

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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DONALD SHALIFOE, SR.

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**THURSDAY – JUNE 25, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.**

**APPROVED**  
8-8-15

- A. Date: June 25, 2015
- B. Call to Order: Vice President Misegan called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Susan J. LaFernier, Assistant Secretary  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Eddy Edwards (arrived at 11:05 a.m.)  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Don Messer, Jr.  
Donald Shalifoe, Sr. (arrived at 9:11 a.m.)
- Absent: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President Misegan declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: June 25, 2015
- Additions: New Business- 7. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. – Baraga County Little League Donation Request  
8. Michael LaFernier, Sr. – Demolition of Old Houses

**Donald Shalifoe, Sr. arrived at 9:11 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. April 23, 2015

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE APRIL 23, 2015 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. April 30, 2015

**MOTION MADE BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA TO APPROVE THE APRIL 30, 2015 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FIVE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

(Donald Shalifoe, Sr. is out of the room)

H. Closed Session:

1. Pam Queoff, M3 Insurance Account Executive – Insurance Renewal
2. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Casino’s General Manager Position Update (added after the approval of the agenda)

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:15 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 9:49 A.M. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. May 2, 2015

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2015 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. FIVE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Don Messer, Jr.), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

4. May 7, 2015

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER, JR. TO APPROVE THE MAY 7, 2015 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. FIVE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

5. May 14, 2015

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE MAY 14, 2015 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. FIVE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

6. May 21, 2015

**MOTION MADE BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TO APPROVE THE MAY 21, 2015 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Don Messer, Jr.), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

7. May 28, 2015

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE MAY 28, 2015 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. SIX IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Don Messer, Jr.), FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Allison Durant – Donation Request for Youth Western Wild Travel Basketball Team

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO DONATE \$500.00 TO ALLISON DURANT FOR TRAVEL WITH THE WESTERN WILD BASKETBALL TEAM. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR.

Toni J. Minton amended the motion.

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO DONATE \$675.00 TO ALLISON DURANT FOR TRAVEL WITH THE WESTERN WILD BASKETBALL TEAM. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Erin Johnston, LAMP Coordinator/Karen Anderson AIS Specialist - Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Plan Presentation

Vice President Misegon requested more focus on the Home Territory.

The Council will review the AIS Management Plan for approval at a later date.

**Break: 10:31 – 10:44 a.m.**

J. Old Business:

1. Martin Curtis, Jr./Dylan Decota – Donation Request for Mid America Youth Basketball (MAYB) Basketball Tournament in Minneapolis July 10-12, 2015

**Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. returned from break at 10:51 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER, JR. TO DONATE \$2,000.00 FOR THE MAYB BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

K. New Business:

1. Jeffery Loman/Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney – Business License Renewal for Keweenaw Konsulting (Environmental Consulting)

**MOTION MADE BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. TO APPROVE JEFFERY LOMAN'S BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL FOR KEWEENAW KONSULTING. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Christopher Schofield, Slots Manager/Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney - Baraga/Marquette Casinos Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. Gaming Contract Amendments (Gaming Device Order)

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE BARAGA AND MARQUETTE CASINOS ARISTOCRAT GAMING DEVICE ORDER AMENDMENTS WITH THE ADDRESS CORRECTION FOR MARQUETTE. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Don Messer, Jr., Interim General Manager Ojibwa Casinos/Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney - Coca-Cola Refreshments Credit Agreement and Application for the Ojibwa Motel

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE COCA-COLA REFRESHMENTS CREDIT AGREEMENT. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Judith Heath, Director of Social Services – Resolution KB-035-2015 FY2016 DHHS ACF Title IV-B, Subpart 1 Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services for the purpose of promoting flexibility for States and Tribes in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families – October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2017 - \$5,130.00 (25% required match \$1,710,00)

**Eddy Edwards arrived at 11:05 a.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-035-2015 FY2016 TITLE IV-B. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Char Spruce, NRD Environmental Specialist (not present)/Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer/Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer C.A.R.E. Committee - Resolution KB-036-2015 BIA Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant - \$89,292.00 for renewable energy policy development and training

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-036-2015 ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY GRANT THROUGH THE BIA. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Susan LaFERNIER, Assistant Secretary – Schedule Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal Hearing Case #012-15

The hearing was scheduled for July 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

7. Larry Denomie III, CEO – The Rez Stop Blacktop Bids (2)

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER, JR. TO APPROVE THE BID FROM KCO KAHKONEN CONSTRUCTION WITH THE THREE-INCH ASPHALT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,000.00. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. – Baraga County Little League Donation Request for tee-shirts (with KBIC's logo) and trophies for Baraga Lumberjack Days All-Star Games – 23 teams

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$2,000.00 FOR THE BARAGA COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE FOR TEE-SHIRTS WITH THE TRIBE'S LOGO AND TROPHIES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DONALD SHALIFOE, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFERNIER, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Michael LaFERNIER, Sr. – Demolition of Old Houses

Mike will approach families of older houses that need to be cleaned up for safety issues and return with more information.

[Closed Session – Open to KBIC Members]

3. Francis LaPointe, CFO/Larry Denomie III, CEO – Global Marketing Advisors (GMA) Report

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:25 A.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:09 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

M3 Property and Liability Insurance Renewal – July 1, 2015 – July 1, 2017

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO APPROVE THE KBIC M3 INSURANCE PROPOSAL RENEWAL FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 12:11 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFerner, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Doreen G. Blaker, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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B. Call to Order:

C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer

D. Roll Call:

- \_\_\_ Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- \_\_\_ Jennifer Misegan, Vice President
- \_\_\_ Toni J. Minton, Secretary
- \_\_\_ Susan J. LaFernier, Assistant Secretary
- \_\_\_ Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
- \_\_\_ Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
- \_\_\_ Eddy Edwards
- \_\_\_ Randall R. Haataja
- \_\_\_ Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
- \_\_\_ Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
- \_\_\_ Don Messer, Jr.
- \_\_\_ Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

E. Declaration of Quorum:

F. Approval of Agenda: June 25, 2015

G. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. April 23, 2015
2. April 30, 2015
3. May 2, 2015
4. May 7, 2015
5. May 14, 2015
6. May 21, 2015
7. May 28, 2015

H. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Allison Durant – Donation Request for Western Wild Basketball Travel
2. Lori Sherman, Director of Natural Resources Department/Erin Johnston, LAMP Coordinator/Karen Anderson AIS Specialist/Jacob Haapapuro, Aquatic Invasive Species Educator - Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Plan

I. Old Business:

1. Martin Curtis, Jr./Dylan Decota – Donation Request for MAYB Basketball Tournament

J. New Business:

1. Jeffery Loman/Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney – Business License Renewal for Keweenaw Consulting
2. Christopher Schofield, Slots Manager/Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney –
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  - b) Coca-Cola Refreshments Agreement
3. Judith Heath, Director of Social Services – Resolution KB-035-2015 FY2016 Title IV-B
4. Char Spruce, NRD Environmental Specialist/Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer - Resolution KB-036-2015 BIA Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant
5. Susan LaFerner, Assistant Secretary – Schedule Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal Hearing Case #012-15
6. Larry Denomie III, CEO – The Rez Stop Blacktop Bids

K. Closed Session:

1. Pam Queoff, M3 Insurance Account Executive – Insurance Renewal – **9:00 a.m.**
2. Francis LaPointe, CFO/Larry Denomie III, CEO – GMA Report

L. Adjournment: