

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2017 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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ELIZABETH D. MAYO

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**THURSDAY – MAY 18, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**  
6-1-17

- A. Date: May 18, 2017
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Fred Dakota (left at 11:29 a.m.)  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Elizabeth D. Mayo
- Absent: Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: May 18, 2017
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| Addition: | Closed Session- | 1. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Choice Hotel Developments |
| Deletion: | Old Business-   | 1. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Travel Policy/Procedure   |

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

G. For Your Information:

1. Indian Health Service Update on the Opioid Epidemic and Effective Pain Management. The I.H.S. also established the National Committee on Heroin, Opioid, and Pain Efforts (HOPE).
2. An Invite from the Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation to attend an informational meeting related to their proposal to construct two natural gas-fueled generation facilities in Baraga County (May 23 – Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room) and Marquette County (May 24 – Negaunee Township Hall Gymnasium)
3. Land Buy Back Program for Tribal Nations (Cobell) Strategy Review/Input
4. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Ojibwa Housing Department Policies [The policies will be added to the 05/26/17 agenda]
5. A “Thank you” from the KBIC Head Start Class of 2017

H. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Charles Brumleve, Environmental Mining Specialist/Tim Dombrowski, NRD Great Lakes Resources Specialist (PowerPoint Presentations)
  - a) Chris Hoard, Yellow Dog Plains Project Manager for the U.S. Geological Survey - USGS Presentation on Water Quality for the Yellow Dog Plains
  - b) Mining Update

**Break: 11:00 – 11:08 a.m.**

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. May 6, 2017

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE MAY 6, 2017 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. May 11, 2017

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE MAY 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES. CO-SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA AND GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. New Business:

1. Bobby Escobar, Assistant Tribal Attorney –

- a) Brenda Turunen and Roger Turunen present - Treaty Rights Farming (5 year) License Renewal for Ma Hog Farm Cultivation of agricultural crops and animal husbandry May 18, 2017 – May 17, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE TREATY RIGHTS FARMING LICENSE RENEWAL FOR MA HOG FARM WITH BRENDA TURUNEN. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Troy LaFernier – Troy’s Tires and Repair New Business License Application April 6, 2017 – April 5, 2018

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FOR TROY’S TIRES AND REPAIRS WITH TROY LAFERNIER. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer –

- a) Resolution KB-024-2017 Estate of Martha M. Dakota Residential Lease Transfer

On January 17, 2017 Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court determined the Decree of Heirship of Martha M. Dakota, deceased, and ordered all property and estate to be vested in the names of the heirs identified as Rebecca J. Graham, Gayle B. Britton, Janni R. Ramirez, and Darren J. Webb. Janni R. Ramirez and Gayle B. Britton then conveyed their interest to Rebecca J. Graham and Darren J. Webb.

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-024-2017 ESTATE OF MARTHA M. DAKOTA RESIDENTIAL LEASE TRANSFER. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Resolution KB-025-2017 G. Walter Leinonen Recreational Lease L’Anse Township

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-025-2017 G. WALTER LEINONEN RECREATIONAL LEASE. CO-SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON AND MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

c) Resolution KB-026-2017 Betsey A. Leinonen Recreational Lease L'Anse Township

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-026-2017 BETSEY A. LEINONEN RECREATIONAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

d) Resolution KB-027-2017 Anthony P. Loonsfoot Recreational Lease L'Anse Township

**MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-027-2017 ANTHONY P. LOONSFOOT RECREATIONAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

e) Resolution KB-028-2017 Dale F. Goodreau Recreational Lease L'Anse Township

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-028-2017 DALE F. GOODREAU RECREATIONAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

f) Resolution KB-029-2017 Anthony M. LaBeau Recreational Lease L'Anse Township

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-029-2017 ANTHONY M. LABEAU RECREATIONAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.**

(Elizabeth Mayo is out of the room)

g) Resolution KB-030-2017 Ryan K. Szymanski Recreational Lease L'Anse Township

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-030-2017 RYAN K. SZYMANSKI RECREATIONAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Fred Dakota left at 11:29 a.m.**

3. President Swartz –

a) 2% Worksheets –

- i. Baraga \$114,829.34 (Resolution KB-031-2017) [Review]
- ii. Marquette \$138,419.72 (Resolution KB-032-2017) [Review]

b) 2017 Baraga County Lumberjack Days Committee Donation Request for Fireworks

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$8,000.00 TO THE BARAGA COUNTY LUMBERJACK DAYS COMMITTEE FOR FIREWORKS. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Weekly Update

Larry updated the Council on the progress of the employee surveys that were done for the Service Culture Training with Brad Worthley, Consultant. They were also reviewed at the Department Head meeting yesterday. A meeting with Gundlach and a updated virtual presentation review was again held.

K. Closed Session:

1. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Choice Hotel Developments (update) for the Marquette Casino Project

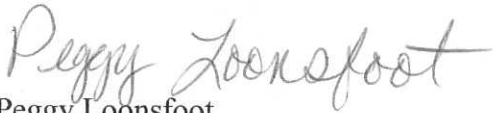
**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 12:14 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 1:02 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO ADJOURN AT 1:04 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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