MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY – DECEMBER 1, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.

A. Date: December 1, 2007

B. Call to Order: President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer and prayers for the family of Gerald Connors

D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFernier, President
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President (arrived at 9:28 a.m.)
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Assistant Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO
Doreen G. Blaker
Jerry Lee Curtis
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo

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

F. Approval of Agenda: December 1, 2007

Deletion: Closed Session

G. For Your Information:

1. A “Thank you” from Big Brothers/Big Sisters High Five Program
2. A “Thank you” from Michael Denomie
3. A “Thank you” from Dial Help, Inc.
4. A “Thank you” from WLUC-TV6 for the renewal of the ImagePlus Program
5. A copy of Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes from 11/06/07 and 11/13/07

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. October 11, 2007


I. President’s Report/November 2007 - available for your review


J. CEO’s Report/November 2007 - available for your review [Also available on ojibwa.com]

Sarah Smith – November 2007 Report


Chris Swartz arrived at 9:28 a.m.
K. Secretary’s Report/November 2007 - available for your review

Debbie Parrish asked about the cost for the Immersion Service Agreements with the two Immersion Instructors. Toni Minton replied that it was $30,000.00 for a year.

Debbie asked why Carrie Ashbrook’s application was denied to run for Council. Susan LaFernier replied that a Marquette Representative is not addressed in the Constitution.


L. Treasurer’s Report/November 2007 - available for your review

Mike LaFernier stated that the total donations for the year should be mailed to the members and published in the paper. Jennifer Misegan replied that she will do this for the Fiscal Year.

Debbie Parrish asked how much the Council stipends are? Jennifer replied that they are $250 per meeting and that if you are an employee of KBIC your wages are deducted so there isn’t any double dipping.

Debbie asked how many programs receive Tribal support. Jennifer stated that she reviewed the Council’s budget and almost all of the programs receive Tribal support. Two programs have over-spent their budget, New Day and the College.

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT. 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, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

M. Department Head Reports- October 2007

N. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:


Jim discussed the ANA Language project he has been working on. The CD and maps in the Ojibwe Language that he completed took 3 ½ years from start to finish. KB received two maps and Council/Others received copies of the atlas and CD.

O. New Business:


2. Susan LaFernier, President - Keweenaw Trail Resolution KB-1595-2007 to preserve abandoned railroad grade corridors as public trails and supports the Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in their efforts.


3. Larry Denomie, CEO – 3 bids were received for the plow truck for Maintenance

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE THE LOWEST BID FROM THOMAS FORD MOTORS FOR THE MAINTENANCE PLOW TRUCK. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.
P. Adjournment:


Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton  
Recording Secretary