

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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RODNEY LOONSFOOT
ELIZABETH D. MAYO

MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL
THURSDAY – APRIL 19, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED

JUN 21 2018

KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: 

- A. Date: April 19, 2018
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:11 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 (arrived at 9:58 a.m., left at 12:10 p.m.)
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
Fred Dakota (left at 10:30 a.m.)
Randall R. Haataja
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
Rodney Loonsfoot (left at 12:10 p.m.)
Elizabeth D. Mayo

Absent: Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.

E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.

F. Approval of Agenda: April 19, 2018

- Additions: FYI- 3. Rodney Loonsfoot appointed to Baraga County Trust Fund Committee
- Old Business- 3. Rodney Loonsfoot – Barbara Picciano Jones Request
- Closed Session- 2. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources – SEMCO Meeting Update
3. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Tobacco Sales Update
- Move: Old Business- 1. Larry Denomie III, CEO - b) Casino Projects Update to Closed Session [Open to KBIC Members]

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

G. For Your Information:

1. BIA Quarterly Fee To Trust Report – 2nd Quarter 2018
2. A letter from the State of Michigan Attorney General’s Office announcing a Public Notice of a Contested Case Hearing regarding a Mining Permit issued to Aquila Resources, Inc. Back Forty Project/Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.
3. Rodney Loonsfoot appointed to Baraga County Trust Fund Committee by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency to assist with the Trust Fund Emergency Grant Program. His term ends on December 31, 2021.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. March 15, 2018

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2018 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, THREE ABSTAINING (Jennifer Misegan, Randall R. Haataja, Rodney Loonsfoot), TWO ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

I. Old Business:

1. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Personnel Policy Sections 5.0 Personnel Records – 6.7 Withholding Taxes

Toni Minton arrived at 9:58 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE PERSONNEL POLICY SECTIONS 5.0 – 6.7 WITH THE CHANGES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Toni J. Minton, Rodney Loonsfoot), ONE ABSENT (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

2. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Eligible Voters List for Secretarial Election discussion
3. Rodney Loonsfoot – Barbara Picciano Jones Request for KBIC Members living in Ontonagon County to be eligible for the monthly Senior Pension Program checks and General Welfare Support Program checks (Christmas Gift Check)

Jennifer Misegan stated that changes would have to be made to the program documents and the Tobacco Ordinance.

Jennifer will bring the number of members living within the CHSDA (Contract Health Service Delivery Area) for the next work session. (April 30)

[Eligible Voters List for Secretarial Election]

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE INITIAL VOTING LIST 18 AND OLDER LIVING ON THE RESERVATION FOR THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION WITH THE ADDITIONS AS DISCUSSED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), TWO OPPOSED (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), ONE ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. stated his opposition: “We were informed we do not know if the list can be revised and we know there are people missing from the list.”

Break: 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. (Fred Dakota left)

J. New Business:

1. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Weekly Update

The Drug Free Workplace policy and hiring changes have been sent out to all departments regarding the random drug testing. The procedures will be developed and a cost analysis will be done and brought back.

Larry met with the Chief of Police and Police Commissioner regarding their drug free workplace policies and procedures and they will amend their Police Manual for next week.

The new Health Director, Soumit Pendharkar, will start in May. A meeting/tour will be scheduled with the Director, staff, Health Board members, and Council members may attend next week.

Larry has received notification that the Pharmacy 340B pricing for scripts is active and the pricing will start again July 1st. He is looking at options with other tribes for meds.

K. Closed Session:

1. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Casino Projects Update [Open to KBIC Members] -Options
2. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney – Update
3. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources – SEMCO Proposal – Marquette Connector Pipeline Project Meeting Update
4. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Tobacco Sales Update

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:51 A.M. AND MOVE THE CASINO PROJECTS UPDATE TO #1 OPEN TO KBIC MEMBERS. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.

Lunch: 12:10 - 1:07 p.m. (Toni Minton and Rodney Loonsfoot left)

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 3:12 P.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

Casino Projects Option #1

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE OPTION 1 FOR THE MARQUETTE AND BARAGA CASINO PROJECTS AND WORK TOWARD A HOTEL PROJECT FOR A REFERENDUM VOTE. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. FIVE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), TWO OPPOSED (Doreen G. Blaker, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

Elizabeth Mayo stated her opposition: She feels a lot of money was spent on the Service Culture training and we need happy, smiling faces to make this project work.

Doreen Blaker stated her opposition: She would have preferred to include the hotel rather than the entertainment center.

L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO ADJOURN AT 3:15 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot
Administrative Specialist

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