

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 3, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: November 3, 2007
- B. Call to Order: President LaFERNIER called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
Opening Prayer in Ojibwa
- D. Roll Call: Present: Susan J. LaFERNIER, President
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Vice-President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Assistant Secretary (left at 2:10 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: November 3, 2007

Change: New Business- Move #3 to FYI #7. Janice Halverson - Bids

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, 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.

G. For Your Information:

1. A “Thank you” from Nicole Williams/Women’s Center Board Member
2. A “Thank you” from Betsy Ross
3. A “Thank you” from David Holtz/Michigan Director, Clean Water Action
4. Update on the Indian Land Consolidation Program
5. Petition Report from Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chairperson
6. Draft copy of substitute for Child Support/Paternity Ordinance 2007-003 for review
7. Janice Halverson – Thanksgiving and Christmas Gift Card Bids

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. September 21, 2007

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. 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.

2. September 27, 2007

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2007 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., 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.), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

I. President’s Report/October 2007 - available for your review

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. 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/October 2007 - available for your review. [Also available on ojibwa.com]
Sarah Smith – October 2007 Report

Larry Denomie addressed the problem with skunks at the Pre-primary building. He is looking at alternative locations. Susan LaFernier said she has spoken with Lisa Denomie and gave suggestions to work with maintenance and to call a company in Marquette that deals specifically with this sort of problem. Susan also talked with Dale Dakota and Dale Goodreau from Conservation and they have been setting traps and will continue to set them and will also talk with the Village.

Larry commented that the Negaunee Veteran's Post has purchased the helicopter that the Tribe donated funds to a few years ago.

MOTION MADE BY WILLIAM E. EMERY 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/October 2007 – available for your review

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE SECRETARY'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, 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.

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

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY WILLIAM E. EMERY. 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. Department Head Reports- September 2007

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE 2007 SEPTEMBER DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. 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.

N. Recognize Scheduled Delegation/Individuals:

1. Joe Tormala/Military Order of the Purple Heart – He presented a plaque of appreciation for their 72nd State Fall Convention held at the Ojibwa Casino Resort to the Council
2. Carl Lindquist/Superior Watershed Partnership – Carl said they are trying to get the Salmon Trout River on America's ten most endangered rivers list. Carl also mentioned a youth conservation program they offer in the summer. He requested the Council's continued support on the Environmental Education for Youth for 2008 as a letter was sent on October 16, 2007 to participate in this program.

3. Glenn Bressette Jr./"Equal Rights Concern for Marquette" Group – Glenn addressed the Council under advisement from his elders. He had questions on medical coverage on and off the reservation, voting rights, and if a Marquette representative can run for Council under the L'Anse district. He also had questions regarding the children's parties in Marquette. (See letter of request from Glen Bressette, Jr. and Sr.) He volunteered to be the contact person to get information to the Marquette members. There are funds allocated in the budget for the Children's Christmas Party. It was stated that Glen's concerns will be addressed.

Break: 11:00 – 11:25 a.m.

Susan LaFernier offered prayers for Sarah Michaelson who became ill at the meeting and was transported to the hospital.

O. Old Business:

1. Debra Williamson – Language Preservation and Revitalization Plan
Debi read the draft plan to the Council with a list of goals and objectives. She asked the Council to email questions and comments on the draft until November 19th. Final approval will be in December.
2. Debbie Parrish – College Update Presentation (See handouts)
Debbie introduced the Board of Regents, Staff, Faculty and Students to the Council. Many in attendance approached to give their views and concerns on the closing of the College. A petition was handed to the Council with approximately 290 signatures to keep the college open, continue financial support and approve the budget.

KB-1573-2007 to continue to provide operational funding and scholarships annually to the KBOCC for achieving progress toward candidacy status and fall accreditation-

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-1573-2007.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

Toni Minton requested Debbie Parrish to provide copies of signed transfer agreements. Gary Loonsfoot requested to meet with the faculty and staff. A meeting was scheduled for Council and OCC for Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

Lunch: 2:10 – 3:30 p.m.

Gary Loonsfoot left at 2:10 p.m.

P. New Business:

1. Chris Swartz – Designating the Friday after Thanksgiving as Native American Heritage Day
Letter of Support/NIGA Meeting Update

MOTION MADE BY WARREN C. SWARTZ, JR. TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRPERSON LAFERNIER TO SEND LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO OUR SENATORS ON THE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY. 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.

Chris stated he attended a meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 29, 2007 where they discussed the proposed changes to Class II Gaming.

Susan LaFernier stated letters were sent to the NIGC chair, commissioners and senators and representatives regarding the proposed changes to Class II Gaming regulations and also requested that they consult with Tribes before any decisions are made.

2. Jennifer Misegan – Request for a Voter Registration Booth from a NMU student’s project on “Native Vote.”

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO ALLOW JESSE VALMER, A NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT, TO PLACE HER VOTER REGISTRATION BOOTH AT THE CHRISTMAS CHECK DISTRIBUTION IN MARQUETTE COUNTY. SUPPORTED BY LARRY J. DENOMIE III. 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.

3. Elizabeth Mayo – Resolution KB-1584-2007 – A request to have the election board conduct a referendum with the following language:
 1. Should the results of the 2003 election remain valid until such time it is overturned by a vote of the people?
 2. Should the KBIC Tribal Council pay the membership an amount equal to that of the 8% paid to the State of Michigan?

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-1584-2007, TO HAVE THAT PUT ON A REFERENDUM ELECTION.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

Q. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 3:42 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Recording Secretary