

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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DONALD SHALIFOE, SR.

## 2016 TRIBAL COUNCIL

WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR., President  
JENNIFER MISEGAN, Vice President  
SUSAN J. LAFERNIER, Secretary  
TONI J. MENTON, Assistant Secretary  
DOREEN G. BLAKER, Treasurer

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY – JANUARY 28, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.**

APPROVED  
2-4-16

- A. Date: January 28, 2016
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Donald Shalifoe, Sr./Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (left 10:05 – 10:20 a.m.)  
Fred Dakota (left at 12:15 p.m.)  
Eddy Edwards (arrived at 9:16 a.m.)  
Randall R. Haataja (arrived at 9:13 a.m.)  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.  
Absent: Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: January 28, 2016
- Additions: New Business- 6. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – 44 North Insurance New Agent of Record  
Closed Session- 1. Toni Minton, Assistant Secretary – Accounting Payment Issues  
2. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Tobacco Manufacturing Update

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. Catching the Dream Scholarship Program for Tribal High School Seniors/College Students

**Randall Haataja arrived at 9:13 a.m.**

H. New Business:

1. Duane Misegan, Chief of Police/Dale Dakota, Police Commissioner – Vehicle Bids (3) for a 2016 Ford SUV Police Interceptor from the COPS Grant

**Eddy Edwards arrived at 9:16 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED BID FROM FOX NEGAUNEE FOR A 2016 FORD UTILITY POLICE INTERCEPTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,214.00. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. President Swartz/Jeff Lamson - Cue Master Business Licenses (Billiards & Lounge/Food Service) and Alcoholic Beverage License

February 2, 2016 – February 1, 2017

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE CUE MASTER BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR BILLIARDS AND LOUNGE, FOOD SERVICE, AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoc, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Gerald Jondreau, Forester – Baraga County Quarantine Proposal from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) in response to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

A cooperative effort to protect the significant ash resource that exists in the Western Upper Peninsula, Northern Wisconsin, and the un-quarantined areas in other states from the Emerald Ash Borer infestation is being proposed with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) to quarantine counties in the Upper Peninsula including Baraga County and areas within the KBIC's ash resource. The Lower Peninsula continues to be quarantined in its entirety as a Level 1 area. He suggested that we comply with this quarantine which de-regulates.

The Tribe will Exercise sovereign governance and consider drafting its own regulations for moving ash products in, out, and through the reservation.

The Council directed Gerald to consult with GLIFWC and find out if they have any suggestions on what would be the best way to proceed and include Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., VOIGT Tribal liaison, and continue working with the MDARD, and report to the Council in two weeks.

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. left 10:05 – 10:20 a.m.**

**Break: 10:11 – 10:23 a.m.**

4. President Swartz – Board/Committee Selections

- a) Election Board (2) three-year terms and (2) one-year terms

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPOINT DIANA CHAUDIER AND KIM KLOPSTEIN TO THE THREE-YEAR TERMS AND SUSIE LAWRENCE AND DAWN KEMPPAINEN TO THE ONE-YEAR TERMS OF THE ELECTION BOARD. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

- b) Constitution Committee (1) three-year term and (2) alternate seats

There were no applicants for this committee and it will be reposted.

5. Larry Denomie III, CEO –

- a) Holidays
- b) Classification of Employees/Annual Leave/Sick Leave/Deaths
- c) Annual Leave/Sick Leave Pay for Tribal President
- d) No Smoking/Chewing Tobacco
- e) Payroll Advances

The Council reviewed the policies presented by the CEO and many changes were discussed. Larry will return next week with a clean copy of the changes for final approval.

- f) Weekly Update

A notice was received from the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department regarding a legionnaires case discovered in Gogebic County. The Lac Vieux Desert Casino Hotel in Watersmeet is being considered a likely source and test results revealed the presence of the bacteria in some water sources within the hotel. As a precaution Larry will see that our water supply is tested and that emergency procedures are addressed.

Larry met with two of the three housing tenants in Harvey concerning the Marquette casino project and will be meeting with the other households in Harvey on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The bi-monthly Department Head Meeting was held this week and Larry discussed the quarterly update meetings with the Council, health care plan changes, procedures for bill payments, the new casino projects, conducted a training survey, and provided the process that will be used in updating the comprehensive strategic plan review. The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2016.

Larry contacted Global Marketing Advisors seeking their assistance related to the branding of the new hotel and restaurants and analyzing the best option for both the Marquette and Baraga area.

The Senior/Disabled Heating program has had significant issues related to processing of payments to vendors and they are being addressed. Debra Williamson will be sending out notices to those affected by the late payments and members who have self-paid their bills will be reimbursed.

6. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – 44 North (formerly Employee Benefits Agency who has had a business relationship with KBIC since 1987) New Agent of Record will replace M3 Insurance Solutions

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE 44 NORTH AS AGENT OF RECORD FOR THE GROUP LIFE/SHORT TERM DISABILITY/LONG TERM DISABILITY AND OUR VOLUNTARY INSURANCE OFFERINGS TO OUR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2016. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

1. Closed Session:

1. Toni Minton, Assistant Secretary – Accounting Payment Issues
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**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:30 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Fred Dakota left at 12:15 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:16 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO ADJOURN AT 12:18 P.M. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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