

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARQUETTE COMMUNITY CENTER
SATURDAY – OCTOBER 6, 2007 – 12:00 P.M.**

- A. Date: October 6, 2007
- B. Call to Order: President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.
- C. Invocation: The Lord’s Prayer
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa and prayers for the family of Jesse Jaukkuri who died in a tragic accident on 10/02/07. There was a moment of silence to remember this special young man who touched many lives and will be remembered fondly in our hearts and for all who have lost loved ones.
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFernier, President
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President (arrived at 12:44 p.m.)
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Assistant Secretary (left at 1:42 p.m.)
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO
Doreen G. Blaker
Jerry Lee Curtis
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: October 6, 2007
- Additions: FYI- 11. Bart Stupak – Energy email scam
New Business- 3. Doreen Blaker – WLUC TV-6 Image Plus Program Renewal
Closed Session- 1. Fred Dakota – Upcoming elections (KB Members only)
- Deletion: Closed Session- 4. John Baker, Attorney

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. A “Thank you” from Carl Levin, U.S. Senator for campaign contribution
2. A workshop for Elected Officials – Introduction to Transportation Asset Management
3. A seminar by Dorsey & Whitney on Tribal Labor and Employment on Oct. 26 in Mille Lacs, MN
4. A letter from Charles W. Grim, Director of Indian Health Services
5. Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes of 9/18/07 – Amended
6. A sample letter from Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve – send letters/comments by Oct. 17th - Permit Public Hearings
7. A letter from LTBB on 2008 Native Vote Infrastructure for Tribes in Michigan
8. A Plaque of Recognition from the local Volunteer Fire & Emergency Services
9. A Certificate of Appreciation and tee shirt from the American Cancer Society Relay for Life
10. Acknowledgement of KBIC as a Weed and Seed Community and plaque
11. A copy of a letter from Bart Stupak warning of an Energy E-mail Scam

Violet Ayres was in attendance along with her students from her NMU Tribal Government class.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. September 6, 2007

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Chris Swartz arrived at 12:44 p.m.

I. President’s Report /September 2007 – available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

J. CEO's Report/September 2007 – available for your review. [Also available on ojibwa.com]
Sarah Smith – August – September 2007 Report

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE CEO'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

K. Secretary's Report /September 2007 – available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III TO APPROVE THE SECRETARY'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

L. Treasurer's Report /September 2007 – available for your review.

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "CHIZ" MATTHEWS. ALL IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

M. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Carole Touchinski/Nicole Williams – Presentation regarding the Women's Center Capitol Campaign and Support for the Harbor House Domestic Violence Shelter. There are sponsorship levels from 1,000.00 to 160,000.00. The request will be reviewed at the next donations meeting in November.
2. George Madosh – George asked if it is possible to have a District Representative from Marquette on the Council. There was discussion if the Constitution needs to be changed and if this is a Constitution Task Force issue or for the Election Committee.
3. Debbie Parrish – Debbie gave an Ojibwe Community College Update and invited the Council to attend the Board of Regents meetings and have one Council Member sit on the Board. Debbie also informed Council that OCC has 60 students, of which 2 are in enrichment classes, and 17 students are in the welding class. Debbie will email the Council a copy of the Accreditation Report and the meeting dates for the Board of Regents. She also commented on the Community Survey, the By-laws and charter were updated, and she had met with Michigan Tech and Finlandia on articulation agreements.

Gary Loonsfoot left at 1:42 p.m.

N. New Business:

1. Larry Denomie – a) Pequaming Sewer/Water Extension Contractor Selection and Contract Review - 3 Contractor bids were received per Todd Warner’s memo.

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE HAATAJA TRUCKING LLC AS CONTRACTOR CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL FROM I.H.S. ON THREE ITEMS. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

- b) (2) Deer Tags Request for the Harvest Feast on October 20, 2007

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY TO APPROVE THE DEER TAGS REQUEST FOR THE 2007 HARVEST FEAST. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Jennifer Misegan), ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

2. Jennifer Misegan – 2% Work Group - Jennifer asked for volunteers from the Council to help with the 2% requests. Volunteers are Doreen, Toni, Popcorn, Jerry Lee, Mike and Jennifer.
3. Doreen Blaker – Image Plus Program Acceptance Renewal 2007-08 – WLUC TV-6

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE \$16,740.00 FOR A ONE-YEAR RENEWAL TO THE IMAGE PLUS PROGRAM. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Jennifer Misegan stated her opposition – She is very concerned about the cost.

O. Department Head Reports – August 2007

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2007 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

P. Closed Session:

1. Fred Dakota [and all KBIC Members] - Upcoming Elections
2. Health Department Issue – Patient Letter
3. Larry Denomie, CEO
4. Susan LaFERNIER, President

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 2:05 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 2:06 – 2:15 p.m.

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 3:00 P.M. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Emergency Dental for Marquette Hardship Fund-

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO INCLUDE AN EMERGENCY DENTAL PROCEDURES LINE ITEM IN THE MARQUETTE HARDSHIP FUND FOR \$5000.00. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Q. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 3:03 P.M. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. TEN IN FAVOR (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Recording Secretary