

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2019 TRIBAL COUNCIL

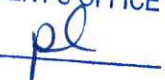
WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR., President  
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SUSAN J. LAFERNIER, Secretary  
TONI J. MINTON, Assistant Secretary  
DOREEN G. BLAKER, Treasurer

ROBERT "R.D." CURTIS, JR.  
DALE F. GOODREAU  
RANDALL R. HAATAJA  
KIM KLOPSTEIN  
MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR.  
RODNEY LOONSFOOT  
ELIZABETH D. MAYO

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL  
SATURDAY – APRIL 6, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
SIGNATURE: 

- A. Date: April 6, 2019
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Dale F. Goodreau  
Randall R. Haataja  
Kim Klopstein  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
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: April 6, 2019

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

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4. A "Thank you" from the Marquette Senior High School Graduating Class
5. A "Thank you" from the Baraga Area Schools Cheer Group
6. A "Thank you" from the White House for the Christmas Card
7. A "Thank you" from the Copper Country Humane Society
8. A "Thank you" from Richard Sarau, Superintendent of the Baraga Area Schools for the 2% distribution
9. A "Thank you" from Kris Rhodes, CEO of the American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICF)
10. A "Thank you" from the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight Board and a photo
11. A "Thank you" from Rachel Carr, Director of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence
12. Voigt Intertribal Task Force Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019 Odanah, Wisconsin
13. Notification of Approved Enrollment Applications March 18, 2019 (12)

H. President's Report/Quarterly – Verbal Report

**MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY REPORT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Secretary's Report/Quarterly – available for your review

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE SECRETARY'S QUARTERLY REPORT. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

J. CEO's Report/Quarterly – available for your review

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE CEO'S QUARTERLY REPORT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Department Head Reports/February 2019

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2019 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. TEN IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

[Added to the Agenda: Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals]

1. Joe Derocha, Vice Chair of the Marquette County Board

Joe thanked the Council for past support and the Tribe's commitment to the \$40 million dollar development project at the Marquette Casino which the Marquette County Board is in favor.

Joe is seeking clarification on the scope of a project that was received by his Board from KBIC. (The project is for community housing and an application to put Snowfield Road Property (by old airport) land into trust). It was tabled at the Marquette County Board meeting in order to gather more information. Joe will work with Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer for KBIC, on the intent of the project.

2. Derek Parker, owner of the largest medical marijuana facility in the Upper Peninsula

Derek was the first individual to apply for a commercial license in the U.P. President Swartz and Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. met with Derek at his ELF site facility in Negaunee to engage in discussion regarding opportunities for the Tribe. The Cannabis Committee plans to meet to further review a possible venture going forward.

**Break: 10:03 – 10:10 a.m.**

L. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. March 14, 2019

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE MARCH 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

2. March 21, 2019

**MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO APPROVE THE MARCH 21, 2019 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

3. March 22, 2019

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE MARCH 22, 2019 MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTION (ELIZABETH MAYO OUT OF THE ROOM). SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. TEN IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Toni J. Minton), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

4. March 26, 2019

**MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO APPROVE THE MARCH 26, 2019 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Toni J. Minton, Dale F. Goodreau), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

5. March 28, 2019

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE MARCH 28, 2019 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

M. New Business:

1. Doreen Blaker, Treasurer – Donations/April 2019

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2019 DONATIONS AS THE FOLLOWING: \$500.00 TO CAMP NEW DAY U.P., \$100.00 TO THE FRESHWATER FUTURE ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP, \$500.00 TO THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 444 FOR FLAGS, MARKERS, AND WREATHS, \$100.00 IN SUPPORT OF MIKE PAYMENT FOR CONGRESS IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND \$300.00 EACH TO AVA AND ANJENI EAGLE TO SUPPORT THEIR AAU BASKETBALL FEES AND EXPENSES. SUPPORTED BY KIM KLOPSTEIN. TEN IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

N. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO ADJOURN AT 10:40 A.M. SUPPORTED BY KIM KLOPSTEIN. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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N. Adjournment:

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*Report from the Secretary to the Council/Community*

April 6, 2019 Regular Tribal Council Meeting

***ANIN! We honor the greatness in you***

***Remember: "Indian Country Counts"***

***"Our People, Our Nations, Our Future"***

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States

We wish everyone a blessed Easter and Happy Spring Season!

*Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"*  
*Respectfully, Susan J. LaFernier*

Our Regular Saturday Council meetings are now held quarterly. There were (4) Special Meetings during January with a Work Session on January 22. There were (5) during February and (5) during March 2019 and also a Work Session on March 26. The minutes are up to date and approved.

Chris, Doreen, and I were honored to attend a meeting with Congressman Jack Bergman and Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy from Orlando, Florida on March 1, 2019 at the Bingo Hall. Our Natural Resources Department staff and others were also present and later we brought them for a tour of the KBIC Health Systems. We discussed health care issues, opioid/addiction issues, job, clean air and water and the protection of treaty rights. This meeting was part of the American Congressional Exchange (ACE) where members visit opposing party member's areas.

For your information: there are new pocket size Tribal Constitutions with the Judicial amendment available at the Enrollment Office.

This report will be published in the KBIC "Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwa" newsletter and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.





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**TO: Tribal Council**  
**FROM: Sarah L. Smith, CEO**  
**RE: Quarterly Report**  
**DATE: April 6, 2019**

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- MISSION STATEMENT** :To provide exceptional services for our membership; a safe, positive work environment for employees and sustained economic prosperity, while protecting our sovereignty and preserving our culture and natural resources for future generations.

**VISION STATEMENT** :A Tribe that preserves the Anishinaabe culture, advances economic diversity, provides opportunities to enhance independence, and promotes the health and well-being of our Community.
- Updates:** Over the last quarter, I have updated the Personnel policy to reflect all the changes the Tribal Council had approved through a series of Council work sessions that occurred throughout 2018 and up to February 5, 2019. In addition, the Youth Policy was also updated and the appeal policy was worked on with the Appeals officer. The essential employee list was compiled for those required to work on snow days. The Oshki Maaji (New Beginning) or Halfway House project has been moving forward with a completion date still in June. As of yesterday, the building has all drywall in place and the countertops have been chosen for the reception area and kitchen and laundry rooms. A cell phone quote was obtained to provide services for the upcoming two years. Verizon was chosen.
- Meetings/Conferences:** Over the last quarter, there were two department head meetings that were held. These have been set to occur on the last Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. The goal of these department meetings will be to review the strategic plan, provide departments with updates on policy and give short training and communication and allow departments to provide short updates on what is occurring within their departments. At the last meeting, the strategic plan developed in 2017 and the Council strategic plan was provided with the goal to review strengths and weaknesses and identify any further weaknesses and set up action plans to move forward to address those weaknesses. There were several department short updates at the two meetings that were held, including the extended hours at the Health department, progress of the Halfway house project, the non-motorized trail project movement, the General Welfare Exclusion Act Form, new process for Tier 1 forms, NRD and CARE discussion about 4 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Respect), and BIA Drug Tip line. Discussed with employees training available through KBOCC and asked for other trainings they would like. Also discussed the idea of setting a core of training that would be required to be taken: Tribal Government, Constitution, and language. I briefly attended Water Day held in March.
- Employee Changes:** There are no direct reporting changes in the last quarter. The government currently has 305 employees, with 221 Native American. There were seven reclassifications completed this past quarter with two not resulting in a grade change and the rest resulting in a change of grade and or title. There has also been

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initial work done on new position descriptions and the revision of current technician position to allow for a Tiered grade for the position to progress with certifications/trainings or education. Employee changes within the government are provided on a weekly basis.

5. **Statistical Data/Case Load Information:** Personnel actions, budgets (new and modifications), contracts, policy interpretation/draft revisions, and supervision of department was part of my offices duties over the past quarter.
6. **Financial Update:** Financial payments from Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have been received that support our Health, Substance Abuse, Natural Resources, Social Services, Education, Community Assistance Programs, Court, and Police departments. Travel/training for employees continues to be held off on unless it is grant funded.

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