

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL
THURSDAY – JUNE 6, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: 

- A. Date: June 6, 2019
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:08 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 (arrived at 9:11 a.m.)
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer (arrived at 9:19 a.m.)
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Dale F. Goodreau
Randall R. Haataja (arrived at 9:12 a.m.)
Kim Klopstein
Rodney Loonsfoot
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Absent: Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: June 6, 2019
- Addition: Closed Session- 3. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. – Marquette Tribal Certified Police Officer Position

MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Kim Klopstein, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

Toni Minton arrived at 9:11 a.m.

1. An Invitation from the Federal Highway Administration to participate in Tribal Consultation to discuss the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (June – July)
2. State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Aquila Resources Back Forty Project (to amend mining permit) Notice of Consolidated Public Comment Period and Hearing on June 25, 2019 in Stephenson, Michigan 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.
3. KBIC Tobacco Company Financials through April 30, 2019
4. 8th Annual BIA Midwest Region Partners in Action Conference July 23-25, 2019 at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel
5. EPA Public Comment Period for KBIC's Clean Water Act (May 23) and Clean Air Act (June 7) Applications for Treatment as a State extended to June 21, 2019
6. Supporting (8) and Opposing (7) Groups/Individuals to KBIC's Treatment as a State Application for Water Quality Standards under the Clean Water Act as of 05/31/2019

Randall Haataja arrived at 9:12 a.m.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. May 9, 2019

MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2019 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

2. May 14, 2019

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE MAY 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

I. Department Head Reports/April 2019

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2019 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY KIM KLOPSTEIN. NINE IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Kim Klopstein, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

J. Old Business:

1. Doreen Blaker, Treasurer – Marquette 2% Reallocate \$20,000.00 to Chocolay Township in regard to the water tower repayment Resolution KB-014-2019 Amendment

Doreen Blaker arrived at 9:19 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO AMEND RESOLUTION KB-014-2019 MARQUETTE 2% REALLOCATIONS AS DISCUSSED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE 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, Rodney Loonsfoot), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

K. New Business:

1. Paul Mooney, Assistant Tribal Attorney –
 - a) Ed Janisse, General Manager for Eagle Radio - Detroit Lions Radio Network Affiliation Agreement 2019-2020 Football Seasons

Term effective April 11, 2019 until the conclusion of the 2020-2021 NFL Season (\$1,000/year one and \$1,000/year two)

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE DETROIT LIONS RADIO NETWORK AFFILIATION AGREEMENT. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Evelyn Ravindran, Natural Resources Director (not present) –
 - i. Biological Services Subcontract with the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) to monitor and maintain the Sea Lamprey Assessment traps \$12,000.00 on the Silver River, Firesteel River, and Misery River (termination upon 30 days written notice)

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE BIOLOGICAL SERVICES SUBCONTRACT WITH GLIFWC FOR THE SEA LAMPREY ASSESSMENTS. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. USDA Ottawa National Forest Modification #01 to Agreement 18-PA-11090700-031 for additional funding \$4,000.00 Term ending March 1, 2022

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE USDA OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT MODIFICATION #01. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

- iii. Michigan Technological University Tier II Services Agreement for the Bemaadizijig Ogitigaaniwaa "People's Garden" \$26,561.00 Term ending May 1, 2020

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY TIER II-B SERVICES AGREEMENT. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer – Gundlach Champion, Inc. Change Order #1 to the Roads Agreement (Ojibwa Casino II Entrance and Parking, Harvey Roads) \$925,566.16 Completion date November 1, 2019

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE GUNDLACH CHAMPION, INC. CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE ROADS AGREEMENT. SUPPORTED BY KIM KLOPSTEIN. NINE 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, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

- 2. Arlan Friisvall, Maintenance Director – 60" Commercial Lawn Mower (Pro-turn) Bids (3)

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM ABE SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,500.00 FOR A COMMERCIAL LAWN MOWER. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

3. Rachel McDonald, Forester – Resolution KB-012-2019 KBIC Forestry and Natural Resources Conservation Service Project Proposal for forest health and habitat improvement projects: Hersilver Timber marking and under planting project, cherry habitat project, Aura paper birch release

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-012-2019 KBIC FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE PROJECT PROPOSAL. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

4. Thomas Chosa, Jr., Director of KBIC Fire & Emergency Management - KBIC Fire & Emergency Management Program Policy 6.4 Pay and Timekeeping Amended Sections: a., b., and c. are new: wage rate, years of service

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATED POLICY FOR 6.4 PAY AND TIMEKEEPING. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

5. Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chair – Certification of the June 1, 2019 Referendum Election Results

Proposal:

Do you approve of an investment of 4 million dollars into the acquisition of a medical marijuana grow and dispensary business? The investment would come from the Elder's Trust Fund which would be paid back to make solvent. The investment would cover the acquisition of real estate to be used for a dispensary and grow facility, retaining political and legal representation, licensing fees, and all other associated costs. Yes 217 No 155

373 actual voters out of 717 registered voters (52%)

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO CERTIFY THE JUNE 1, 2019 REFERENDUM ELECTION RESULTS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 9:56 – 10:13 a.m.

