

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY – AUGUST 9, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: August 9, 2007
- B. Call to Order: President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa and prayers for the family of Glen Pillsbury who passed away yesterday.
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFernier, President
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Asst Secretary (left at 2:43 p.m.)
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO
Doreen G. Blaker
Jerry Lee Curtis
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (arrived at 9:53 a.m., left at 4:31 p.m.)
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo (arrived at 9:20 a.m.)
- Absent: Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: August 9, 2007

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, THREE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For your Information:

1. Weed & Seed Grant Award Letter
2. Thalden Architects – Green Casino’s – “It’s About Time” article
3. NCAI – August 7th - Update on Major Indian Legislative Issues
4. Native American Report – July 2007
5. A copy of the Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes of July 31, 2007

Elizabeth Mayo arrived at 9:20 a.m.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. July 14, 2007

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE JULY 14, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. SIX IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, THREE ABSTAINING (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Doreen G. Blaker), TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

2. July 19, 2007

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE JULY 19, 2007 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

(Doreen Blaker out of the room)

Chris Swartz had concerns regarding the OCC findings in the Accreditation process. The Council will set a time at next week’s August 16th meeting for discussion on this topic.

I. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/ Individuals:

1. Debbie Williamson – Language Grant Plan Update

[Debbie Williamson was unavailable, will move to the next item on the Agenda]

J. New Business:

1. Jason Ayres a) Resolution KB-1564-2007 - Melody Sandquist Residential Lease

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-1564-2007 THE MELODY SANDQUIST RESIDENTIAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ONE ABSTAINING (William E. Emery), TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Mike LaFernier arrived at 9:53 a.m.

b) Resolution KB-1565-2007 – Robert Sandquist Recreational Lease

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-1565-2007 THE ROBERT SANDQUIST RECREATIONAL LEASE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.

c) Resolution KB-1566-2007 – 40 Acre Sand Point Acquisition for the Preservation of Wetland Habitat and Species

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-1566-2007 THE SAND POINT ACQUISITION. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.

d) Resolution KB-1567-2007 – Tom LaTendresse Easement Request on Beartown Road

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO REFER THE RESOLUTION KB-1567-2007 TO THE TRIBAL ATTORNEY. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-1567-2007 THE TOM LATENDRESSE EASEMENT REQUEST AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE EASEMENT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz”

Matthews), TWO OPPOSED (William E. Emery, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.

[Return to previous item on the Agenda – Debbie Williamson – Language Grant Plan Update]

Debbie discussed a strategic plan for learning the Language with goal and needs statements and proposed objectives. She handed out Ojibwa Dictionaries to the Council and talked about a phonetic or double vowel system and said that part of the plan is developing which writing system to use. She suggested that we use signs in Ojibwa, label everything and to include all ages. She invited the Council to the next Language Revitalization meetings to be held on August 26th through the 29th.

Break: 10:53 – 11:05 a.m.

K. Closed Session:

1. Vicki Dompier/Becky Tussing/Valerie Voakes – Drug Task Force
2. John Mantila/Hosh LaPointe/Sarah Smith – Pines Slot Machines
3. Larry Denomie, CEO – Economic Development (job descriptions)/Other
4. Susan LaFERNIER, President – Request/Personnel Policies/Other

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:06 A.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING – 0, TWO ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan), MOTION CARRIED.

(Gary Loonsfoot out of the room)

Lunch: 11:50 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Mike LaFERNIER returned at 1:18 p.m.

Gary Loonsfoot returned at 1:20 p.m.

Larry Denomie returned at 1:32 p.m.

Gary Loonsfoot left at 2:43 p.m.

Mike LaFERNIER left at 4:31 p.m.

Break: 2:58 – 3:15 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 4:45 P.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews,

Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, FOUR ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

(Doreen Blaker out of the room)

Casino Employee Gambling Policy-

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO AMEND THE OJIBWA CASINO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SECTION 23, EMPLOYEE GAMBLING, TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO GAMBLE IN EITHER CASINO EXCEPT IN THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CASINO THEY ARE EMPLOYED AND THE SECTION LABELED “NOT PERMITTED TO GAMBLE” TO BE THE FOLLOWING, THE GENERAL MANAGERS DEPARTMENT, LICENSE MANAGERS AND LICENSE ASSISTANT MANAGERS, ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, SURVEILLANCE DEPARTMENT, SECURITY DEPARTMENT, MARKETING MANAGER, PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR, GUEST SERVICES SUPERVISOR, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR, CAGE DEPARTMENT AND IT DEPARTMENT. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, THREE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Sovereignty Fund not available for Language Immersion Classes-

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO NOT ALLOW THE SOVEREIGN STUDENT FUND TO BE USED FOR THE BAY MILLS IMMERSION CLASS TO BE HELD AT OCC. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), ABSTAINING – 0, THREE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Tree Removal-

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE TREE REMOVAL OF TWO LOMBARDI POPLARS BY TIKKY’S TREE REMOVAL MINUS HAULING THE WOOD AND BRUSH FOR STEVEN HAATAJA. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, THREE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Elizabeth Mayo requested the Council meet with Jim Byykkonen at next week's meeting on August 16.

L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS TO ADJOURN AT 4:58 P.M. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, THREE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Recording Secretary