

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

## 2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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**OCT 19 2022**

KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112**  
**111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908**  
**WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 10, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: August 10, 2022
- B. Call to Order: Vice President Susan J. LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President (voice issues)  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer, (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Eddy Edwards  
Sue Ellen Elmblad  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
- Absent: Rodney Loonsfoot
- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: August 10, 2022

Additions: Old Business: 1. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. – Clarification on Boarding School Travel

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, 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 (Randall R. Haataja, Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

**Randall R. Haataja arrived at 9:07 a.m.**

1. April 13, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

2. April 19, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE APRIL 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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 – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

3. April 20, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE APRIL 20, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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 – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

4. April 22, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 22, 2022 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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 – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Old Business:

1. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. – Clarification on Boarding School Travel to Pellston, MI for the Department of Interior’s “Road to Healing Tour” on August 13, 2022. This session is to give survivors of the Federal Indian Boarding Schools an opportunity to share their experiences. A sign-up sheet will be available with Rodney Loonsfoot.

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO AMEND THE PRIOR MOTION AND TO ADD AN HONORARIUM OF \$250.00 FOR ANY KBIC TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING WITHIN 100 MILES AND \$500.00 FOR ANY KBIC TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING MORE THAN 101 MILES: BASED ON THEIR CURRENT HOME ADDRESS, TO GIVE THEIR TESTIMONIES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR’S ROAD TO HEALING TOUR IN PELLSTON, MI. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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 – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Recognize Delegation/Individuals:

1. Aubrey Moore, Upper Peninsula Regional Director for U.S. Senator Gary C. Peters – Aubrey wanted to introduce herself to the Tribal Council since she was in the area meeting with the L’Anse/Baraga Village Managers today. She has been kept up-to-date with the discussions Eddy and Rodney had with Senator Peters while they were in Washington D.C. about the land claims.

J. New Business:

1. Justin Woodruff, Water Resources Specialist:
  - a. Resolution KB-048-2022 – 401 Certification Waiver Request for the Baraga County Road Commission – Westland Drive, Culvert Replacement Project, Corps File #LRE-2019-00085-207-N22. KBIC’s Treatment as a State status for Water Quality permits KBIC to administer a water quality standards program

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-048-2022 - 401 CERTIFICATION REQUEST FOR BARAGA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION – WESTLAND DRIVE, CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 1 (Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

Elizabeth “Liz” Julio stated her opposition: “I am against waiving our water quality standards.”

- b. Resolution KB-049-2022 – 401 Certification Waiver Request for the Baraga County Road Commission – Dynamite Hill Road, Culvert Replacement Project, Corps File #LRE-2022-00190-207

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-049-2022 - 401 CERTIFICATION REQUEST FOR BARAGA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION – DYNAMITE HILL ROAD, CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 1 (Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**  
Elizabeth “Liz” Julio stated her opposition: “same reason she opposed the other Resolution.”

2. David Seppanen, Hatchery Foreman - Tier II Services Agreement – SJ Electro Systems, LLC-to provide an updated SCADA computer service(s) for the Natural Resources Department from Altronex Control Systems for \$21,898.00

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE TIER II SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SJ ELECTRO SYSTEMS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Jane Kahkonen, Air Quality Specialist – Tier II Services Agreement – Aubrey Arain – to provide research and data services on pollution impacting our Community for the Natural Resources Department for \$14,354.00 to be completed by March 31, 2023

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE TIER II-B SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AUBREY ARAIN AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo, Interim Health Administrator – Tier II Services Agreement Northern Heating & Plumbing – to provide a boiler and water heater upgrade and replacement at the L’Anse Clinic for \$19,685.00.

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN HEATING & PLUMBING FOR THE L’ANSE CLINIC REPLACING THE BOILER AND WATER HEATER AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmland, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Ashley Ball, Prosecutor Attorney – Addendum to the Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement between KBIC and ITC for the Implementation of the Mental Health and Delivery System for Native Americans – ITC is adding an additional \$34,430.00 to the original agreement amount of \$45,000.00 making the total for the contract period \$79,430.00. October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE MEMORANUM OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KBIC AND ITC ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$34,430.00 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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 – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager –
  - a. Proposed KBIC Enterprise Organizational Chart – Deleted Asemaa Wholesale & Distribution Company because they fall under the Asemaa Board. The Food and Beverage Director has resigned, he requested a Director for each Casino, have separate food managers at each location and have one Executive Chef at the Marquette Casino.

**MOTION MADE BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD TO APPROVE THE KBIC ENTERPRISE PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Randall R. Haataja), ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Weekly Update: COVID-19, C-Store Business Director began work, Slots, IGaming, Casino Renovations/Parking Lot Renovations, Employee Reports/Other
7. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update: Verbal Report
8. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update: COVID-19, Employee Reports, Department Updates, Applied for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund through the Department of Treasury as a general revenue enhancement program for two years.

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:17 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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 – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot)  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**Break: 10:17 a.m. – 10:31 a.m.**

K. Closed Session:

1. Kim Klopstein, President/Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President – Investigation Update (Dorsey Review)

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:39 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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 – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 11:40 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, 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 – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe  
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist

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- E. Declaration of Quorum:
- F. Approval of Agenda: August 10, 2022
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