Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:
Rose Soulier, Present          Charles Bresette, Present
Marvin Defoe, Present          Laura Gordon, Present
Jeanne Gordon, Present         Larry Deragon, Present
Dennis Soulier, Present        Ray DePerry, Present
Mike Gurnoe, Present           Quorum

Present: Mark Montano, Director Tribal Operations, Randy Hella, Tribal Planner, and Diane Erickson, Temporary Financial Director.

AGENDA
Remove Housing land issue, this will be discussed at the December meeting.
Dennis Soulier moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

TRIBAL PRIORITIES UPDATE
Mark Montano stated three applications were looked at for CFO and that two of them were ruled out. The person to consider for an interview is Duane Hopkins, he is highly qualified. Diane Erickson has been acting temporarily as the Finance Manager, to help the Tribe until one is hired.

Financial Stability
Diane listed a summary of what has been happening in the accounting office. Structure: job descriptions were updated and evaluated. All programs have been completed with the exception of Bradum Development. Accounts Payable: Implemented A/P module in MIP. We have identified priority vendors such as utilities, loans and segregated funding for construction, ARRA and other funds for payments. Accounts Receivable: Organized draw system with schedules and created backup tracking system. Process: All requisitions are reviewed for revenue source and budget. Programs are provided monthly financial reports. Audit: All work including adjustments were handled by staff and reduced finding and expect to eliminate more in “09.

Tribal Chairperson Rose Soulier stated the Council needs to think about revenues to increase the Tribe finances.

Business Board/Randy Hella
Key factors to consider when determining the best structure are: Segregate politics from business which allows the Council to focus on long-term development strategies and goals. Organizational considerations: How the entity is formed, under what law and who manages the entity. Sovereign Immunity: It raises questions regarding the ability of lenders, investors and business partners to enforce agreements and to protect their investment. Liability: Shields business owners from liability for the financial obligations and debt of the business. Tax considerations: Different federal tax rules apply to business types. State tax liability depends on whether on or off the reservation. Financing: Two forms in business are 1) debt where the business borrows and then owes money to others and 2) equity where funding and equity investors specify what structure you can choose.

Randy presented an overview of the various structures used for business such as Section 17 Corporations, Tribally Chartered Corporations, State-law Corporations, Limited Liability Company and Success Factors.

Ray DePerry will get Randy information regarding the Business Board that can be discussed after interviewing the CFO. If there is time the Council can discuss the other Priority items.

OTHER
Audit Agreement
Dennis Soulier stated authorization is needed for the Chair to sign the agreement with Mid-West Professional for the 2009 agreement with the costs being the same as 2008 agreement. Ray DePerry moved to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with Mid West Professionals for the 2009 audit. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Aristocrat Contract/Jeff & Chris
Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Chairperson to sign the Aristocrat contract and lease agreement. Seconded by Charles Bresette. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Grant Resolution/Charles Bresette
Larry Deragon moved to approve Resolution 11/24/09A and the agreement with Bayfield County. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

DOT Addendum/Jeff Benton
This was tabled at the last meeting and the only change is the amount which is a little over a million dollars. Ray DePerry moved to approve. Seconded by Laura Gordon. Motion carried.
**Elderly Resolution/Bridgette Gokee**
The resolution is for funding from the State to hire a position to work with the elderly on long term care issues. The position will be working with the Medical Benefit Specialist on behalf of the elders. Dennis Soulier moved to approve Resolution 11/24/09B. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

**Play It Forward/I Care**
Charles introduced Clint Latch along with Stephanie Weibye who works with the I Care program. Clint introduced Jody Nelson who is the founder of the Play Care tours established traveling out of the country. Jody stated she would like to set up an adventure tour to this area. The tour includes biking, kayaking, hiking adventures for approximately 12 persons. This includes leaving something behind that benefits the community and improves the quality of life. In 2010 a tour will be going to Costa Rica, another to Peru. The program would educate people on the culture etc. and it would be a learning experience for the tour group. The individuals on these tours pay for all their expenses. A contact person will be designated to work with Jody.

Ray DePerry moved to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried. Adjourned: 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: ATTEST:

Kathy Hanson Jeanne Gordon, Secretary
Recording Secretary Red Cliff Tribal Council