

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2017 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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

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FRED DAKOTA  
RANDALL R. HAATAJA  
MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR.  
GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR.  
RODNEY LOONSFOOT  
ELIZABETH D. MAYO

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL  
THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**

OCT 26 2017

KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: pl

- A. Date: September 21, 2017
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer and prayers to those affected by the hurricane in Puerto Rico
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Fred Dakota (left at 11:11 a.m.)  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot  
Elizabeth D. Mayo  
Absent: Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: September 21, 2017
- Deletion: Old Business- 1. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President/Larry Denomie III, CEO –  
22.0 Drug Free Work Place Policy

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE DELETION. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Andrew Chosa – Aanikoosing, Inc. Reorganization 2017-18

He resigned as CEO of the Aanikoosing Board as of September 19, 2017. He would like to remain as the Treasurer and suggested hiring a CPA to take over the record keeping for the board which owns the Ojibwa Express Convenience.

Jeff Loman is assisting with the business development initiatives of the board through the Great Lakes Unmanned Systems Center, a partnership with the Keweenaw Research Center and MTU, distribution of the E.M.I.L.Y. and Sky Fire, and the Keweenaw Warriors project for training and development.

**Break: 9:49 – 10:03 a.m.**

2. Pam Hillier, VAST Insurance – 2018 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Group Health Renewal Options (3)

The renewal rate came in at an 11.52% reduction.

Francis LaPointe, CFO, recommended Option 2: Multi-Year Rate Guarantee plan with a -6.77% rate change with a rate cap guarantee of 2.24% for the 2019 plan year.

The Council will consider each option. Pam requested a final decision by October 1, 2017.

H. Old Business:

1. Larry Denomie III, CEO/Hannah Beesley, Personnel Director – Policy Amendments regarding Corrective Actions
  - a) Personnel

**Break: 11:11 – 11:24 a.m. (Fred Dakota left)**

[Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals]

3. Dave Eggli, American Cancer Society (ACS) Health Systems Manager Representative – PowerPoint Presentation on the ACS Grant and Cancer Rates in our Community

KBIC was awarded a two-year CRC Change grant in the amount of \$46,498 per year.

**Lunch: 12:25 – 1:24 p.m.**

[Old Business]

Larry Denomie III, CEO/Hannah Beesley, Personnel Director – Policy Amendments regarding Corrective Actions

- b) Casinos
- c) Enterprises
- d) Youth
- e) Police [Rescheduled]

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO TABLE THE POLICIES UNTIL NEXT WEEK. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan), ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. New Business:

1. Bobby Escobar, Assistant Tribal Attorney/Jeanne Hirzel, Substance Abuse Programs Director – Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Memorandum Of Agreement for Tribal Opioid Use Disorder Prevention Initiative (TOP)  
October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018 \$43,709.00

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN, INC. MOA FOR TRIBAL OPIOID USE DISORDER PREVENTION INITIATIVE. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, 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, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer –

- a) Resolution KB-046-2017 Transfer of 16343 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908 to the KBIC Housing Department (formerly a USDA home with Ms. Alice Brunk) and Purchase Agreement

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-046-2017 TRANSFER OF 16343 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908 TO THE KBIC HOUSING DEPARTMENT. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, 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, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

b) Resolution KB-047-2017 Sarah L. Rantanen Recreational Lease L'Anse Township

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-047-2017 SARAH L. RANTANEN RECREATIONAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, 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, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

c) Resolution KB-048-2017 Krystie S. Ozanich Recreational Lease L'Anse Township

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-048-2017 KRYSTIE S. OZANICH RECREATIONAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, 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, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Weekly Update [No report]

J. Closed Session:

1. Bobby Escobar, Assistant Tribal Attorney – Carole LaPointe, Health Administrator/Hannah Beesley, Personnel Director - Sarah M. Woodruff, M.S. School Counselor's Employment Agreement

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 1:55 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, 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, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:15 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 1:55 – 2:01 p.m.**

Sarah M. Woodruff, M.S. School Counselor's Employment Agreement

October 9, 2017 – September 29, 2020 to provide counseling services within the community's Health System

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH SARAH M. WOODRUFF. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, 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, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO ADJOURN AT 2:19 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, 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, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist



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