

**MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TRIBAL CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 17, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: February 17, 2011
- B. Call to Order: Vice President Emery called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer
- D. Roll Call: Present: William E. Emery, Vice President
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary (left 2:40 – 2:55 p.m.)
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
Jerry Lee Curtis (left 1:12 – 1:37 p.m., left at 2:55 p.m.)
Fred Dakota (left 1:55 – 2:13 p.m.)
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. (arrived at 9:22 a.m.)
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. (left 1:12 – 1:20 p.m., left at 2:42 p.m.)
Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Isabelle Helene Welsh (arrived at 9:10 a.m., left 1:12 – 1:30 p.m., left at 4:30 p.m.)
Absent: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President Emery declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: February 17, 2011

Addition: Closed Session- 2. Susan LaFerner, Secretary – Personnel Letter

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGE. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Isabelle H. Welsh), MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. National Indian Gaming Association 112th Congressional Committee Assignments
2. A letter from L. John Lufkins, Executive Director I.T.C. of Michigan, Inc. regarding a Tribal Group Plan for providing Health Benefits to Employees
3. A letter from Ginny Ann Jermac regarding Reducing Costs

Isabelle Welsh arrived at 9:10 a.m.

H. Old Business:

1. Jean Jokinen, Grant Writer/Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO – Rural Innovation Program Fund Grant Options Budget A - \$800,000.00

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPLY FOR THE RURAL INNOVATION PROGRAM FUND GRANT TO PARTNER WITH THE PROPOSED GAS STATION IN MARQUETTE (BUDGET A). SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

2. Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO/Lisa Denomie, Pre-Primary Program Director - Naming of Early Childhood Education Center

Suggestions were made to name the center after Millie Emery, Margaret Ross or Bridget Shelifoe. Sarah reminded the Council that years ago they wanted to name all new buildings in Ojibwa. The rooms could also be named. Council will consider the suggestions.

Mike LaFerner, Sr. arrived at 9:22 a.m.

3. Susan LaFerner, Secretary – Proposed Committees/Boards Guidelines

The Council will review the guidelines and seek input from each committee.

4. Fred Dakota – Romulus Casino Project (added to agenda after the approval)

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE GREGG NOMINELLI, PRESIDENT SWARTZ, AND FRED DAKOTA TO TRAVEL TO ROMULUS ON FEBRUARY 24TH TO DISCUSS GAMING ISSUES. SUPPORTED BY JERRY LEE CURTIS. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFerner, Toni J. Minton, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), ONE OPPOSED (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

I. New Business:

1. Jason Ayres, Realty Officer – Resolution KB-1805-2011 Edward C. Larson Allotment Sale/Purchase Agreement for \$295.23

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-1805-2011 EDWARD C. LARSON ALLOTMENT SALE. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

2. Dale Goodreau, Conservation Sergeant – (3) Bids for Truck Purchase

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE 2011 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK F150 FROM COPPER COUNTRY FORD AT \$26,700.00, THE 5-LITER MOTOR, FOR THE TRIBAL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), ONE OPPOSED (Fred Dakota), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

3. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Language Coordinator – Results from the 2010 Language Status Survey 2-11-11 Pre-Grant Application through the Title III Program for \$200,000.00 School

MOTION MADE BY FRED DAKOTA TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOLS AND APPLY FOR THE GRANT FOR HIGH SCHOOL. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 10:12 – 10:24 a.m.

4. Todd Warner, NRD –
 - a) 2011 Walleye Special Harvest for the 2011 KBIC Spear fishing season at Portage Lake – Council reviewed the statistics for the 2010 Walleye Harvest at Portage Lake - Dale Goodreau, Gene Mensch, Ron Spruce, Ken Spruce, Jennifer Misegan present.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO DIRECT THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO WORK ON A SPRING WALLEYE HARVEST AT PORTAGE LAKE AND TO COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT DOESN'T EXCLUDE TRIBAL MEMBERS. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), ONE OPPOSED (Elizabeth D. Mayo), TWO ABSTAINING (Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO DIRECT THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THE POTENTIAL SPRING HARVEST AT LAKE MICHIGAMME. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), ONE OPPOSED (Fred Dakota), TWO ABSTAINING (Toni J. Minton, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

b) 2009 Keweenaw Bay Tribal Wildlife Survey Results/Pam Nankervis

The report includes information summarizing the results of the 2009 Wildlife Survey circulated among Tribal hunters and trappers of KBIC. 647 surveys were mailed and a total of 220 were returned. There will be two committees to work on the management plan.

c) 2011 Walleye Rearing and Stocking Plan/Gene Mensch

The report includes a schedule of the approximate production dates, 2011 source stock, future source stock, future egg rearing facility, and other stocking plan information.

The Council requested to have the fish harvesting made public. They want the public made aware of how much fish tribal members take and how much the Tribe re-stocks into the lakes.

J. Closed Session:

1. Francis LaPointe, CFO – Finance
2. Susan LaFERNIER, Secretary – Personnel Letter

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:40 A.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Isabelle H. Welsh), TWO OPPOSED (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. Mayo), ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:09 P.M.. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. TEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFERNIER, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Isabelle H. Welsh), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ONE ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.), MOTION CARRIED.

Lunch: 12:10 – 1:12 p.m.

[New Business]

5. Pam Queoff, M3 Insurance Agent/Broker – Employee Benefits consulting and Brokerage Services - Presentation

Vickie Thoreson, Jamie MacDonald, Rich Twietmeyer present and Carole LaPointe.

Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. returned from lunch at 1:20 p.m.

Isabelle Welsh returned from lunch at 1:30 p.m.

Jerry Lee Curtis returned from lunch at 1:37 p.m.

Fred Dakota left 1:55 – 2:13 p.m.

Toni Minton left 2:40 – 2:55 p.m.

Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. left at 2:42 p.m.

Break: 2:55 – 3:15 p.m.

Jerry Lee Curtis left at 2:55 p.m.

6. Vince Rose/Bonnie Nelson, Employee Benefits Agency, Inc. and Carole LaPointe, Francis LaPointe – BC/BS Review/Presentation

Isabelle Welsh left at 4:30 p.m.

K. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 4:31 P.M. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, FOUR ABSENT (Warren C. Swartz, Jr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Isabelle H. Welsh), MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Minton
Administrative Specialist