

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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RODNEY LOONSFOOT

MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY – JANUARY 8, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: 

- A. Date: January 8, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice President (arrived at 9:05 a.m.)
Kim Klopstein, Secretary
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards (arrived at 9:03 a.m.)
Dale F. Goodreau
Randall R. Haataja
Susan J. LaFernier
Rodney Loonsfoot
Don Messer
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.

Eddy Edwards arrived at 9:03 a.m.

- F. Approval of Agenda: January 8, 2022

MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

G. New Business:

1. Dianne Waara, Election Board Chair – Certification of the December 18, 2021 General Election Results

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Dianne Waara, Election Board Chair, read the results of the December 18, 2021 General Election: There were 427 actual voters. The percentage of the 732 registered voters that voted was 58%. The percentage of the 839 eligible voters that voted was 51%.

Baraga District: **Sue Ellen Elmlad – 233, Kim Klopstein (Inc.) – 195,**
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. (Inc.) – 191, Tyler A. Larson – 189

L'Anse District: **Elizabeth "Liz" Julio – 291, Susan J. LaFernier (Inc.) – 186,**
Dale Goodreau (Inc.) – 151, Christopher Loonsfoot – 158

Chief Judge: **William W. Jondreau (Inc.) - 307**

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO CERTIFY THE DECEMBER 18, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Doreen Blaker, Treasurer –

- a) Recognize Warren C. Swartz, Jr. (21 years) and Dale F. Goodreau (3 years)

Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer recognized and presented gifts to Warren C. (Chris) Swartz, Jr. for his 21 years of service which he served 13 years as the Tribal President. Also, to Dale F. Goodreau for his service for the past 3 years.

- b) Swearing in/Oath of Office –

- i. Tribal Court Chief Judge: William W. Jondreau, Sr.

Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer, congratulated William W. "Bill" Jondreau, Sr. and administered the Oath of Office.

- ii. Tribal Council Members: Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Kim Klopstein, and Susan J. LaFernier

Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer, congratulated Suzie, Liz, Kim and Susan and administered the Oath of Office.

Break: 9:18 a.m. – 9:26 a.m.

Vice President Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. called the meeting back to order at 9:26 a.m.

Rodney Loonsfoot requested a review of the expectancy of the President. This was denied by Vice President Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.

3. Reorganization:

a) President

Don Messer nominated Kim Klopstein.

Elizabeth “Liz” Julio nominated Doreen G. Blaker (she respectfully declined)

Sue Ellen Elmlad nominated Eddy Edwards.

Nominations were Closed.

Rodney Loonsfoot requested a roll call vote. This was denied as they will do the customary ballot votes. He also requested verification of the ballots as the Recording Secretary collected them. Former President Chris Swartz verified the ballots collected.

Ballot Vote Results: Kim Klopstein 8
Eddy Edwards 4

Kim Klopstein is President

b) Vice President

Rodney Loonsfoot nominated Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.

Toni J. Minton nominated Susan J. LaFernier.

Nominations were Closed.

Ballot Vote Results: Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. 5
Susan J. LaFernier 7

Rodney Loonsfoot disagreed with the ballot votes. President Klopstein noted his objection.

Susan J. LaFernier is Vice President

c) Secretary

Doreen G. Blaker nominated Toni J. Minton.

Hearing no other nominations, President Klopstein closed the nominations.

Toni J. Minton is Secretary

d) Assistant Secretary

Doreen G. Blaker nominated Don Messer.

Hearing no other nominations, President Klopstein closed the nominations.

Don Messer is Assistant Secretary.

e) Treasurer

Toni J. Minton nominated Doreen G. Blaker (she respectfully declined)

Doreen G. Blaker nominated Randall R. Haataja.

Randall R. Haataja is Treasurer

4. Depository of Funds – Superior National Bank and Flagstar Bank

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK AND FLAGSTAR BANK AS OUR DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS. CO-SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA AND GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Susan J. LaFernier), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Check Signers: Tribal Council/Tribal Court/Office of Child Support

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE CHECK SIGNERS AS THE SAME FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AS CHECK SIGNERS FOR EVERY ACCOUNT WITH TWO SIGNATURES BEING REQUIRED. THIS INCLUDES ALL ACH ACCOUNTS, THE TRIBAL COURT (AND CHIEF JUDGE, ASSOCIATE JUDGE, CHIEF COURT CLERK), THE OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT (AND CHIEF JUDGE, ASSOCIATE JUDGE, CHILD SUPPORT DIRECTOR, CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST, AND CHIEF COURT CLERK), AND THE KBIC OJIBWA HOLDING COMPANY (THE KBIC HOUSING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR). SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. 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 Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

H. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 9:36 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. 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 Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist

Following today's meeting there will be a presentation to provide financial/updates on the Cannabis Operations with Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. and Mark Abraham