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MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112
111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908
WEDNESDAY – MARCH 30, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

A. Date: March 30, 2022

B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Liz Julio

D. Roll Call: Present
   Kim Klopstein, President
   Toni J. Minton, Secretary (Left at 12:04 p.m.)
   Don Messer, Assistant Secretary (Left 11:18 p.m.-1:04 p.m.)
   Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
   Doreen G. Blaker
   Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (Left 1:04 p.m.-1:17 p.m.)
   Eddy Edwards (via Zoom/Left at 11:08 a.m.-1:04 p.m.)
   Sue Ellen Elmblad
   Elizabeth “Liz” Julio
   Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
   Rodney Loonsfoot

   Absent: Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President

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

F. Approval of Agenda: March 30, 2022

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.
SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (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 – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

LAKE SUPERIOR BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
"Home of the Midnight Two-Step Championship"
G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Beacon House – 2% Distribution
2. Thank You from Marquette County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Bay Cliff Therapy Camp for Disabled Children – 2% Distribution

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:10 A.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (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 – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

H. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney –
   a. Josh Clause – Land Claims Update
   b. Quadrant Consulting Group, LLC Update
   c. Weekly Update
2. Rodney Loonsfoot – Midway Rentals and Sales/Former Marquette Airport Rental/Leasing Request

Eddy Edwards left zoom at 11:08 a.m.
Don Messer left the room at 11:18 a.m.

3. Todd Forslund, Ojibwa Casinos Human Resources Director – Ojibwa Casinos General Manager Applications Review

Lunch Break: 12:02 p.m. – 1:04 p.m. -Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, and Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. absent after lunch. Eddy Edwards via Zoom, Don Messer returned.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 1:07 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

I. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. KBIC Niimigimiwang Transitional Home Staff – Informational Presentation on Sexual Assault, Teen Dating Violence, DV, Stalking and MMIW/Human Trafficking
2. Brad Heffner and Staff – Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
   (3:00 p.m.) Kim met with them at the Tribal Conference Room.

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. returned from lunch at 1:17 p.m.
J. Old Business:

1. 3rd Reading of the Proposed Ordinance 2022-001 – Amending Title 10.5 Hunting and Trapping

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE TITLE 10 WITH THE AMENDMENTS MADE DURING THE WORK SESSION AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE TITLE 10 HUNTING AND TRAPPING. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

K. New Business:

1. Arlan Friisvall, DPW Director – Agreement between KBIC and Smith Construction, Inc. – Acorn Trail Sewer Extension

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KBIC AND SMITH CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE ACORN TRAIL SEWER EXTENSION AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

2. Michael Lahti, C-Stores Manager – (2) Bids for the Pines Convenience Center Professional IP Camera System Proposal (ARPA Funds)

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FOR RANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR $21,498.61 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

3. Rachel Tarpey, Forester – Resolution KB-026-2022 Free Use Permit-the Tribe waives fees for sugaring operations of its members on Tribal lands
MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-026-2022 FREE USE PERMIT FOR SUGARING OPERATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS ON TRIBAL LANDS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

4. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request from Zena Huhta, Lake Superior Program Coordinator, for the Baraga County Lake Trout Festival to purchase medals and shirts for the Run/Walk and basketball tournament for kids-June 11, 2022

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE A $1,000.00 DONATION TO THE BARAGA COUNTY LAKE TROUT FESTIVAL FOR MEDALS AND T-SHIRTS. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

5. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casino Property Manager –
   
   a. Arrow Audio Inc. Proposal for the Pressbox to add the Basic Stage System, Stage Lighting Package and Speakers Lectern

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID OF $39,689.79 FROM THE ARROW AUDIO INC. FOR THE PRESSBOX STAGE SYSTEM, LIGHTING PACKAGE AND SPEAKERS LECTERN AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.

   b. (2) Bids for the New Beds/Mattresses for the Ojibwa Hotel (ARPA Funds)

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE BID FROM L’ANSE FURNITURE MART FOR $35,828.00 FOR THE BED PACKAGES FOR THE OJIBWA HOTEL AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.
c. Bedding Package Bid for the Ojibwa Hotel (ARPA Funds)

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE BID FROM AMERICAN HOTEL FOR $11,027.31 FOR THE HOTEL BEDDING AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

d. Hotel Accessories Bid for the Ojibwa Hotel (ARPA Funds)

MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO APPROVE THE BID FROM AMERICAN HOTEL FOR $10,522.20 FOR THE HOTEL ACCESSORIES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

6. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer - Weekly Update

7. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update: Department Updates/Other

L. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO ADJOURN AT 2:09 P.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (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 – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roe
CEO/President’s Administrative Specialist