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MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL
THURSDAY – MARCH 8, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: 

- A. Date: March 8, 2018
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer and prayers for those in need. Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Mayo and Mike LaFerner, Sr.
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President (left at 12:05 p.m.)
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Fred Dakota (left at 10:59 a.m.)
Randall R. Haataja (arrived at 9:58 a.m.)
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
Rodney Loonsfoot
Elizabeth D. Mayo
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: March 8, 2018
- Additions: FYI- 7. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Tobacco Manufacturing Update
8. Michael LaFerner, Sr. – Acknowledgement of the Passing of Paul B. Frair
- Closed Session- 1. Jeffery Loman

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Randall R. Haataja), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Real Property Acquisition Policies and Procedures - Review
2. KBIC Purchasing and Procurement Policy - Review
3. Ordinance 2018-02 Title Four Amendment, Juvenile Division, of the Tribal Code to add 4.614 Permanency Hearing after 4.613 - Review
4. KBIC NAHASDA Funds Investment Policy - Review
5. KBIC Financial Management Policy and Procedures - Review
6. Aanikoosing, Inc. Board of Directors Appointment (Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Council Member Advisory Seat)
7. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Tobacco Manufacturing Update
8. Michael LaFernier, Sr. – Acknowledgement of the Passing of Paul B. Frair, on February 28, 2018, who worked at Tribal Construction Company for many years. A memorial service is planned for this summer in Houghton.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. January 25, 2018

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2018 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Randall R. Haataja), MOTION CARRIED.

2. February 1, 2018

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 1, 2018 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Randall R. Haataja), MOTION CARRIED.

I. Old Business:

1. Doreen Blaker, KBIC Housing Department Director –

- a) KBIC Housing Department Tenant Grievance Policy – Reviewed with changes up to page 1. (1.D.)

Randall Haataja arrived at 9:58 a.m.

- b) KBIC Housing Department Home Owner Assistance Policy – Reviewed with changes

J. New Business:

1. Bobby Escobar, Assistant Tribal Attorney (not present) - Jody L. Pittsley – J.P. Transport Business License Renewal (Logging Timber Harvest) January 3, 2018 – January 2, 2019

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL WITH JODY L. PITTSLEY FOR J.P. TRANSPORT. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. ALL IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, 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, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO –

- a) Head Start Full Day Wrap Around Collaborative with the Pre-Primary Education Program Initiative [Discussion]

Council will receive the 5-year Head Start Plan by June which will include the wrap around collaboration with Pre-Primary with the goals for each year.

Terri Denomie, Head Start Director and Lisa Denomie, Pre-Primary Education Program Director present

Break: 10:15 – 10:27 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START CENTER TO BE COMPLIANT WITH PUBLIC LAW 101.630 AND FOLLOW OUR BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY AND THE TRIBE WILL COVER THE COST (MATCH). SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. ALL IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, 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, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Fred Dakota left at 10:59 a.m.

- b) UPEA Schematic Design and Initial Cost Estimate for the Halfway House Project [Discussion]

Jeanne Hirzel, Substance Abuse Programs Director present

The initial cost of the project was \$800,000.00 and Sarah presented a budget for total construction of \$1,118,125.00 which included a full basement (I.H.S. recommendation) and an additional \$33,000.00 for Solar Electric. The Council instructed Sarah to bring back a revised plan within the budget.

3. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Weekly Update

A counter offer for the wage of the Director of Fire and Emergency Management position has been received and will be reviewed. One application met the qualifications for the Personnel Director position and will be reviewed.

Larry sent a memo regarding the definition of a descendant and has received one question related to the services at the Health Department.

Jennifer Misegan left at 12:05 p.m.

A meeting was held in Marquette with the bank representatives related to the financing of the casino project. Larry gave the Council a budget handout and asked the Council to identify what funds from Tribal Support could be used to sustain the project if necessary.

Larry stated the Guaranteed Maximum Price from Gundlach for construction costs may increase due to the tariff that may be coming soon which will increase costs of steel and lumber.

Employee Reports for the Government and Casinos were provided.

The HUD required Drug-Free Workplace Policy will be reviewed at the next Council Work Session.

K. Closed Session:

1. Jeffery Loman – Personal Issue (newspaper article)

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 12:29 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, 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, TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:39 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, 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, TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.

L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 12:40 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, 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, TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot
Administrative Specialist

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