

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL

WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR., President  
JENNIFER MISEGAN, Vice President  
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RANDALL R. HAATAJA  
MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR.  
GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR.  
RODNEY LOONSFOOT  
ELIZABETH D. MAYO

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL  
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 15, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**

**MAR 15 2018**

KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: 

- A. Date: February 15, 2018
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Fred Dakota (left at 10:58 a.m.)  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot  
Elizabeth D. Mayo
- Absent: Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: February 15, 2018

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. The DOI BIA Michigan Agency sent the approved and recorded Deeds to Restricted Indian Lands and Title Status Reports relating to a Gift Conveyance of Undivided Interest in the John, Michael and Sophia Awkewayzeence Allotments on Beartown Road from Victor Belanger to the Tribe
2. Council Poll February 13, 2018 to approve Resolution KB-006-2018 (insert George) Howard Kimewon as a fluent speaker with a Credential for a Demonstrated Mastery of the Anishnaabe Language (7 For)

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. January 12, 2018

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 12, 2018 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Rodney Loonsfoot), TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. January 18, 2018

**MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 18, 2018 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. January 22, 2018

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 22, 2018 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Old Business:

1. Larry Denomie III, CEO/Julie Raby, Payroll Supervisor – 6.8 Exempt Employees Compensatory Time, 7.3 Closures of Governmental Offices Policy and 7.2 Inclement Weather Policy [Review with changes]

**Fred Dakota left at 10:58 a.m.**

**Break: 11:00 – 11:19 a.m.**

J. New Business:

1. Lori Sherman, Natural Resources Director

- a) KBIC/NRD Name Selection for the 16th Annual Kids Fishing Derby to be held on June 23, 2018

Lori provided the Council with a list of Commercial Fishermen dating back to 1980. The Council will review the names and make a decision at the next meeting.

- b) Naming of NRD's New Research Vessel

The Council will consider a name from the suggestions given and make their decision at the next meeting.

K. Closed Session:

1. Rick Geroux/Lynn Haataja, Executive Director of Gaming Commission – Jimaganish Wadokaged Pull-Tab License Request
2. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources/James Denomie – Personnel Issue
3. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney – Update

**MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:26 A.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Lunch: 12:27 – 1:11 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:07 P.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

Personnel Issue

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ALLOW JAMES DENOMIE, WHO HAS BEEN A LOYAL EMPLOYEE FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, TO RETIRE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), THREE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

[New Business]

2. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney/Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources – George Howard Kimewon (Mt. Pleasant) Language Instructor Employment Agreement (Remove 4.1 (d) Start Up a Community Youth Drum Group) February 15, 2018 – July 15, 2018

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE HOWARD KIMEWON WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Jeffrey Loman – Donation of the *Nancy K* Vessel to the KBIC Great Lakes Unmanned Systems Center

Dr. David Brooks, Scientist from the University of Michigan, contacted Aanikoosing looking to donate a 55' fishing tug/troller called the Nancy K which was used on Lake Erie. Jeff feels the Tribe needs to make the lake our priority.

Our Natural Resources Department and College would have many opportunities available for them with this tug. Fishery restoration projects, installing fish cribs, retrieving ghost nets, and many other uses would be available for the NRD. The college would be able to offer courses on commercial fishing certification and utilize our seasoned Commercial Fishermen as instructors.

The boat was built in 1951 and is in dry, heated storage in Mt. Clements, located along the St. Claire River near Detroit. The Council will send a delegation to go inspect the Nancy K.

4. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Weekly Update

Heather Wood Paquette and Micah Petoskey will be taking on extra duties to assist Kathy Mayo at the Health Department.

Meetings continue regarding the casino projects. On March 6<sup>th</sup> the bank is going to tour the Marquette property.

Public Law 101-630 Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act training sessions regarding backgrounds will be tentatively held on April 3-5, 2018 and the Council is invited to attend.

Larry handed out a pharmacy estimated profit and loss statement for FYE2017 and an Employee Report for the week of February 5, 2018. (new hires, promotions, separations, reclassifications)

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 3:03 P.M. CO-SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. AND GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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