

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2006 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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## MINUTES KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OJIBWA CASINO CONFERENCE ROOM SATURDAY – AUGUST 5, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED  
10-19-06

- A. Date: August 5, 2006
- B. Call to Order: President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
- C. Invocation: The Lord's Prayer  
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFernier, President  
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President  
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Assistant Secretary (left at 10:45 a.m.)  
Toni J. Minton, Treasurer  
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William E. Emery  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.  
Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews  
Elizabeth D. Mayo  
Shawanung (left at 12:05 p.m.)
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: August 5, 2006
- Additions: FYI: 16. An Announcement for the Copper Country Seniors  
New Business: 2. b) Resolution KB 1496-2006 – Bay Shore Road Co-op Project  
Closed Session: 3. Larry Denomie – Personnel Matter  
Closed Session: 4. Warren Swartz, Jr. – Personnel Issues, Even Start/Early Head start.
- Deletion: Old Business: 2. Larry Denomie: Gaming Commissioners Stipend

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. "Thank You" from the NRD for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual KBIC Kid's Fishing Derby from Liz Sherman.
2. "Thank You" from the L'Anse Area Schools from Ray Pasquali. (2% contribution).
3. "Thank You" from the Sands Township Fire Department for the Tribe's donation.
4. "Thank You" from Cody Blue for the monetary gift given at the Senior Banquet.
5. "Thank You" from Mitch Bolo for the graduation money.
6. "Thank You" from Bay Cliff Health Camp for the donation towards the children attending.
7. "Thank You" from the Family of David LeClaire for the gift of money.
8. A copy of Notification of approved enrollment applications from Jennifer Misegan.
9. A copy of the draft meeting minutes from April 28, 29, 2005 and July 8, 2006 were given for review.
10. A letter from USDA on the annual review of the Commodity Food Program to be conducted on August 7<sup>th</sup>.
11. A copy of the MDOT Long Range Transportation Planning Survey was given to Council Members. Jason Ayres will need them back by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
12. A copy of the VOIGT Task Force Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2006.
13. A copy of the upcoming Summer Fisheries Surveys from Gene Mensch.
14. A copy of the Approved Meeting minutes from April 4, 7, 11, 16, 19, 2005.
15. A copy of NCAI News – Carl Artman to be Nominated Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.
16. An announcement from Debbie Parrish for the Copper Country Seniors. Tour of the Photos at Dee Stadium, a free lunch and a boat ride on the Keweenaw Star. This is sponsored by UPPCO, Mr. John Siller and the City of Hancock.

H. President/CEO's Report / July 2006 – available for your review.

**MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III, TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Secretary's Report / July 2006 – available for your review.

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR., TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Cordette Cote Leutz gave a presentation and expense report on the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Denise Marth Walk a Thon. She also presented the Council with a trophy and tee shirts and a thank you card from the Baraga County Community Foundation.
2. Ginny Ann Jermac / Ojibwa Senior Citizens – Request for travel to NICOA Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma on September 14 – 19, 2006 for sixteen seniors.

Currently there are ten seniors hired through the National Indian Council on Aging out of Albuquerque, New Mexico, the organization that is sponsoring the conference. The Ojibwa Housing Authority oversees the seniors that are hired from KBIC.

Elizabeth Mayo asked if Ojibwa Housing could fund this trip and she would also like to have more information on this program.

Shawanung asked what the Ojibwa Seniors are contributing to the trip. Ginny Ann said these options are all being looked into.

**MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL THURSDAY SO THEY CAN GET MORE INFORMATION. SUPPORTED BY FRED DAKOTA. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

Break: 10:07 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

3. Jacqueline Swartz – Hiring Policy Concerns (Jacqueline had to leave and requested to be taken off of the agenda until Thursday).

K. Old Business:

1. Warren C. Swartz, Jr./ John Baker – Intergovernmental Accord.  
Chris said that he has always been an advocate for economic development on the reservation. The Intergovernmental Accord is between the KBIC and eleven other Tribes and the Governor of the State of Michigan. He feels it's important that we recognize that united we may stand a better chance of providing a stimulus for economic development here in the community. When twelve Tribes are united in trying to achieve one goal we have a better chance than one Tribe alone.  
Mr. Baker said the purpose of this accord is to expand on the original idea of trying to induce economic development on the Tribal reservations, to encourage the development of a strong working relationship between the Tribal and State Economic Development Personnel. It's an agreement to share information.

Fred Dakota said he is very skeptical of the State recognizing the Tribe as a Government. He gave an example of the Tribe's license plates being taken away at one time by the State of Michigan and the State saying that they do not recognize us as a Sovereign entity.

Doreen Blaker left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACCORD BETWEEN THE TRIBAL LEADERS OF THE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES OF MICHIGAN AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE MICHIGAN TO EXPAND JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. SUPPORTED BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), THREE OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

L. New Business:

1. John Bussey – Official Signing of the Code of Ethics for the new Gaming Commissioners and the President. The three selected were James Rasanen, Michael Duschene and Jennifer Misegan. Pictures were taken and Jim Rasanen and Mike Duschene each gave a short speech. (Jennifer Misegan was not present as she was out of town).

President LaFernier thanked them and said that this has been a long time coming and a great milestone in the history of Keweenaw Bay for our first Gaming Commission and a lot of the hard Gaming Commission work will now be off of the Council's hands and into the capable hands of our three Commissioners.

2. Susan LaFernier –a) Donation Request for the Baraga County Fair.

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL THURSDAY'S MEETING SO THEY CAN FIND OUT IF ANY OF OUR BUSINESSES HAVE ANY FUNDS TO DONATE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

b) Resolution KB 1495-2006 Aura Road Co-op Project and KB 1496-2006 Bay Shore Road Co-op Project.

**MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB 1495-2006. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.**

Mike LaFernier and Chris Swartz would like more information on the projects and would like to see Jason Ayres present to answer questions.

**MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO TABLE RESOLUTION KB 1495-2006 UNTIL THURSDAY. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED – 0, ONE ABSTAINING (William E. Emery), ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

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Mr. John Baker recommended having the contracts reviewed on Indian Preference for the contractors.

c) Baraga High School Cheerleaders Donation Request.

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO TABLE UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHAT THE BOOSTER CLUB IS GOING TO GIVE THEM. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomic III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

M. Department Head Reports - June 2006

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS OF JUNE 2006. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomic III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

Elizabeth Mayo called for discussion - we are still waiting on the Lawyer's Reports.

Mr. John Baker said they will be filing a report for August in September now that it would *seem* that he has time to do that.

N. Closed Session:

1. John Baker
2. Susan LaFernier
3. Larry Denomic - Personnel
4. Chris Swartz - Personnel, Even Start/Early H.S.

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:10 A.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomic III, Toni J. Minton, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews), THREE OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Shawanung), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker), MOTION CARRIED.**

Break: 11:11 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

Shawanung left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

**MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:15 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Shawanung), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATION LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MOYLE REAL ESTATE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Shawanung), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE BIA. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Shawanung), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE M3 CONSULTING AGREEMENT. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Shawanung), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO PROMOTE ROBIN GAUTHIER FROM PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME AT OUR DAYCARE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Shawanung), MOTION CARRIED.**

O. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO ADJOURN AT 2:18 P.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Shawanung), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Peggy Minton  
Recording Secretary

**AGENDA**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OJIBWA CASINO CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**SATURDAY – AUGUST 5, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.**

A. Date: August 5, 2006

B. Call to Order:

C. Invocation: The Lord's Prayer  
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa

D. Roll Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Susan J. LaFerner, President  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Shawanung

E. Declaration of Quorum:

F. Approval of Agenda: August 5, 2006

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2. Larry Denomie III – Gaming Commissioners Stipend

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2. Susan LaFernier –a) Request for the Baraga County Fair  
b) Resolution KB 1495-2006 Aura Road Co-op Project  
c) Baraga High School Cheerleaders Request

M. Department Head Reports – June 2006

N. Closed Session:

1. John Baker
2. Susan LaFernier

O. Adjournment:

## **KEWEENAW BAY TRIBAL COUNCIL**

Report from the President/C.E.O.

*Susan J. LaFornier*

July, 2006 (for the August 5, 2006 Meeting)

*ANIN! "We Honor The Greatness In You"  
and Good Morning!*

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, I was fortunate to give the Welcoming address to our 140+ honored Elders for their Michigan Indian Elders Association quarterly meeting that was held here for three days. They had many interesting presentations, a talent show, and a very informative language presentation. Thank you to our Seniors for being such wonderful hosts. I also gave the Welcome at our 28<sup>th</sup> Keweenaw Bay "Maa wan ji iding" Pow-Wow on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Once again it was a most enjoyable weekend for many and a big thank you to Pauline Knapp Spruce and the Pow-Wow Committee for all of the hard work they do all year in preparation for the Pow-Wow. Thank you also to those who also do the other work that is needed: cooking, cleaning, gate, security, grounds/maintenance, marina, summer youth, accounting services, we appreciate all that you do. I had the unique opportunity to be interviewed by Dick Storm and Ed Janisse on the "Keep It In The U.P." radio show on July 24<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the total number of employees we have, the different departments and the work that they do, the Marquette Casino status, our comprehensive plan/goals, the Property Tax victory, mining, 2% donations and other donations that the Tribe and Casino give to our people and the Community.

I am excited and pleased with the outcome of the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with our KBIC Service providers (13+ departments) where we had a round table discussion on the many programs that are currently offered and programs that we want to provide in the very near future. 40 people attended the discussion which included our new Drug Task Force. The task force met again this past week and will be meeting next week and will be presenting a plan/goals and a budget for the coming year. Our goal is to coordinate our services, add new services and win the "war on drugs on the rez" as one of the main goals. The task force will then be meeting with the larger group with their plan and we also hope to coordinate these plans with the Weed & Seed Program if awarded. Thank you to the Child Welfare Committee and Tribal Social Services.

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, Gerald Hays, John Baker, and I attended a meeting with Charles Bergdahl, Vice Chair of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and Steven Powers, County Administrator on 2% questions about pass thru and the procedure for requesting this money. They are also willing to work with KB on future economic development endeavors. We later met with John Ennett, Negaunee Township Treasurer, Kevin Koch, Attorney, and Wayne Johnson, Negaunee Township Supervisor on the plans for the proposed Marquette Casino's sewer needs.

At our last Saturday meeting, 8 youth (on Team Michigan) and chaperones were in Denver, Colorado attending the Indigenous Games. Doreen attended and I will ask her for a report.

NATIVE VOTE 2006 is fast approaching! If you remember in 2004 the National Congress of American Indians spearheaded a campaign to register persons and have record numbers of Native Americans turn out to vote. It was a historic event for all Indian Country and proved that our voices can be heard with the power of the vote. We must ensure that our right to vote is never threatened again as it was in the past. The power of the vote will put Native issues before elected leaders like never before in history so remember to register to vote and then get out and vote in the upcoming elections. If you need assistance please call one of us on the Council.

At this time I would like to thank Chris Swartz, Gene Emery, Jennifer Misegan, the late Ann Misegan, and Christoff Geiger for their work on the Gaming Commission Committee for the past 16 months. Mr. Bussey states it well in his thank you letter to them that they were successful because of the team effort put forward by all members and they followed the plan of action. You can be proud of a job well done as you pass this task over to the three newly appointed Gaming Commissioners. Because of your efforts they will have a strong base from which to begin their work on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Finally I feel that I need to clarify issues regarding the Early Head Start/Head Start Program. I did indeed attend the May 12<sup>th</sup> ITC Policy Council meeting that was held here in Baraga. I was not involved with the Head Start programs in the past but there has been a Policy Council and at this meeting it was stated by the ITC Head Start Director that our program was in compliance after a recent audit. The policy that was passed on that day states that the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., Head Start Programs will recruit and enroll pregnant women and families with children birth through age five who are identified as being the most in need of Head Start Services from within the service area of the Tribal Communities who are part of the consortium known as the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. This policy also clearly states the six categories of native preference/eligibility and everything that I have read states that the program must serve all of the income eligible children prior to serving over-income children per federal guidelines. If there are slots available after all low-income tribal applicants have been enrolled, then over income tribal applicants can be considered (the overall program which includes all of the ITC Consortium Centers which total seven cannot exceed 49% over income families) per letter from the ITC Director. It was also stated at the meeting that the guidelines needed to be followed and that is exactly what is happening. The Selection Worksheet was also approved at the meeting for the '06 Pilot year and it was stated that it can be modified and reevaluated later in the Fall by the Policy Council. Both the Policy and the Selection Worksheet were designed to ensure that low-income tribal members and descendants are selected first since the program is funded to provide services to low-income tribal families (per letter from ITC Director).

