

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY – JANUARY 6, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: January 6, 2007
- B. Call to Order: President LaFERNIER called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung.
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFERNIER, President
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary
Doreen G. Blaker, Assistant Secretary
Toni J. Minton, Treasurer
Fred Dakota
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Shawanung
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFERNIER declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: January 6, 2007

Addition: Closed Session- 3. Ruth Bussey and Cherie Dakota - Contract

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

G. For your Information:

1. "Thank You" from the Family of Jean Miller for your kind expression of sympathy.
2. "Thank You" from Loretta Hugo for the Christmas gift card.
3. "Thank You" from Dave & Kristy Vlahos & Family for the sympathy card and plant.
4. "Thank You" from Lana & Dan Robillard for the Christmas party.
5. "Thank You" from Mardi Dakota for the Christmas check, gift card, plowing the driveway and for the Senior pension money and the Senior gift of money.
6. "Thank You" from the Board of County Road Commissioners of Marquette County. (2%)
7. "Thank You" from Marquette County Health Department Dental Clinic for your support.
8. "Thank You" from Frank Pallone Jr., Member of Congress, for your support.
9. A copy of Notification of approved enrollment applications.
10. An invitation to the Gubernatorial Inauguration 2007 for Governor Granholm in Marquette on January 20th at 6:00 p.m.
11. M.A.S.T. Impact week 2007 to be held on March 11-16, 2007 in Washington D.C.
12. A memorandum from GLIFWC on Proposed US Coast Guard Live Fire Training Zones.
13. A copy of the Tribal Council Donation Budget.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. November 17, 2006

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2006 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

I. President/CEO's Report/December 2006 – available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT/CEO'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

J. Secretary's Report /December 2006 – available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE SECRETARY'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

K. Treasurer's Report/December 2006 - available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

L. Department Head Reports- November 2006

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2006. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

M. New Business:

1. Kim Klopstein- Validation of the 2006 Election results. The total percentage of voters on Election Day was 79%.

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE RESULTS OF THE 2006 ELECTION. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

- a) Recognize Fred Dakota and Joe Dowd (Shawanung). Susan LaFernier presented Fred and Shawanung with Pendleton jackets and thanked them for their years of service to the Tribe.
- b) Swearing in of Tribal Chief Judge – Bradley Dakota. Susan LaFernier congratulated Brad and read the oath of office.
- c) Swearing in of Tribal Council Members. Larry Denomie administered the oath of office to the following:
 1. Jerry Lee Curtis
 2. Susan J. LaFernier
 3. Jennifer Misegan
 4. Warren C. Swartz, Jr.

d) Reorganization:

1. President

WILLIAM E. EMERY NOMINATED SUSAN J. LAFERNIER FOR PRESIDENT. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Vice – President

LARRY DENOMIE III NOMINATED WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Secretary

GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NOMINATED TONI J. MINTON FOR SECRETARY. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Assistant Secretary

JENNIFER MISEGAN NOMINATED GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Treasurer

TONI J. MINTON NOMINATED JENNIFER MISEGAN FOR TREASURER. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. SUPPORTED BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

e) CEO Position:

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO POST THE CEO POSITION. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO TABLE THE POSTING OF THE CEO POSITION UNTIL FURTHER DISCUSSION. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), FOUR OPPOSED (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPOINT LARRY J. DENOMIE III AS CEO. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), FOUR OPPOSED (Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Doreen Blaker stated her opposition – “I don’t feel that he’s not qualified, I feel that the position should be posted because it is a job.”

Larry Denomie said that he was honored that there are individuals who feel he can do this position and stated that he will work wholeheartedly and give one hundred percent to make this organization the best that it can be and accepted the position.

f) Depository of Funds:

1. Superior National Bank
2. National City
3. Commercial National Bank
4. Wells Fargo
5. Republic Bank

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK, NATIONAL CITY, COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK, WELLS FARGO AND REPUBLIC BANK AS OUR DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

g) Check Signers:

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO HAVE ONE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER AND A COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE SIGN ALL CHECKS, PER POLICY AND THE CEO WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A CHECK SIGNER. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Michael LaFernier, Sr. – Request for new B.I.A. Roads Snowplow Equipment for T.C.C.
Three bids were reviewed.

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE THE BID THAT MIKE LAFERNIER PRESENTED FROM THOMAS FORD FOR \$25,448.00 FOR 2007 FORD F350 SNOWPLOWING TRUCK. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Jennifer Misegan – a) Prescription Drug Cost. Jennifer would like to have a task force created to investigate and compile a report and have a recommendation for the Council regarding the high cost of prescription drugs and whether or not a pharmacy is feasible.

Elizabeth Mayo stated that there is a Pharmacy Task Force in existence. This had been reviewed when David Campbell was the Health Director. Ruth Bussey now has the information.

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO CONTINUE WITH THE TASK FORCE THAT WE HAVE NOW AND TO HAVE A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION WITHIN 90 DAYS. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

b) Code of Ethics for Tribal Council Members. Jennifer handed out examples for the Council to review at another meeting.

N. Closed Session:

1. Susan J. LaFernier
2. John Baker
3. Ruth Bussey & Cherie Dakota - Contract

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE ITEMS LISTED AT 10:00 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 10:01 – 10:17 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:35 A.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE \$22,462.00 ADDITIONAL TO THE CHS FUND FOR ONE ADDITIONAL DAY FOR DR. FRANKOVICH FROM TRIBAL SUPPORT. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO ISSUE EMERGENCY FUNDING TO THE FAMILY OF ALEX HAATAJA, UP TO \$1000.00, INCLUDING ANY EMERGENCY FUNDING THAT IS AVAILABLE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. ALL 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. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

O. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 11:40 A.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. ALL 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, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Recording Secretary