MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112
111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908
THURSDAY – MARCH 24, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

A. Date: March 24, 2022

B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Liz Julio

D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
Doreen G. Blaker
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards (Via Zoom)
Suzie Elmblad
Liz Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. (Arrived 9:18 a.m.)
Rodney Loonsfoot

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. was out of the room during the roll call—returned at 9:18 a.m.

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

F. Approval of Agenda: March 24, 2022


LAKE SUPERIOR BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
"Home of the Midnight Two-Step Championship"
MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmbled, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Marquette Area Schools Title VI Program 2% Funds
2. Thank You from Amanda Bloxton-Lippola for the Pandemic Economic Relief Funds who had to leave the Reservation

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. April 7, 2020

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 7, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Suzie Elmbled, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. April 14, 2020

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE APRIL 14, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Suzie Elmbled, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

I. Old Business:

1. 3rd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2022-01 – Title 10 Hunting and Trapping Amendment

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO RESCHEDULE THE 3RD READING OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2022-01 – TITLE 10 HUNTING AND TRAPPING AMENDMENT TO NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022, SO THAT AMENDMENTS MAY BE ADDED AND CONSIDERED. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmbled, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Eddy Edwards – Resolution KB-025-2022 - Negotiation of a Cooperative Management Agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Interior – Re: Huron Islands which are at risk as a result of continued vandalism and deferred maintenance.

J. New Business:


2. Joseph Schutte, Operations & Compliance Specialist – Tier II Services Agreement with Western Upper Peninsula Regional Development Commission for $15,405.00 to compile a list of existing Community individuals and organizations into a feasibility study pertaining to the proposal to MEDC for a KBIC Shared Kitchen Facility

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND KBIC AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUZIE ELMLBLAD. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Evelyn Ravindran, NRD Director – Proposed Department Organizational Chart (elimination and addition of positions)

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON.  ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Justin Woodruff, NRD Water Resources Specialist –
   
a. (2) Bids for the State of the Reservation Waters Report
MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM WHITETRACE ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR $35,000.00 AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON AND LIZ JULIO. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

b. FYI Memo - KBIC Draft Water Quality Standards Update- On March 18, 2022, a current draft of the Water Quality Standards was submitted to the EPA for technical review which will then be presented to the Tribal Council for adoption consideration and then a public hearing.

c. Resolution KB-021-2022 – Clean Water Act 401 Certification for the 2022 proposed reissuance of the Regional General Permit for Minor Work, Structures and Discharges of Dredged and Fill Material within the L’Anse Indian Reservation

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-021-2022 401 CERTIFICATION FOR 2022 REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT FOR MINOR WORK, STRUCTURES AND DISCHARGES OF DREDGED AND FILL MATERIAL IN MICHIGAN AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUZIE ELMBLAD. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Dylan Friisvall, NRD Water Resources Technician – (2) Bids for YSI EXOs Sonde for Water Monitoring Equipment

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFoot, JR. TO APPROVE THE BID FOR FONDRIEST ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS FOR $15,619.87 AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFoot AND LIZ JULIO. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

6. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donations for Community Members-Jackson D. Tikkanen age 13 who attended the Baraga Area Schools passed away on March 19, 2022

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE $1,000.00 FOR JACKSON TIKKANEN’S FAMILY. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Eric Dufek Benefit - A basket will be made from the Ojibwa Casino for the raffle benefit on April 9, 2022.
MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-023-2022 PL 93-638 CONTRACT ATTORNEY FEE FUNDS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE NEPOTISM WAIVER REQUEST FOR EAGLE RADIO. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TRIBAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AGREEMENT WITH GLENN SARKA AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.


L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO ADJOURN AT 12:15 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. ALL IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Robin Roe
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist