

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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## 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR.  
DON MESSER, JR.  
DONALD SHALIFOE, SR.

## MINUTES KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM MONDAY – DECEMBER 7, 2015 – 1:00 P.M.

APPROVED  
1-7-16

- A. Date: December 7, 2015
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (arrived at 1:05 p.m.)  
Susan J. LaFernier, Assistant Secretary  
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer (arrived at 1:06 p.m.)  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Randall R. Haataja  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. (arrived at 1:12 p.m.)  
Don Messer, Jr.
- Absent: Eddy Edwards  
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: December 7, 2015

### Toni Minton arrived at 1:05 p.m.

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| Deletion:  | New Business- | 2. Larry Denomie III, CEO – High School/GED Requirement<br>Amendment to Hiring Policy |
| Additions: | FYI-          | 4. Proposed Casino Projects Flyer   |
|            | New Business- | 2. Larry Denomie III, CEO – Weekly Update   |

### Doreen Blaker arrived at 1:06 p.m.

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

G. For Your Information:

1. Council Poll November 20, 2015 regarding the Christmas Gift/Sovereignty Check Appeal Process with the Check Committee which is final. (6 For/1 Opposed/2 Abstaining)
2. Council Poll November 23, 2015 regarding Hire of Nick Lewis for Tribal Attorney (7 For/1 Opposed/1 Abstaining)
3. A college paper written by James Veker – “Ziinzibaakwad” Maple Sugar/Syrup
4. Proposed Casino Projects Flyer for Baraga and Marquette that was sent to Community members from Larry Denomie III, CEO

H. New Business:

1. President Swartz –

- a) Baraga Ojibwa Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner Request

The Seniors are requesting funding for a Christmas dinner party catered by Larry’s Market for approximately 100 people at \$20.00 per plate tentatively scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Marquette Seniors have opted for no party and will receive \$75 gift cards from the Ojibwa Express Gas Station.

**Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. arrived at 1:12 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE BARAGA SENIORS AND THOSE WHO ATTEND WILL RECEIVE A \$50 GIFT CARD AND THOSE WHO DO NOT ATTEND WILL RECEIVE A \$75 GIFT CARD. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Doreen G. Blaker), TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

KBIC employees received a \$50 Pines gift card last year.

- b) Jim Ekdahl Request for Grandchildren’s Christmas Gifts (6)

In the past the Council has provided gifts for children who lost a parent during the year. Wanda Seppanen (present) will get information at the ICWA meeting on Wednesday whether or not they can help. The Youth Program normally donates the extra gifts from their party. Susan LaFernier has gifts to

donate and President Swartz will get the names, ages, and clothing sizes and report back to the Council on Thursday.

2. Larry Denomie III. CEO – Weekly Update

An informational meeting will be held Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Niiwin Akeaa Center at 5:00 p.m. for the Community to discuss the two proposals that will be on the General Election ballot on December 12, 2015 for the casino projects in Baraga and Marquette.

I. Closed Session:

1. Toni Minton, Secretary/Susan LaFernier, Assistant Secretary – Government Employee Request for an Appeal of Dismissal Hearing
2. Larry Denomie III. CEO – Consumers Mutual Insurance (CMI) Health Insurance (Open to KBIC Members and Employees)

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 1:32 P.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:00 P.M. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

The Employee Health Insurance with Consumers Mutual will end on December 31, 2015

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE INSURANCE CARRIER AS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD SIMPLY BLUE PLAN AS PRESENTED BY THE CEO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Government Employee Request for an Appeal of Dismissal Hearing (past the deadline)

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR AN APPEAL OF DISMISSAL HEARING. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 2:05 P.M. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFerner, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Don Messer, Jr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Loonsfoot  
Administrative Specialist

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