

**MINUTES  
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 7, 2008 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: February 7, 2008
- B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Jerry Lee Curtis  
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (arrived at 9:05 a.m., left 11:56 a.m. – 1:51 p.m.)  
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews  
Elizabeth D. Mayo (arrived at 9:06 a.m.)
- Absent: William E. Emery, Assistant Secretary  
Fred Dakota
- E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: February 7, 2008

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, FOUR ABSENT (William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Mike LaFernier arrived at 9:05 a.m.**

**Elizabeth Mayo arrived at 9:06 a.m.**

G. For Your Information:

1. NCAI – Executive Council Winter Session/Legislative Summit on March 3-5, 2008 in Washington D.C. If any Councilperson is interested in attending, notify Peggy Minton.
2. A Reminder of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual U.P. Legislative Dinner on March 15, 2008 at the American Legion Post #144 in L’Anse, MI
3. A letter from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior BIA – Indian Land Consolidation Program’s funding eliminated. Jennifer Misegan and Sarah Smith are working on a response letter.

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. December 6, 2007

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CORRECTION. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. December 14, 2007

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 14, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. September 10, 2005

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO TABLE THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2005 MEETING MINUTES UNTIL THERE IS CLARIFICATION ON ITEM #7. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Old Business:

1. Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President – Petition – Diana Chaudier determined the petition to have 53 signatures and verified all except four. President Swartz verified that three of these members did sign and one did not. The petition was valid and he gave the Council two weeks to review for the February 22, 2008 meeting.

After an audience discussion and outbursts, a break was called.

**Break: 9:30 – 9:35 a.m.**

Elizabeth Mayo stated that a decision should have been made today on the petition and that she disagrees with the two week review.

**Break: 9:43 – 9:58 a.m.**

J. New Business:

1. **9:30 a.m.** – Sarah Smith, Asst. CEO/Tom Chosa, IT - Records Management Presentation by Digital Scantronics for scanning, storing and retrieval services – Rhonda Burish, Senior Sales Consultant/Richard Akley from Bad River/Frances LaPointe were also present.

Larry Denomie stated there will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 on records storage.

2. Mary Geroux/Son – Financial Assistance Request – Mary requested emergency assistance of \$1508.00 for travel expenses during the surgery and hospital stay of her brother, Rick Geroux.

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE \$1508.00 TO MARY C. GEROUX FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED – 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Jennifer Misegan), TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President - TV-6 Ad Shoot – [scheduled for later in the day - **1:00 p.m.**]

Susan LaFERNIER stated that there is a request for a copy of the previous ad. President Swartz will make the decision to release copies or not.

K. Closed Session:

1. Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer – Donation Request
2. Larry Denomie, CEO
3. John Baker, Attorney [out of town]

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:45 A.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING – 0, TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

**Mike LaFERNIER left 11:56 a.m. – 1:51 p.m.**

**Lunch: 12:15 – 1:19 p.m.**

**MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:08 P.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

Donation Request from Rick Geroux/Area Veterans - for materials for an addition at the Armory for the veterans-

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE A PURCHASE OF \$2902.73 FROM OJIBWA BUILDING SUPPLY FOR THE AREA VETERAN’S. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

Firearms/Weapons Prohibition-

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH “CHIZ” MATTHEWS TO PROHIBIT ANY KIND OF FIREARMS OR WEAPONS IN OUR TRIBAL BUILDINGS AND BUSINESSES AND ONLY THE TRIBAL POLICE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO HAVE THEM AND TO DEVELOP A POLICY FOR FIREARMS. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan), ABSTAINED - 0, TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

Carol Heckroth Donation Request-

**MOTION MADE BY JERRY LEE CURTIS TO APPROVE CAROL HECKROTH’S EMERGENCY DENTAL REQUEST FOR \$3695.00. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. FIVE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Larry J. Denomie III, Jerry Lee Curtis, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews), THREE OPPOSED (Jennifer Misegan, Doreen Blaker, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), ONE ABSTAINED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

Mike LaFernier stated patients should be using our dental clinic.

**MOTION BY TONI J. MINTON TO GIVE \$1000.00 TO CHILDREN UNDER 18 FOR BRACES.**

President Swartz stated the motion is out of order and is not on the agenda.

L. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO ADJOURN AT 2:19 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen G. Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING – 0, TWO ABSENT (William E. Emery, Fred Dakota), MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton  
Recording Secretary