A. Date: January 18, 2007

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

C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa by Chris Swartz.

D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFernier, President
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President (left at 11:55 a.m.)
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Assistant Secretary (left at 2:45 p.m.)
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Doreen G. Blaker (arrived at 1:15 p.m.)
Jerry Lee Curtis
Larry J. Denomie III
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (left at 11:55 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.)
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: January 18, 2007

Additions: New Business- 3. Susan LaFernier – Farm Service Agency County Committee Vacancy

Old Business- 1. b) Chris Swartz – NCAI upcoming committee session in Washington D.C.
2. Elizabeth Mayo – Land Claims

Closed Session- 6. Jennifer Misegan - Personnel
MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS. 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, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. A copy of the VOIGT Intertribal Task Force meeting minutes from November 2, 2006. Chris Swartz will be attending the next meeting at LVD on February 1, 2007.
3. An email from Summit Public Relations Strategies – DEQ disappoints with proposed mine approval.
4. DEQ Proposed Decision on Kennecott Mining Application Announced.
5. A copy of NCAI News – Vitter Amendment Defeated; Myers Withdraws.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. July 7, 2005

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE THE JULY 7, 2005 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

2. December 2, 2006

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFoot, SR. TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2, 2006 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Jennifer Misegan), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

3. December 15, 2006

4. December 28, 2006

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 28, 2006 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Jennifer Misegan), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

5. January 6, 2007


I. Old Business:

1. Chris Swartz – a) ORV Ordinance – Chris spoke with Wendell Dompier about the concerns of our youth driving without helmets and he would like to have the committee (Village and Tribal representatives) meet again and come up with a plan to benefit the safety of our youth and review the ordinance. Chris also has concerns about the Dangerous Building Ordinance. He is willing to serve as the liaison. Fred Dakota and Larry Denomie were the past liaisons.

LARRY J. DENOMIE III MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHRIS SWARTZ AND DALE DAKOTA TO SERVE AS THE LIAISONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BARAGA. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR.

Elizabeth Mayo said that they should ask Dale before they appoint him.

LARRY DENOMIE AND GARY LOONSFOOT RESCINDED THEIR MOTION.


b) NCAI has an upcoming executive winter session in Washington D.C. on February 26 – 28, 2007. Chris feels this is an opportunity for the Tribe to be heard on issues of concern on Capitol Hill and it is important to let our Legislators know what our issues are in Indian Country.
2. Elizabeth Mayo brought up the possibility of using Land Claims to build a Casino off the reservation. (See handouts). Susan LaFernier said that Mr. Baker has talked to the Council on this in Closed Session. The Council will be discussing the goals for this year later in the day.

J. New Business:

1. Geraldine Mantila – a) Copier Bids (3 bids given)

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE $11,882.00 FOR A COPIER FROM U.P. OFFICE EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

Geraldine Mantila/Christoph Geiger/Diane Charron - b) Ceremonial Room-Funeral Forms (2). The Cultural Committee and Christoph worked on these forms with Susan Berutti from Jacobson Funeral Home.

Toni Minton left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.


Toni Minton returned to the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

William Emery asked about the revisions that needed to be done with the plans on the Ojibwe Seniors building. Gerry said she thought $135,000 needed to be reduced and the Cultural Committee has put in recommendations. They will be meeting with the Council, Ojibwa Seniors and those from the sewing club for recommendations. Susan asked the timeline when decisions needed to be made. Sarah Smith said by the end of September and she will also attend the next meeting at the Seniors. Elizabeth Mayo said to get input from all of the Seniors and to announce it in the Newsletter. Larry Denomie reminded them to stay within the scope of the grant itself.

Gerry Mantila invited the Council to the Cultural Committee’s 3rd Annual Powwow on January 27th starting with breakfast at 10:30 a.m. and a special presentation to the Council at 11:30 a.m.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE KBOCC CHILDREN’S INDOOR PLAY CENTER/CHILD CARE RENEWAL LICENSE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

Jennifer Misegan stated her opposition – she would like to see a copy of the last inspection from I.H.S. showing they are in compliance before a renewal is approved.

3. Susan LaFernier – Farm Service Agency County Committee Vacancy. A recommendation needs to be made by February 7th. Don Carlson was the representative for the Tribe, but has requested to step down. Evelyn Ravindren and Michael Duschene will be asked if either one may have an interest in filling the vacancy.

K. Closed Session:

1. Pauline Spruce – Interview 1:00 p.m. – Pre- Primary Education Director
2. Sarah Smith – KBOCC Space Lease Agreement / Amendment of Lease
3. John Baker
4. Larry Denomie III
5. Susan LaFernier
6. Jennifer Misegan - Personnel

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE ITEMS LISTED AT 10:33 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 10:34 – 10:53 a.m.
Lunch: 11:55 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Mike LaFernier left the meeting at 11:55 a.m. and returned at 2:45 p.m.

Chris Swartz left at 11:55 a.m.

Doreen Blaker arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Break: 1:55 – 2:10 p.m.
Gary Loonsfoot left at 2:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Matthews left the room at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 4:30 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO TRANSFER GINA LABEAU’S ANNUAL LEAVE OF 280 HOURS TO LAURA MAYO FOR MEDICAL REASONS. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), MOTION CARRIED.


MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO OFFER THE PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION DIRECTOR POSITION TO LISA DENOMIE. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Larry J. Denomie III, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), MOTION CARRIED.

Elizabeth Matthews returned to the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT’S SALARY AT $21.00 AN HOUR AND THE CEO’S SALARY AT $28.00 AN HOUR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2007. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE ABSTAINING (Larry J. Denomie III), TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.
L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 4:36 P.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Recording Secretary