MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112
111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908
WEDNESDAY – MAY 4, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

A. Date:           May 4, 2022

B. Call to Order:  President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 (arrived at 9:10 a.m. - left at 12:02 p.m.)
                   Don Messer, Assistant Secretary (left at 2:31 p.m.)
                   Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
                   Doreen G. Blaker
                   Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
                   Eddy Edwards (arrived at 9:13 a.m.)
                   Sue Ellen Elmblad
                   Elizabeth “Liz” Julio
                   Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
                   Rodney Loonsfoot

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

F. Approval of Agenda: May 4, 2022


LAKE SUPERIOR BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
"Home of the Midnight Two-Step Championship"
MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:
   1. Thank You from Larry Denomie, III for the Retirement Gift
   2. “Remembering Our Children” Powwow Flyer-Boyzie Memorial Field-June 18, 2022

Toni J. Minton arrived at 9:10 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:10 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, 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., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Eddy Edwards) MOTION CARRIED.

H. Closed Session:
   1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney –
      a. Dorsey & Whitney Annual Update with Skip Durocher and Mary Streitz
         9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Eddy Edwards arrived at 9:13 a.m.
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. left at 10:15-10:31 a.m.

Break: 10:21 a.m. – 10:31 a.m.

Doreen G. Blaker left at 11:03-11:26 a.m.
Kim Klopstein left at 11:38 a.m.

Lunch Break: 12:02 p.m. – 1:47 p.m. – Toni J. Minton left/Kim Klopstein returned
   b. Weekly Update
   2. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager/Ed Janisse, Eagle Radio General Manager – Employment Agreement with Thomas Mogush, Manager WMQT/WZAM Radio Stations for two years June 1, 2022-May 31, 2024
4. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO/Arlan Friisvall, Public Works Director –
   a. Job Descriptions Review – Director of Engineering & Project Management
      and Assistant Public Works Director

Don Messer left at 2:31 p.m.

Break: 2:54 p.m. – 3:03 p.m.

   b. Wage Analysis Update
   c. Tribal Police Organizational Chart-to remove the Police Commissioner
      position and add a Police Captain

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 4:09 P.M.
SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier,
Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen
Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0,
ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL POLICE
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AS PRESENTED BY THE CEO, CO-SUPPORTED BY
ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. AND RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J.
LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards,
Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot),
OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE THE THOMAS
MOGUSH EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY EDDY
EDWARDS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, 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 – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT –
2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

   1. June 3, 2020

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE JUNE 3, 2020
MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN
FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis,
Jr., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0,
ABSTAINING – 2 (Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio), ABSENT – 2 (Toni J.
Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.
2. June 10, 2020

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE JUNE 3, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 3 (Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

J. Old Business:

1. Doreen G. Blaker, Housing Director – Proposed Amendment to Tier 1 Contracts and Service Agreements, up to $5,000.00 and Tier II Contracts and Service Agreements up to $9,999.00 can be processed through the CEO Office.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TIER 1 AND TIER II CONTRACTS AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFoot. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier), ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

K. New Business:

1. Debbie Picciano, TERO Director – Adjudication Panel Appointments. These participants completed the Adjudication Training in April 2018

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE CHARLES MILLER, DEBBIE PICCIANO, NANCY PAWLOWSKI, JOEL MAYO, MEGHAN MAKI AND WANDA SEPPANEK TO THE ADJUDICATION PANEL AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFoot, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

2. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – May Donations

   a. Baraga American Legion Post 444 – Flags, Markers, Wreaths, Etc. $500.00
   b. Baraga County Lumberjack Days 2022 Celebration – Donation for $10,000.00

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFoot, JR. TO APPROVE $10,000.00 TO THE BARAGA LUMBERJACK DAYS COMMITTEE AND $500.00 TO THE BARAGA AMERICAN LEGION POST 444 FOR FLAGS, MARKERS, WREATHS, ETC. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFoot. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen
Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.


4. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager (Absent) (Jennifer Misegan, Assistant CEO presented) – KBIC Solid Waste – Spring Cleanup Dates and quotes for one or two-week costs to be held in May

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO APPROVE $22,000.00 (TWO WEEK COST) FOR THE CURB SIDE PICKUP FOR THE SPRING CLEAN UP AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 4:27 P.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

L. Closed Session:

1. Rodney Loonsfoot/Don Chosa/Tom Magnant – Special Walleye Season Discussion

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 4:51 P.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.

M. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO ADJOURN AT 4:52 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “LIZ” JULIO. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer) MOTION CARRIED.
Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roe
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist