MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
WORK SESSION
NIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112
111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908
TUESDAY – MAY 31, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

A. Date: May 31, 2022

B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth “Liz” Julio

D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary (arrived at 1:16 p.m.)
Doreen G. Blaker (arrived at 9:40 a.m.)
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards
Elizabeth “Liz” Julio

Absent: Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
Sue Ellen Elmblad
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
Rodney Loonsfoot

E. Declaration of Quorum: NO QUORUM was present per President Klopstein

Doreen G. Blaker arrived at 9:40 a.m.–Quorum Present

F. Approval of Agenda: May 31, 2022
MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 5 (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

G. Work Session:

1. Comprehensive Strategic Plan – Rescheduled for discussion with full Council and after there are more Community responses to the survey regarding the Values (three more weeks).

RECESS: 9:46 a.m. – 1:09 p.m. - Don Messer arrived at 1:16 p.m.

2. Lori Sherman, KBOCC President, Kit Laux, Karen Anderson, Ryan Perrigo, Amanda Nordstrom, Denise Cadeau present – Budget/_MOA Review

The current MOA ends on September 30, 2022. She requested the payments due the College from the Government from 2020-2021. These ceased because of the COVID epidemic. She also requested to return to her classroom space at the Niwin Akeaa Center by the middle of August for the Nursing curriculum. The Council will need to find a new place for their meetings and as of now the Bingo Hall is not available until December or January and the Conference Rooms at the Casino are being used also. Council asked for KBOCC’s end of year audit, financial statements, quarterly reports and proposed budgets. Council also requested more training for KBIC Employees per the MOU. President Klopstein and Lori will meet and update the MOU for approval.

H. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 1:54 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 4 (Randall R. Haataja, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Roe
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist