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MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL
FRIDAY – MAY 15, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: 

- A. Date: May 15, 2020
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice President
Kim Klopstein, Secretary (Left 9:41 – 10:02 a.m.)
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary (Zoom Call)
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer (Left 10:39 – 11:17 a.m.)
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards
Dale F. Goodreau
Randall R. Haataja (Zoom Call)
Susan J. LaFernier
Don Messer
- Absent: Rodney Loonsfoot

Larry Denomie, III, GM/Sarah Smith, CEO/Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney/Paul Mooney, Assistant Tribal Attorney – Zoom Call

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

F. Approval of Agenda: May 15, 2020

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY KIM KLOPSTEIN. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:17 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DALE F. GOODREAU. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

G. Closed Session:

1. Tom Chosa, Fire & Emergency Management – “Incident Objectives” regarding the Tribe’s direction for Covid-19 and what will be worked on. There will be an update next week.
2. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney – Dorsey & Whitney Law Firm Annual Updates – Skip Durocher/Mary Streitz/James Nichols

Kim Klopstein left at 9:41 a.m.-10:02 a.m.

Doreen G. Blaker left at 10:39 a.m.-11:17 a.m.

Break: 11:02 a.m. – 11:17 a.m.

3. Paul Mooney, Assistant Tribal Attorney – Cannabis Joint Venture (Partnership Agreement) Discussion

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:31 A.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

H. Old Business:

1. Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President – Tribal Support Programs

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO FUND THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, PAYROLL, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, SENIORS HEATING ASSISTANCE, NRD, FOSTER CARE, TRIBAL POLICE, AND OTHER FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS (JUNE AND JULY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,000,000.00. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO CREATE A PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM FOR THE CASINO IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND THE SHUTDOWN OF THE CASINO BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$3.75 MILLION

CONTINGENT ON THEIR MEETING ELIGIBLE EXPENSES AND PROVING IT. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO DIRECT DANIELLE WEBB TO DEVELOP THE GUIDELINES USING OUR BASIC GENERAL WELFARE POLICY ALREADY IN EXISTENCE TO OFFER DISBURSEMENT TO QUALIFIED TRIBAL MEMBERS UNDER THE SAME GUIDELINES AS OUR GENERAL WELFARE PROGRAM TO RECEIVE \$1,000.00. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER.

MOTION BY TONI J. MINTON TO TABLE THE MOTION UNTIL WE GET MORE INFORMATION FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE REGARDING THE SERVICE AREA NUMBER TO INCLUDE IN THE PAYMENT. SUPPORTED BY KIM KLOPSTEIN. FIVE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier), OPPOSED – 5 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Don Messer), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), VOTE WAS TIED. President Swartz voted against tabling the motion and would like to move forward. MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO DIRECT DANIELLE WEBB TO DEVELOP THE GUIDELINES USING OUR BASIC GENERAL WELFARE POLICY ALREADY IN EXISTENCE TO OFFER DISBURSEMENT TO QUALIFIED TRIBAL MEMBERS UNDER THE SAME GUIDELINES AS OUR GENERAL WELFARE PROGRAM TO RECEIVE \$1,000.00 AS OF MARCH 20, 2020. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

I. New Business:

1. Eddy Edwards – Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) Farming Grant Opportunity.
There are two grants available, one is due today for \$75,000.00 which includes \$50,000.00 of equipment for a KBIC shared-use kitchen facility to be administered by the Natural Resources Department.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO DIRECT STAFF, JEAN JOKINEN AND SARAH SMITH, TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER/ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

There is also a \$150,000.00 grant from NAAF to expand food resources/systems that can be applied for by June 15th. CONSENSUS to form the group to present a plan (Eddy, Gary, Jean J., Evelyn R., and KBOCC)

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE CANNABIS JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN KBIC AND MARK ABRAHAM AND FROSTBITE MANAGEMENT INC. WITH THE TERM SHEET AS PRESENTED TODAY. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR MASHKIKI - A NON-PROFIT TRIBAL CORPORATION. CO-SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR/DON MESSER. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO CREATE A NEW BANK ACCOUNT FOR MASHKIKI. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TONI WITHDREW THE MOTION.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO AUTHORIZE THE ELDER TRUST FUND BOARD TO CREATE THEIR OWN SPECIAL CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR THE CANNABIS ADVENTURE. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Doreen G. Blaker), ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO AUTHORIZE THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS FOR THE CRYSTAL FALLS CANNABIS DISPENSARY. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

J. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO ADJOURN AT 12:40 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN 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, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Roe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Robin Roe
CEO Administrative Specialist