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**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
BIG BUCKS BINGO HALL
WEDNESDAY – MAY 6, 2020 – 9:30 A.M.**

APPROVED

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KBC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
SIGNATURE: RL

- A. Date: May 6, 2020
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:53 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord's Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Kim Klopstein, Secretary
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards
Dale F. Goodreau
Randall R. Haataja (Zoom Call)
Susan J. LaFernier
Rodney Loonsfoot
Don Messer
Absent: Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Vice President
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary

Sarah Smith, CEO/Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney – Zoom Call

- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: May 6, 2020
Additions: Old Business: 1. Larry Denomie, III, GM – PPP Loan Update
- New Business: 1. Sarah Smith, CEO: Work Session-Review budgets
2. President Swartz – Governor's Meeting (Call)
- Closed Session: 1. President Swartz: a) Assistant Health Administrator Position
b) President Swartz: Employee Status Clarification
2. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney - Memo

LAKE SUPERIOR BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

"Home of the Midnight Two-Step Championship"

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY DALE F. GOODREAU. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.

G. New Business

1. Sarah Smith, CEO – Work Session – Review Budgets. 6.4 million has been received from the Treasury CARES Act. The State of Michigan Public Health Preparedness budget for \$31,002.00 for the tent was approved by a Tribal Council Poll.

Closed Session:

1.b) Employee Status Clarifications

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:17 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:30 A.M. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.

Budget Review Continued: 635 Senior Citizens and GLITC COVID. Kathy Mayo, Health Administrator reviewed the Health Systems COVID budgets. They have begun employee testing and are working on a Community testing plan.

Lunch: 12:12 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. -Doreen returned at 1:25 p.m.

H. Old Business

1. Larry Denomie, III, GM – SNB Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Update. President Swartz and Larry recommended that we decline the loan and reapply in the future

B.I.A. Funding Budget \$1,250,319.00 was approved by a Tribal Council Poll-Discussion

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE BUDGET OF \$1,250,319.00 AND RESERVE 10% OF THAT BUDGET AT THIS POINT AND TIME FOR COVID-19 TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING AND REDUCE THE OTHER LINES. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 1 (Doreen G. Blaker), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.

Doreen B. Blaker stated her opposition: There is no plan in place.

2. Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President – Governor’s Meeting (call today) regarding fines and the re-opening of Casino’s

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 3:10 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.

I. Closed Session:

1. Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President/Sarah Smith, CEO –
 - a) Assistant Health Administrator Position Update
2. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney – Memo Discussion

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 3:29 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFernier, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY KIM KLOPSTEIN TO APPOINT ELIZABETH MAYO TO THE ASSISTANT HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND DIRECT THE CEO TO NEGOTIATE THE WAGE USING THE FORMULA THAT HAS BEEN USED TO DETERMINE OTHER POSITIONS. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. FIVE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Doreen G. Blaker, Dale F. Goodreau, Susan J. LaFernier, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 4 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall R. Haataja, Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.

Randall R. Haataja stated his opposition: I think that the Council shouldn’t be hiring from this table. Let the Director take care of the hiring and not the Council. It’s political.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO CEASE 8% PAYMENTS ON ANY NET WINS FROM THE CASINOS BOTH BARAGA AND MARQUETTE AFTER DECEMBER 20, 2019 TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND TO PLACE THE PAYMENTS INTO AN ESCROW

ACCOUNT BECAUSE OF THE CONDITIONS IN THE 2000 STIPULATION IN THE CONSENT JUDGMENT REQUIRING THE 8% PAYMENTS-THEY ARE NO LONGER DUE TO THE INACTMENT OF MICHIGAN'S LAWFUL INTERNET GAMING ACT. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFerner, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

J. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO ADJOURN AT 3:34 P.M. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Dale F. Goodreau, Randall R. Haataja, Susan J. LaFerner, Rodney Loonsfoot, Don Messer), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Toni J. Minton), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO Administrative Specialist