6. Larry Denomie III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager –

- a) New Section II – Wages, Hours of Work, and Benefits Programs

G. Unscheduled Work Hours (Compensation) Policy

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE AMENDED POLICY SECTION II WAGES, HOUR OF WORK, AND BENEFITS PROGRAMS G. UNSCHEDULED WORK HOURS. SUPPORTED BY KIM KLOPSTEIN. NINE 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, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Rodney Loonsfoot), ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Section I – Hiring and Employment H. Job Descriptions - Proof of High School/GED Requirement moved to the Pre-Employment Requirement Process

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO SECTION I HIRING AND EMPLOYMENT H. JOB DESCRIPTIONS. CO-SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON AND ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Weekly Update – available for your review

7. Sarah Smith, CEO/Weekly Update – available for your review

L. Closed Session:

1. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney –
 - a) Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
 - i. Asemaa Wholesale and Distribution Company Tobacco Purchase and Sale Agreement
 - ii. Trade and Commerce Agreement – Consensus for changes
 - b) Update
2. President Swartz/Susan LaFernier, Secretary - Ojibwa Express Convenience Request
3. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. – Marquette Tribal Certified Police Officer Position

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:17 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 11:18 – 11:28 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:48 P.M. SUPPORTED BY KIM KLOPSTEIN. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Ojibwa Express Convenience Gas Station Loan to cover cash flow issue (Aanikoosing Inc.)

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO LOAN UP TO \$20,000.00 FOR THE OJIBWA EXPRESS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Dale F. Goodreau, Kim Klopstein, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, THREE ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

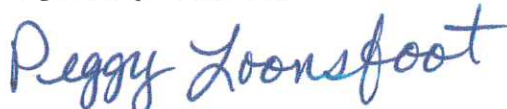
Asemaa Wholesale and Distribution Company Tobacco Purchase and Sale Agreement with Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO APPROVE THE TOBACCO PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAC VIEUX DESERT BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

M. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 12:50 P.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. 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, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot
Administrative Specialist

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b) Update

2. President Swartz/Susan LaFernier, Secretary - Ojibwa Express Request

M. Adjournment:

Tribal Council Updates:

Through 6/5/19

- The Selection Committee finished interviews for the HR and Food & Beverage Director positions on Monday. Two were interviewed for F & B and three for HR. A KB member (Lee Anderson) was selected for the F & B post but notifications haven't been completed yet so I won't publicly announce it until next week. The HR selection (non-KB member) is being provided to Debbie Picciano for review and approval, so I'll hold off on making that announcement as well.
- We had another hotel room that flooded recently due to the individual falling asleep in the bathtub with the water running. The flood was limited to the bathroom for the most part but some water did seep into the carpeted area of the room and through an exhaust vent in the room below. After drying the room out, no damage exists.
- I'm sure you have noticed the exterior painting that is underway on the Baraga casino. The colors and pattern are matched to reflect the new Marquette casino design. Kim suggested that we consider painting the lower block section of the hotel to match the darker color. Mike Needham is having the painters complete a section while they are here to see how it looks as well as getting costs. We were able to save the old Marquette Ojibwa Casino sign that was on the front of the building. It is possible that we could reuse the sign on the front of the Baraga casino.
- We had our monthly construction meeting for the Marquette project last Wednesday. The schedule continues to provide for an end of the year opening. As each week passes, the construction progress is obvious. The water tower is up and painting is underway. The housing homes were connected to the new water system this past Tuesday and once the water tower is complete, the casino will be connected. The well house and equipment that served the housing homes, which is located inside the new casino structure, is being dismantled this week. The removal will allow for the remaining concrete to be poured and that section of the new casino to be enclosed.
- The water tower is capable of having antennas attached to the cribbing at the top. NMU reached out to us last week to see if we have space available for them to host their wireless network. I had Ed Janisse communicate with our contact at NMU and I'm fairly certain they'll be our first renter on the tower. Ed is also providing cellular companies with the information they need to determine if the tower would enhance their services in the area.
- I met with Chocolay Township reps this week to discuss the new sewer system. We are negotiating terms of mutual benefit that could provide a cost savings related to connection fees the casino and housing would be required to pay based on their ordinance. The terms would require approval by the township board. I provide additional details as we work through the terms. We also began discussions on the process involved in turning over the sewer system once it's completed. There are sections of the system that are located on the Tribe's property, so easements will be required to ensure they access to operate and maintain the system. Jason will be working with them on that request.
- I met with reps from the Iron Ore Heritage Trail organization. Their group grooms the nearly 48-mile trail from Kabawgum Rd to Republic. The trail serves as a snowmobile trail in the winter and non-motorized trail in the summer. They were excited about the new casino and offered to help us get more exposure along the trail at their kiosks as well state signs that can't be business specific but indicate what is available such as food, gas, lodging, etc. They also recommended that we try to incorporate a specific entrance for both winter and summer enthusiasts along with designated parking area and bike racks – biking is the #1 activity during the summer months on the trail. I shared our desire to consider their recommendation at our last construction meeting and we have a meeting next

week to see what is feasible. They also shared the fact that the trail is a short distance from the Ojibwa Express and it's the only gas station in the area with access to the trail. They are willing to help get better signage along the trail for the station as well. They did pass along a couple of request to help their non-profit out. Our donation budget can assist with one of their fund raisers and we are looking costs to create a safety barrier near the Ojibwa Express. Menard's, who allows the trail to run through their property, recently did some work that created a hillside that is covered with rock on a curve of the trail and it is feared that someone could go off the trail and down the hillside. An approximate 300' section needs to have some sort of barrier put in place. We are considering cyclone fencing of which we would be able to put up advertising for the casino, gas station or whatever makes sense.

- An unidentified water leak has been discovered on the pow wow side of the campground. Robbie Mayo has been working on the problem for several weeks and hasn't been able to pinpoint the leak. He also worked with THPO to use the GPR to see if it could pick the location up but it was unsuccessful. About 35,000 gallons of water is leaking over the course of about a month and is costing us about \$550 when you include the sewer fee which is based on the amount of water used. Robbie is assisting with looking at getting at least the sewer fee waived. He is also working on putting costs together for adding additional shutoffs along the line which could help pinpoint a section verses digging the line up until it is located which would be much more costly.
- Just as we are getting the Marquette shuttle service ramped up with expanded days and hours, the van decided it was tired with its 200,000 plus miles and has major engine issues. The repair costs are nearly \$5,000 and the shop is telling us that investing the money would likely be futile. We were able to get use of the government's van through June and until we can get costs on a replacement. Funds were included in the CapX budget for a new shuttle but the loan closing is complete so I'll have to bring that to you for consideration very soon.



**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
CEO'S OFFICE**

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TO: Tribal Council
FROM: Sarah L. Smith, CEO
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: June 6, 2019

1. **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.
2. **Updates**: The Halfway House project will have its final progress meeting tomorrow. A grand opening will be planned. The new website developed by IT is being launched. The BIA will be coming to do an audit of both the Social Services and Police department this month. I briefly viewed potential areas to build a new home for low income purchase with Realty and Housing. The new Acorn Trail water system is up and running. Had an initial meeting with the casino and housing regarding rates. Training has been scheduled by Personnel for Dealing with Conflict for both supervisors and employees. Also, reasonable suspicion training has been scheduled.
3. **Meetings/Conferences**: I attended a Community Policing meeting. We discussed the Dirty Needle Prevention campaign. I attended a health board meeting. Had an initial discussion with Grand River Community Development on a Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. Attended the Title 15 meeting to discuss the addition of the Acorn Trail water system. Part of the discussion was to create divisions of Public Works within the code and to make sure there is a reserve created for the utilities for repairs and upgrades. Also attended a HUD mold progress meeting with Housing.
4. **Employee Changes**: There is one direct reporting change. The Interim Health Administrator is Kathy Mayo. The government currently has 312 employees, with 224 Native American, as of 5/26/19. This list is provided as requested.
5. **Statistical Data/Case Load Information**: I approved many new position descriptions. Those are put on the intranet. I mistakenly pulled a position the week of May 20th. This position will be posted for an additional week.
6. **Financial Update**: Received notice of \$50,000 Youth funding through the BIA. We have been given notice of a claim from Indian Health Service for Contract Support Costs in the amount of \$273,698. Indian Health Service has also sent notice that we will receive \$156,000 for repairs at New Day. We received the initial insurance check for the Tribal Construction collapsed building. Public Works in the process of soliciting architectural drawings to build the building in the industrial park.