

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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ELIZABETH D. MAYO

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL  
MONDAY – MAY 21, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**

**AUG 16 2018**

KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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- A. Date: May 21, 2018
- 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  
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (arrived at 9:16 a.m., left at 2:15 p.m.)  
Fred Dakota (left at 10:45 a.m.)  
Randall R. Haataja  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (left 1:12 - 1:44 p.m.)  
Rodney Loonsfoot (left at 12:00 p.m.)  
Elizabeth D. Mayo
- Absent: Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary  
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: May 21, 2018
- Addition: Closed Session- 2. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney – Legal Opinion regarding the Casino Referendum

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

G. Old Business:

1. Work Session –

- a) Priorities List (Updates) from the April 30, 2018 Work Session

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. arrived at 9:16 a.m.**

- b) General Welfare Support Program (GWSP) Guidelines – What is the Official Definition of Homelessness? Discussion and review of handout

The Council discussed Court withholdings from the General Welfare Support Program checks and they will schedule a meeting with the Tribal Court and Child Support Office to discuss how they formulate support deductions and other withholdings.

**Break: 10:01 – 10:14 a.m.**

H. Closed Session:

- 1. Robert Odawi Porter, Attorney and Managing Principal of The Capitol Hill Policy Group - Canal Lands Claims and Swamp Lands Claims Presentation (handout) (Conference Call) [moved to Open Session]

A discussion was held on the legal and political challenges to KBIC's claim and the strategies of pursuing this claim for land that was illegally acquired by the State. (3840 acres in 1842 and 1854)

He will do more review and present again with options.

**Fred Dakota left at 10:45 a.m.**

[Old Business]

- c) Personnel Policy KBIC Review Began at 6:10 Payroll Advances

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO REMOVE THE MENTAL HEALTH DAYS FROM THE PERSONNEL POLICY BOOK. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. FOUR IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Randall R. Haataja, Elizabeth D. Mayo), FOUR OPPOSED (Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), TIE VOTE. PRESIDENT SWARTZ VOTES IN OPPOSITION, MOTION DEFEATED.**

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE GIVING ALL EMPLOYEES THE MENTAL HEALTH DAYS IN ADDITION TO THOSE CURRENTLY LISTED IN THE POLICY. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. FOUR IN FAVOR (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), THREE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja), ONE ABSTAINING (Doreen G. Blaker), THREE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**President Swartz left 11:45 – 11:53 a.m.**

**Lunch: 12:00 - 1:12 p.m. (Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. left)**

**Rodney Loonsfoot left at 12:00 p.m.**

Personnel Policy KBIC Review - 7.2 Attendance

**Break: 1:37 – 1:44 p.m. (Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. returned)**

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. left at 2:15 p.m.**

Personnel Policy KBIC Review ended after 7.11 After Regular Business Hours Emergency On-Call Work Review

[Closed Session]

2. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney – Legal Opinion Letter Update regarding the Casino Referendum

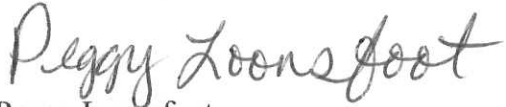
**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 2:25 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. SIX IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FIVE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:39 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. SIX IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FIVE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO ADJOURN AT 2:41 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. SIX IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FIVE ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Loonsfoot".

Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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