

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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DON MESSER, JR.  
DONALD SHALIFOE, SR.

## MINUTES KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY FINANCE/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.

APPROVED  
10-15-15

- A. Date: September 10, 2015
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (left at 12:00 p.m.)  
Susan J. LaFernier, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)  
Don Messer, Jr. (left 9:52 – 10:11 a.m., left 10:12 – 11:02 a.m.)  
Donald Shalifoe, Sr. (arrived at 9:14 a.m., left 3:01 – 3:15 p.m.)  
Absent: Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Eddy Edwards
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: September 10, 2015
- Additions: Closed Session- 1. President Swartz – Budget Reviews h) Government  
2. Jennifer Misegan – Tobacco Sales Discussion

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

G. Recognized Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Joseph O'Leary, Baraga County Prosecuting Attorney – Farming Update

**Donald Shalifoe, Sr. arrived at 9:14 a.m.**

**Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. arrived at 9:15 a.m.**

Joseph O'Leary discussed the case with the Council and would like their support in the next phase of the pig farming issue with the suit in State Court. He believes the Rights of the 42 Treaty embody the right to farm for Tribes. The Council will take his request into consideration. The 1842 Tribes are also discussing the issue and will be meeting in the near future as they may decide to join the suit.

H. New Business:

1. Don Messer, Baraga Ojibwa Casino Manager/Timothy Runstrom, Marketing Manager – Promotions Give-away Vehicle Bids (4) 30-Year Anniversary November 2015 and recommended a 2016 Ford Explorer

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO TABLE UNTIL AFTER THE BUDGET REVIEWS ARE COMPLETE AND THE PRO-FORMA INFORMATION. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFerner, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Don Messer, Jr.), THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Closed Session:

1. Budget Reviews – [Open to KBIC Members]
  - a) Vicki Dompier, Housing
  - b) Roberta Jondreau, BP/Carwash/Laundromat/Rez Stop
  - c) Kevin Perrault, Ojibwa Building Supply
  - d) Larry Denomie III, CEO, Ojibwa Builders
  - e) Brad Dakota, Court/Kristin Olsen (not present)/Violet Friisvall Ayres, Child Support Services
  - f) Bruce LaPointe, Public Works
  - g) President Swartz, General Fund/Government
  - h) Michael Schrader, G.M., Casino Slots/Bar Update
  - i) Francis “Hosh” LaPointe, CFO Summary [Rescheduled]
2. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Tobacco Sales Discussion [Rescheduled]

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:50 A.M. OPEN TO KBIC MEMBERS FOR ITEM #1. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Don Messer, Jr. left 9:52 – 10:11 a.m.**

**Break: 10:12 – 10:27 a.m.**

**Don Messer, Jr. left 10:12 – 11:02 a.m.**

**Lunch: 12:00 – 1:03 p.m. (Toni Minton left)**

**Don Messer, Jr. left 3:01 – 3:15 p.m.**

**Break: 3:24 – 3:43 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 4:03 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO ADJOURN AT 4:04 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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    - c) Kevin Perrault, Ojibwa Building Supply 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.  
**Break 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.**
    - d) Larry Denomie III, CEO, Ojibwa Builders 10:30 -- 10:45 a.m.

- e) Brad Dakota, Tribal Court/Kristin Olsen, Child Support Services 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.
- f) Bruce LaPointe, Public Works 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- g) Francis “Hosh” LaPointe, CFO Summary 1:00 p.m.

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