

MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 3, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.

A. Date: February 3, 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
Toni Minton, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Assistant Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer (left at 12:10 p.m.)
Larry Denomie III, CEO
Doreen G. Blaker
Jerry Lee Curtis
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo (arrived at 10:15 a.m. – left at 11:45 a.m.)

E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.

F. Approval of Agenda: February 3, 2007

Addition: Closed Session- 5. a) Don Stolp

Deletion: New Business- 1. a) Resolution KB1529-2007 House on Johnson Rd.

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

G. For your Information:

1. “Thank You” from the Gwinn High School Chorale for the \$5000 grant to purchase new dresses and tuxedos. (2%)
2. “Thank You” from Tom Cole for the contribution to his Leadership Political Action Committee Cole Pac whose mission is to help Republican candidates who support Tribal Sovereignty and share a commitment to economic freedom.
3. “Thank You” from Mary and Mike Beiring for the Christmas ham.
4. “Thank You” from Bay Cliff Health Camp for the \$500 donation.
5. A copy of Notification of approved enrollment applications.
6. A copy of the KBIC Gaming Commission meeting minutes from January 16, 2007.
7. Upcoming TERO training session with John Navarro on February 13, 2007.
8. A copy of the Donation Budget sheet.

H. President’s Report/January 2007 - available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

I. CEO’s Report/January 2007 – available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE CEO’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Larry J. Denomie III), ONE ABSENT (Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

J. Secretary’s Report /January 2007 – available for your review.

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

K. Treasurer's Report/January 2007 – available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

L. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/ Individuals:

1. Suz Jondreau/Dan Larson – Baraga Conservation District Presentation. They are applying for a Huron River Watershed Planning/Study grant from the DEQ because of the concern of stream bank erosion and sedimentation on the Huron River. They would like the Tribe to donate \$1000 for the use of the conference room and to help with meals for the volunteers that will be coming in from the colleges and the local areas. They are also asking for \$2000 toward education and training seminars. They would also like a Council member to be an advisory member on their committee. Dan Larson stated that the health of this river has to be in conjunction with the proposed mining, because the exploration has contributed to this concern.

Chris Swartz asked if this would be an avenue for KBIC's environmental concerns to be heard with the DEQ and EPA? Suz Jondreau said it is an outreach that they want to do. Chris said he wants to make sure the mining company is held accountable for destroying the reservation ecosystem. He does not believe that there is *any* sulfide mining process in existence today that does not harm the environment. Dan Larson said he believes that the Tribe partnering in conjunction with the DEQ and EPA will have "more bite" in this fight.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO PROVIDE A CASH MATCH FOR THE BARAGA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR THE HURON RIVER WATERSHED PLANNING GRANT FOR \$3000 AND REFER TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE TO SEE IF THERE IS POSSIBLE FUNDING AS WELL. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

2. Don Carlson – a) Senior Citizen's Request for \$150,000. The Seniors want the renovation of the Senior building as it was originally planned in addition to the Grant.

Larry Denomie handed out drawings of the original plans for this project and the revised plans. He reminded the Council that when the plan first came to the Council the cost to the Tribe was going to be \$69,000 in cash match and the remaining of the total \$125,000 match would be in-kind matching funds. The project is now coming in at \$500,000. Meetings have been held to bring the project back into budget, with input from the Cultural Committee, the sewing group and members of the Seniors.

Elizabeth Mayo arrived at 10:15 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO CONTINUE WITH THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZEN PROJECT AS AMENDED ON JANUARY 28, 2007, THAT WOULD BE THE SECOND PLAN.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL WE COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE AND LOOK AT THE BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO.

Gary Loonsfoot stated that the Health of our people should come first before a building; there are concerns with the Health Department budget. If we are going to give any money it should be given to the Health Department.

ELIZABETH D. MAYO WITHDREW HER SUPPORT TO TABLE THE REQUEST.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO CONTINUE WITH THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZEN PROJECT AS AMENDED ON JANUARY 28, 2007, THAT WOULD BE THE SECOND PLAN, FOR A BUDGETED ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST OF \$520,000. SUPPORTED BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), TWO OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

b) Trip Request – Don Carlson would like to attend the “Great Lakes Indigenous Farming Conference” on organic gardening in White Earth, Minnesota on February 8 – 11th, along with three other Seniors and is requesting \$1600.00. Chris Swartz pointed out that it is a cultural event and asked Don if he approached the Cultural Committee with his request. Don said he hadn’t. Jennifer Misegan said there is money budgeted for travel under the general fund. Jennifer also noted that the registration fee is included, so the amount would be \$1460.00.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE \$1460.00 TO ALLOW FOUR PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE 4TH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES INDIGENOUS FARMING CONFERENCE IN WHITE EARTH, MINNESOTA. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Doreen Blaker asked Don if he would share his information with the Youth Committee when he returns.

Chris Swartz would also like the information on renewable energy brought back to the Council.

M. New Business:

1. Larry Denomie III –a) Even Start Van purchase. 5 bids were submitted.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE BID FOR THE 2006 FREESTAR SEVEN PASSENGER WAGON FROM THOMAS FORD FOR THE EVEN START PROGRAM AT THE BID PRICE. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

N. Department Head Reports- December 2006

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2006. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

O. Closed Session:

1. Cherie Dakota/ Ruth Bussey – a) Budget Update
2. Michael Duschene – Gaming Commission Update
3. John Baker
4. Susan LaFerner
5. Larry Denomie – a) Don Stolp - Letter regarding Bid
b) Grant Specialist

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE ITEMS LISTED AT 10:40 A.M. 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, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 10:41 – 10: 55 a.m.

Elizabeth Mayo left at 11:45 a.m.

Jennifer Misegan left at 12:10 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:40 P.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

P. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO ADJOURN AT 12:41 P.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Jennifer Misegan, Elizabeth D. Mayo), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Recording Secretary