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SEP 14 2022

MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112
111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908
WEDNESDAY – JUNE 8, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
SIGNATURE: RL

- A. Date: June 8, 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 (left at 11:50 a.m.)
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (arrived at 9:06 a.m.)
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer (arrived at 9:06 a.m.)
Doreen G. Blaker
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards (arrived at 9:23 a.m.)
Sue Ellen Elmlad
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (left 11:40 a.m.-1:19 p.m.)
- Absent: Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: June 8, 2022
- Additions: New Business: 8. c. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager – Pines Organizational Chart
- Closed Session: 4. Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – Physician Recruitment Update

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 4 (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Rebuilding Our Relationships with Fish by Understanding Patterns in Mixture Toxicity Flyer with Emily Shaw and Noel Urban – Lakeside Inn – June 9, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch provided
2. L'Anse Area Schools Foundation Fish Boil Fundraiser June 11, 2022. The event had to cancelled.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. February 9, 2022

Randall R. Haataja arrived at 9:06 a.m./Toni J. Minton arrived at 9:06 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 9, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

2. February 16, 2022

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

3. February 24, 2022

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 24, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

I. Recognize Delegation/Individuals:

1. **Joe Boogren, 109th District State Representative Candidate** - Mr. Boogren introduced himself as he is running for the 109th District State Representative for our area.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:15 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, 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 – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

J. Closed Session:

1. Francis "Hosh" LaPointe, Sr., CFO – Quarterly Financial Update

Eddy Edwards arrived at 9:23 a.m.

Break: 10:25 a.m. – 10:46 a.m.

2. Kim Klopstein, President – Business Director Applications Review
3. Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO – Physician Recruitment Update

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. left at 11:40 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:50 A.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE 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 Elmlblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Lunch Break: 11:50 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. –Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot absent

K. Old Business:

1. **3rd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-05 – Title 3 – Criminal Offenses and Penalties – Amendments to the Criminal Code**

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2022-05 - TITLE 3 CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES – AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL CODE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 5

(Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. returned from lunch at 1:08 p.m.

L. New Business:

1. Doreen G. Blaker, Housing Director – (2) Bids: Demolition and removal of building, basement and foundation services for 16028 Mission Road in Baraga

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE KCO FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES FOR \$24,635.00 AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON AND SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Doreen G. Blaker), ABSENT – 4 (Susan J. LaFerner, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Eddy Edwards returned from lunch at 1:12 p.m.

2. Sue Ellen Elmlad, ENP Director – Two-year grant position for a Part-Time, Non-Exempt Elder Nutrition Program Support Specialist

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE TO ADD THE ELDER NUTRITION PROGRAM SUPPORT SPECIALIST TO THE ENP PROGRAM AND IT IS A TEMPORARY POSITION FOR TWO YEARS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFerner, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

3. Arlan Friisvall, DPW Director – (2) Bids for two DPW 1-Ton Chevy Trucks with Plows for \$100,126.00 from Keweenaw Chevy

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. returned from lunch at 1:19 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM KEWEENAW CHEVY FOR THE DPW TRUCKS WITH PLOWS FOR \$100,126.00 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

4. Kim Klopstein, President – Resolution KB-035-2022 SNB Corporate Resolution of Board of Directors Authority

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-035-2022 SNB CORPORATE RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORITY AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

5. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager –
 - a. Gundlach Champion, Inc. First Amendment of Design-Build Agreement for the Baraga Hotel and Pressbox Renovations for \$3,882,274.40 (Guaranteed Maximum Price)

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE GUNDLACH FIRST AMENDMENT OF DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Weekly Update: Covid, I-gaming, Financial Report, Renovations Update, Marquette Craft Show and Employee Report
- c. Pines Organizational Chart – Addition of a Hot Stuff Cook

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE PINES ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

6. Lisa Denomie, Terri Denomie and Heather Wood-Paquet – Indigenous ECD Community-based Inquiry Project to Strengthen Research to Practice Partnerships-Wiikwedong ECD Collaborative Letter of Support. The purpose is to address key areas of practice that have been identified by project partners and scholars as critical candidates for improvement within the field of Native early childhood care and education-in particular, home and family visitations

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. left the room: 1:39 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN FOR THE COUNCIL AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards,

Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFerner, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

7. Kathy Mayo, Health Administrator - Greenway Health, LLC - Amendment to the Master Agreement – Monthly Total \$1,026.42

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE GREENWAY HEALTH AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFerner, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

8. Jason Ayres, Real Estate/Transportation Officer –

- a. Resolution KB-030-2022 Modification of the legal description correction – Barbie B. Bykkonen Residential Lease

MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-030-2022 LEGAL DESCRIPTION CORRECTION – BARBIE B. BYKKONEN RESIDENTIAL LEASE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFerner, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. returned at 1:43 p.m.

- b. Resolution KB-036-2022 Brian T. Haataja Recreational Lease

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-036-2022 BRIAN T. HAATAJA RECREATIONAL LEASE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFerner, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. left the room: 1:44 p.m.

- c. Resolution KB-037-2022 James E. Lahti Recreational Lease

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-037-2022 JAMES E. LAHTI RECREATIONAL LEASE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad,

Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

- d. Resolution KB-039-2022 P.L. 93-638 Indian Self-Determination – Road Maintenance Program funds for FY2022 from the BIA \$21,588.00

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-039-2022 P.L. 93-638 INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION – ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. EIGHT 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), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. returned at: 1:55 p.m.

9. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO –

- a. Personnel Policies:
 - i. 3.7 Dress Code and Personal Appearance - Guidelines, Casual Fridays, Policy Enforcement - Consensus of the Council was to review and return at a later date
 - ii. 7.10 Alternative Work Schedule -- Options, Eligibility, Requirements, Procedure

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE 7.10 ALTERNATIVE WORK SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE 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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Weekly Update: Covid and Department Updates

10. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update: Verbal Report

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 2:15 P.M. CO-SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON AND DON MESSER. NINE 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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 2:15 p.m. – 2:27 p.m.

M. Closed Session:

4. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – Weekly Update

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 4:01 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE 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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO INTERVIEW ALL FIVE TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO APPLIED FOR THE BUSINESS DIRECTOR. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. FIVE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 3 (Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards,), ABSTAINING – 1 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO HIRE GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. AS THE BUSINESS DIRECTOR.

HE WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

N. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO ADJOURN AT 4:03 P.M. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. NINE 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.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist