

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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**MAY 11 2022**

**KBC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

**SIGNATURE:** 

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112**  
**111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908**  
**WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 12, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: January 12, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (Arrived at 9:12 a.m.)  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (Via Zoom-left at 12:08 p.m.)  
Eddy Edwards  
Sue Ellen Elmlblad  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: January 12, 2022
- Additions: Closed Session: 3. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. – Personnel Issue  
4. Don Messer – President's Starting Wage
- New Business: 8. Elizabeth "Liz" Julio – a) Offering  
b) Facebook Inquiry  
c) Consideration regarding COVID

Move: FYI      11. U.S. Department of Interior Letter – Land Claims Issue to 1. Closed Session

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. A “Thank you” from Sally Klaasen
2. A “Thank you” from Lois Trujillo
3. A “Thank you” from Meghan Maki & Family
4. A “Thank you” from Barbara Swartz & Damien
5. A “Thank you” from Baraga County Chamber of Commerce
6. A “Thank you” from Judy Thomley
7. A “Thank you” from Tammy LeClaire
8. A “Thank you” from the Family of George T. Madosh
9. A “Thank you” from Essentia Health Foundation Safe Kids Program Fund
10. KBIC Tobacco Agent Quarterly Report (October 2021 – December 2021)

H. Department Head Reports/October 2021

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2021 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT - 1 (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:11 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Toni Minton arrived at 9:12 a.m.**

I. Closed Session:

1. Josh Clause/Josh Pitre/Skip Durocher – Land Claims Update/U.S Department of Interior Letter – Land Claims Issue
2. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney - Weekly Update

**Break: 10:28 a.m. – 10:43 a.m.**

3. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. – Personnel Issue (regarding COVID-19)

**Break: 11:10 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.**

4. Don Messer – President’s Starting Wage

**MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:24 A.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO SET THE PRESIDENT’S PAY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 08, 2022, AT \$50.00 AN HOUR. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), TWO OPPOSED (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 2 (Sue Ellen Elmlad, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Old Business:

1. Doreen Blaker, KBIC Housing Department Director – Revised Pet Policy: guidelines which all tenants must follow in order to have a pet while residing in Tribal Housing. “Hold Harmless and Waiver of Liability Agreement” and “Animal Registration Form and Addendum” Review

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE KBIC HOUSING DEPARTMENT REVISED PET POLICY AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Lunch Break: 12:08 p.m. – 1:08 p.m. -Eddy Edwards/Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. left**

**Rodney Loonsfoot/Randall R. Haataja returned at 1:09 p.m.**

2. Larry Denomie III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Dormakaba Change Order #1 – (44) Ojibwa Hotel Door Locks \$3,608.00

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE DORMAKABA CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE OJIBWA HOTEL DOOR LOCKS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), ABSENT – 2 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

Eddy Edwards returned at 1:12 p.m.

K. New Business:

1. Larry Denomie III, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager –

- a) IGT Sales Order #1341209 for Exchange of (2) Wide Area Progressive Slot Machines at the Marquette Casino

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE THE IGT SALES ORDER #1341209 FOR EXCHANGE OF (2) WIDE AREA PROGRESSIVE SLOT MACHINES AT THE MARQUETTE CASINO AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Ainsworth Rental Agreement to replace (4) Participation Slot Machines at the Baraga Casino

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE AINSWORTH RENTAL AGREEMENT TO REPLACE (4) PARTICIPATION SLOT MACHINES AT THE BARAGA CASINO AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

- c) Weekly Update: i-Gaming/COVID-19/ Financial Update/Other/Employee Reports

2. Randall Haataja, Treasurer – Donations-January 2022

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE A \$250.00 DONATION EACH FOR THE ANNUAL LOCK-IN PARTY AT THE L’ANSE, BARAGA AND MARQUETTE SCHOOLS. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer –

- a) Amendment to Consulting Agreement with Quadrant Consulting Group, LLC to extend until March 31, 2022 at \$6,000.00 per month

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH QUADRANT CONSULTING GROUP, LLC AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J.**

**Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 2 (Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Doreen G. Blaker out of the room: 1:21 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

b) Weekly Update (see written)

4. JLyn Jorgenson, Assistant Tribal Attorney/Assistant Tribal Prosecutor – Resolution KB-001-2022 Appointment of Randall R. Haataja to Mashkiki Board of Directors and Doreen G. Blaker as Registered Agent

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-001-2022 REASSIGNMENT OF MASHKIKI BOARD MEMBER REPLACING WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. WITH RANDALL R. HAATAJA AND NAMING DOREEN G. BLAKER AS THE REGISTERED AGENT. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 3 (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker), ABSENT - 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Dave Zasadnyj, I.T. Manager – CDW Government, LLC Services Proposal for Exchange Online Migration Pilot Project for up to 20 users \$24,440.00

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE CDW-G SERVICES AS DISCUSSED. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Kathy Mayo, Health Administrator –

- a) Rebecca Lloyd R.Ac. Acupuncturist Tier III Services Agreement January 1, 2022- December 31, 2022 to provide acupuncture and cup therapy services at KBIC Health Systems one day a week

**MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE TIER III SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REBECCA LLOYD AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Dale Schmeisser, R.D., Ph.D. Registered Dietician Services Agreement renewal January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022 for the Diabetes Program at the KBI Health Systems

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO APPROVE THE DALE SCHMEISSER REGISTERED DIETICIAN SERVICES AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO - Weekly Update: COVID-19/Department Updates/Other
8. Elizabeth “Liz” Julio – a) She is offering to teach Council the opening Ojibwa prayer and will bring copies b) She asked if we will be reviewing/revising the Comprehensive Strategic Plan, yes, it does need updating) Consideration-she asked if there is a possibility in receiving at home COVID testing kits

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT TO ADJOURN AT 2:01 P.M. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe  
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist