE \$500.00 TO THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

4. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Weekly Update: Covid Update, slot numbers for the month of September, Renovation Updates, Employee Reports and other information: Marquette Land in Trust should be finalized within 2-3 weeks after the BIA issues the final title policy.
5. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update: Employee Report, Covid Update, Budget review meetings, Department News, Events coming up and Upcoming meetings.

President Klopstein gave the floor to the Marquette Community Members to give their concerns or if they had any questions. Kathy Peterson had concerns about the sewer project as the grass seed they put down has corn growing out of it and there are holes in people's yards and there is no fence around them. Doreen G. Blaker and Beth Connor will take pictures and send them to Ashley Martinez, IHS, and inform them. The Marquette residents would like a Harvest Feast in their Community also. Tina Owens, Senior Board Member was in the audience and stated that she is going to work with people and have vans come down and pick up the Marquette Seniors to attend the Halloween Party coming up. The Christmas Dinner was replaced with the gift cards in the past. There were concerns with kids playing in the construction area on the sand pile. Doreen asked Beth to go and check on this in the Housing Area as this was supposed to be taken care of. They would also like to have a Powwow in the event center. Council told them this is being considered in the Budget review meetings.

J. Adjournment

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO ADJOURN AT 10:59 A.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist

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