

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY- JANUARY 18, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: January 18, 2007
- B. Call to Order: President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer  
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa by Chris Swartz.
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFernier, President  
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President (left at 11:55 a.m.)  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Assistant Secretary (left at 2:45 p.m.)  
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
Doreen G. Blaker (arrived at 1:15 p.m.)  
Jerry Lee Curtis  
Larry J. Denomie III  
William E. Emery  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (left at 11:55 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.)  
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews  
Elizabeth D. Mayo
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: January 18, 2007
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| Additions: | New Business-   | 3. Susan LaFernier – Farm Service Agency County Committee Vacancy  |
|            | Old Business-   | 1. b) Chris Swartz – NCAI upcoming committee session in Washington D.C.<br>2. Elizabeth Mayo – Land Claims |
|            | Closed Session- | 6. Jennifer Misegan - Personnel  |

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. A copy of the VOIGT Intertribal Task Force meeting minutes from November 2, 2006. Chris Swartz will be attending the next meeting at LVD on February 1, 2007.
2. A copy of the Gaming Commission meeting minutes from December 19, 2006 and January 5, 2007.
3. An email from Summit Public Relations Strategies – DEQ disappoints with proposed mine approval.
4. DEQ Proposed Decision on Kennecott Mining Application Announced.
5. A copy of NCAI News – Vitter Amendment Defeated; Myers Withdraws.
6. MAST Impact Week 2007 on March 11 – 16 in Washington D.C. Reservations must be made by January 30, 2007.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. July 7, 2005

**MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE THE JULY 7, 2005 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. December 2, 2006

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2, 2006 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Jennifer Misegan), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. December 15, 2006

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2006 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, FOUR ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

4. December 28, 2006

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 28, 2006 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Jennifer Misegan), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

5. January 6, 2007

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 6, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Old Business:

1. Chris Swartz – a) ORV Ordinance – Chris spoke with Wendell Dompier about the concerns of our youth driving without helmets and he would like to have the committee (Village and Tribal representatives) meet again and come up with a plan to benefit the safety of our youth and review the ordinance. Chris also has concerns about the Dangerous Building Ordinance. He is willing to serve as the liaison. Fred Dakota and Larry Denomie were the past liaisons.

**LARRY J. DENOMIEE III MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHRIS SWARTZ AND DALE DAKOTA TO SERVE AS THE LIAISONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BARAGA. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR.**

Elizabeth Mayo said that they should ask Dale before they appoint him.

**LARRY DENOMIE AND GARY LOONSFOOT RESCINDED THEIR MOTION.**

**MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPOINT CHRIS SWARTZ TO SERVE AS THE LIAISON WITH THE VILLAGE OF BARAGA. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

b) NCAI has an upcoming executive winter session in Washington D.C. on February 26 – 28, 2007. Chris feels this is an opportunity for the Tribe to be heard on issues of concern on Capitol Hill and it is important to let our Legislators know what our issues are in Indian Country.

2. Elizabeth Mayo brought up the possibility of using Land Claims to build a Casino off the reservation. (See handouts). Susan LaFernier said that Mr. Baker has talked to the Council on this in Closed Session. The Council will be discussing the goals for this year later in the day.

J. New Business:

1. Geraldine Mantila – a) Copier Bids (3 bids given)

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE \$11,882.00 FOR A COPIER FROM U.P. OFFICE EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

Geraldine Mantila/Christoph Geiger/Diane Charron - b) Ceremonial Room-Funeral Forms (2). The Cultural Committee and Christoph worked on these forms with Susan Berutti from Jacobson Funeral Home.

Toni Minton left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE FORMS: “AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER POSSESSION OF REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT” AND “RECEIPT OF REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT FROM THE FUNERAL HOME.” SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), TWO ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

Toni Minton returned to the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

William Emery asked about the revisions that needed to be done with the plans on the Ojibwe Seniors building. Gerry said she thought \$135,000 needed to be reduced and the Cultural Committee has put in recommendations. They will be meeting with the Council, Ojibwa Seniors and those from the sewing club for recommendations. Susan asked the timeline when decisions needed to be made. Sarah Smith said by the end of September and she will also attend the next meeting at the Seniors. Elizabeth Mayo said to get input from all of the Seniors and to announce it in the Newsletter. Larry Denomie reminded them to stay within the scope of the grant itself.

Gerry Mantila invited the Council to the Cultural Committee’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Powwow on January 27<sup>th</sup> starting with breakfast at 10:30 a.m. and a special presentation to the Council at 11:30 a.m.

2. John Baker – KBOCC Children’s Indoor Play Center Business License Renewal for 50 spaces.

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE KBOCC CHILDREN’S INDOOR PLAY CENTER/CHILD CARE RENEWAL LICENSE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

Jennifer Misegan stated her opposition – she would like to see a copy of the last inspection from I.H.S. showing they are in compliance before a renewal is approved.

3. Susan LaFernier – Farm Service Agency County Committee Vacancy. A recommendation needs to be made by February 7<sup>th</sup>. Don Carlson was the representative for the Tribe, but has requested to step down. Evelyn Ravindren and Michael Duschene will be asked if either one may have an interest in filling the vacancy.

K. Closed Session:

1. Pauline Spruce – Interview 1:00 p.m. – Pre- Primary Education Director
2. Sarah Smith – KBOCC Space Lease Agreement / Amendment of Lease
3. John Baker
4. Larry Denomie III
5. Susan LaFernier
6. Jennifer Misegan - Personnel

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE ITEMS LISTED AT 10:33 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

Break: 10:34 – 10:53 a.m.

Lunch: 11:55 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Mike LaFernier left the meeting at 11:55 a.m. and returned at 2:45 p.m.

Chris Swartz left at 11:55 a.m.

Doreen Blaker arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Break: 1:55 – 2:10 p.m.

Gary Loonsfoot left at 2:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Matthews left the room at 4:30 p.m.

**MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 4:30 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO TRANSFER GINA LABEAU’S ANNUAL LEAVE OF 280 HOURS TO LAURA MAYO FOR MEDICAL REASONS. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF THE SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GARY HOVEY FOR THE INDOOR PLAYCENTER. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Jennifer Misegan), THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO OFFER THE PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION DIRECTOR POSITION TO LISA DENOMIE. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Larry J. Denomie III, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), MOTION CARRIED.**

Elizabeth Matthews returned to the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT’S SALARY AT \$21.00 AN HOUR AND THE CEO’S SALARY AT \$28.00 AN HOUR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2007. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE ABSTAINING (Larry J. Denomie III), TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 4:36 P.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton  
Recording Secretary