Income has always been the question. There were 108 applicants and 62 available slots were filled. All children were given points according to the selection worksheet with enrolled children receiving 100 points. 46 children were denied which included enrolled over income children, low income descendents (which numbered approximately 20) over income non-native children and other tribe's children. So as you can see, going by policy we were not able to accommodate all of KB's low income descendents or the enrolled over income children. Per motions from the Tribal Council we are now in the process of reviewing options to provide these children services as soon as possible. It was stated at the last meeting that we wanted to serve all of the children to the best of our ability and I want to say that it is unfortunate that some believe we do not care about our enrolled children or their future. It was also stated to me at the meeting from an enrolled tribal member that if their child could not attend Head Start any longer because of the income criteria, they understood because it is the policy... I do have recommendations for the policy and the selection worksheet which I will share with the Director. I will also clarify that the majority of the in-kind/donations of goods and services that the Tribe gave to the program in 2005 included cleaning and maintenance crew wages which are tasks that are included in their daily routines, it is not additional cash. We will keep you informed of the progress.

Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers who are ill or have lost loved ones and continue your prayers for all of our men and women in the Service and that the war in the Middle East ends, please pray for peace on earth and let us be thankful for our many blessings.

I would like to invite the Council to our KBIC Employee Picnic on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Marina from noon to 4:30 p.m. We always have a good time with food, fun, and games. Also you are invited to the Marquette Casino picnic on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at the Al Qaal Park in Ishpeming.

Once again it has been a very busy month meeting with department heads, employees, members, and visitors on a daily basis, Gaming Commission issues, telephone calls, and of course, Council meetings that Larry will report on. If you have any questions, concerns, or I can be of help to you, please call me 353-6623 ext 4168.

My cell phone: 201-1756.

MEGWETCH!

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## SECRETARY REPORT Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council

July 2006

### Special Meeting; July 13<sup>th</sup>

Approved \$15,870 for black topping vendor alley with K Co. in the Ojibwa Campground, appointed James Rasanen, Mike DesChaine and Jennifer Misegan as the new gaming commissioners at \$15 per hour and to be paid in stipend form, approved a consulting agreement between the KBIC and Hotel Waterpark Resort Research and Consulting and authorized the tribes attorneys work Ojibwa Housing new residential leases for fee-simple lands.

### Special Meeting; July 14<sup>th</sup>

Approved the April 2005 and the June 26, 2006 meeting minutes, authorized the Baraga Fire Dept. use of the field behind the college for the Mud Drags on September 16<sup>th</sup>, amended a motion from the July 8, 2006 council meeting for purchase of a new BINGO machine to the amount of \$38,245., approved having the selection committee for Headstart follow the federal guidelines and policies as written this year and upheld the decision of the CEO regarding case numbers 006 and 007 -06.

### Special Meeting; July 20<sup>th</sup>

A presentation and "thank you" from the DHHS relay for life team was given, approved having a plan developed to possibly have a tribal Headstart program in the mornings and then day care in the afternoon within the day care program, approved Resolutions KB1482 and 1491-2206 residential leases for Allen Gauthier and Donald Carlson respectively, approved Resolution KB1492-2006 for TSI sites, approved the veterans group request

for \$1,925.59 for flag poles and parts, approved the contract with Larson Well Drilling for maintenance of wells at the hatchery, approved BACCO construction for the 35 acre Sand Point project with the recommendation that Tribal Construction Co. be used in the project, approved new tobacco licenses for Jeff Lamson and Pete Morin and renewed a tobacco license for Joe Waara, approved a special event liquor license for the Baraga Fire Dept. for the Mud Drag event, renewed a business license for Joe LaBeau, approved Resolution KB1493-2006 for the ITC-CSBG grant, denied a monetary request from the South Shore Fishing Assc., approved permanently revoking gaming licenses KB09806 and KB25006, approved \$1,000 for the Thomas Cole PAC for congress, approved sending a letter of support regarding clarifying HR 16 and approved upto \$3,000 for Joann Jaukkuri attorney fees so that her case can be brought into Tribal Court.

Respectfully submitted,



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