

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112
111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 27, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

- A. Date: April 27, 2022
- B. Call to Order: President Klopstein called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.
- C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Liz Julio
- D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary (arrived at 9:14 a.m.-left at 11:45 a.m.)
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
Doreen G. Blaker
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards
Sue Ellen Elmlad
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
Rodney Loonsfoot

Absent: Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President

E. Declaration of Quorum: President Klopstein declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.

F. Approval of Agenda: April 27, 2022

Additions: New Business: 15. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. – Gus Macker Sponsorship Request
16. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY SUZIE ELMBALD. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from the Jackson Tikkanen Family
2. Thank You from the Michael H. Welsh Family
3. Thank You from the Lena Kuopus Family

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. May 27, 2020

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE MAY 27, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 2 (Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio), ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

I. New Business:

1. Dione Price, NRD Environmental Specialist – Tier II Service Agreement with Michigan Technological University to provide an analysis of mercury and bioaccumulation modeling in the Torch Lake Watershed to be completed by March 30, 2023 for \$107,534.00

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MTU AND KBIC AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 2 (Don Messer, Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

2. Lyndon Ekdahl, NRD Systems & Facilities Coordinator – UPPCO Distribution Facilities Installation Agreement. Total cost: \$22,153.93

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE UPPCO ELECTRICAL APPLICATION FOR THREE PHASE POWER AT THE SOLID WASTE FACILITY FOR THE RECYCLING PROGRAM AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

3. a. Justin Woodruff, NRD Water Resources Specialist – a. Tier II Services Agreement with White Water Associates, Inc. to provide a State of the Reservation Waters Report summarizing, analyzing, and evaluating 16 years of surface water data to be completed by August 15, 2022 for \$35,000.00

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE WATER ASSOCIATES, INC. AND KBIC AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Resolution KB-031-2022 401 Certification Request for 2022 Village of Baraga Non-Motorized Trail – Phase 2 from the Village’s Marina to the Baraga State Park

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-031-2022 401 CERTIFICATION REQUEST FOR 2022 VILLAGE OF BARAGA NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL – PHASE 2 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Suzie Elmlad, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 2 (Eddy Edwards, Liz Julio), ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

4. Austin Ayres, Education Committee Vice Chair – Budget Modification from Fund 511 Loan Scholarships to the Milestone Incentives Program to recognize those members who complete college degrees

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE \$10,000.00 FOR THE BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE MILESTONE INCENTIVES PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUZIE ELMLAD. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Liz Julio), ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

5. Heather Wood, Health Promotions Coordinator – ITC Healthy Start Initiative April 1,2022-March 31, 2023 – \$36,810.00

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE ITC HEALTHY START INITIATIVE 2022-2023 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

6. Kathy Mayo, Health Administrator --

- a. Amendment to Services Agreement between KBIC and MJP Consulting, LLC to provide medical coding, billing and credentialing services
May 1, 2022-April 30, 2023

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KBIC AND MJP CONSULTING, LLC AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY SUZIE ELMBLAD. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Amendment to Employment Agreement between KBIC and John Lassila, Chief Pharmacist who was employed on March 11, 2019. The agreement shall renew annually.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN KBIC AND JOHN LASSILA, CHIEF PHARMACIST AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

7. Michael Lahti, C-Stores Manager/Chris Miller, Sales Representative – Merchant Services Agreement for payment processing

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE MERCHANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHRIS MILLER FOR THE C-STORES AND PINES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

8. Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer -- Resolution KB-027-2022 ARPA Funds for the Critical Investment in Supportive Housing in the Baraga District; Critical Investment in Affordable Home Ownership Opportunities in the Zeba District and the Baraga District

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO APPROVE RESOLUTION KB-027-2022 ARPA FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

9. Arlan Friisvall, DPW Director – (3) Bids for 2 Dump Trailers

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID FROM GREENLIGHT SALES AND SERVICES FOR TWO DUMP TRAILERS FOR \$21,790.00 AS PRESENTED. CO-SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER AND LIZ JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

10. Kim Klopstein, President – Election Board Vacancy (1 Seat) term ends January 2023
(1) Applicant

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE SHEILA ROYAL FOR THE ELECTION BOARD AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Doreen G. Blaker), ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

11. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer – Weekly Update: Crystal Falls, Marquette, Negaunee, “Mashkiki”

Break: 9:58 a.m. – 10:11 a.m.

12. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., CADC/Mi – Mark Ludholm Comedian Contract-June 24-25, 2022

MOTION MADE BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT TO APPROVE THE MARK LUNDHOLM ENTERPRISE INC. CONTRACT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlad, Liz Julio, Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.-out of the room) MOTION CARRIED.

13. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update: COVID-19 Update, Department Updates

14. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casino, GM– Proposal for Electrical Service Upgrade at the Ojibwa Casino Hotel

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE BID OF \$28,954.44 FROM THE VILLAGE OF BARAGA FOR THE ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AND TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM GUNDLACH CHAMPION’S PROPOSAL FOR \$19,500.00 AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 1 (Eddy Edwards), ABSTAINING – 2 (Don Messer, Suzie Elmlad), ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

15. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. – Gus Macker Sponsorship (The Casino will be the sponsor)

16. Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer – Donation Request

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR 120 CHILDREN'S T-SHIRTS AND 40 ADULT T-SHIRTS FOR THE CHILDREN'S WATER WALK. SUPPORTED BY RODNEY LOONSFOOT. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:07 A.M. CO-SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. AND LIZ JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Susan J. LaFernier) MOTION CARRIED.

Break: 11:07 a.m. – 11:17 a.m.

17. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – Weekly Update
2. Kim Klopstein, President – General Manager Wage Discussion
3. Michael Goree, Consultant – Wage Analysis and Review – 1:00 p.m. via Zoom
4. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO/Jennifer Misegan, Asst. CEO – Update

Lunch Break: 11:45 a.m. – 1:06 p.m. -Eddy Edwards via Zoom/Toni J. Minton left

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 2:58 P.M. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE GENERAL MANAGER'S WAGE AT \$55.00 AN HOUR. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Don Messer), ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

18. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO ADJOURN AT 3:03 P.M. SUPPORTED BY LIZ JULIO. NINE IN FAVOR (Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Suzie Elmlblad, Liz Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 2 (Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton) MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist

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A. Date: April 27, 2022

B. Call to Order:

C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Liz Julio

D. Roll Call:

- Kim Klopstein, President
- Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President
- Toni J. Minton, Secretary
- Don Messer, Assistant Secretary
- Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer
- Doreen G. Blaker
- Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
- Eddy Edwards
- Suzie Elmlad
- Liz Julio
- Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
- Rodney Loonsfoot

E. Declaration of Quorum:

F. Approval of Agenda: April 27, 2022

G. For Your Information:

1. Thank You from Jackson Tikkanen Family
2. Thank You from Michael Welsh Family

H. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. May 15, 2020 (Corrected)
- 2.

I. Old Business:

- 1.

J. New Business:

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L. Adjournment: