

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 1, 2013

9:00 a.m. Legendary Waters, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present (absent at 11:00 a.m.)

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Absent

Joanne Peterson, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Quorum

ATTENDANCE

Greg Fischer, UWSP-NADF Facility Operations Manager, Bernie L. Patterson, UWSP Chancellor, Gregory Diemer, Vice Chancellor Business Affairs UWSP, Christopher Cirimo, Dean - College of Letters & Science UWSP and community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Frank Montano

AGENDA

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

HISTORY OF AQUACULTURE FACILITY AND AGREEMENT

Tribal Chair mentioned that this meeting is long overdue and everybody had agreed on it.

Greg Fischer handed out the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility Timeline. It originally started back in 1993 with Fred Binkowski of the UWM Water Research Lab met with former Ashland Mayor, Lowell Miller and others to discuss the idea of an Aquaculture Facility in the Ashland area.

In 1998 the budget bill approved the legislature and signed by then governor, Tommy Thompson, included \$3,000,000 for construction of an aquaculture demonstration facility in the Ashland area as part of the 1999-2001 biennial budgets.

In February 2000 the ADF Steering Committee begins discussing site locations, mission statement and facilities. Red Cliff Tribal Chair, George Newago, sent our Red Cliff Tribal Hatchery manager Greg Fischer to the meeting to present Red Cliff as possible site Aquaculture Facility and become more involved in the Facility Working Group.

In 2000 the Red Cliff Tribe purchased 120 acres of land from some Timber company and 40 acres of this was used for the Aquaculture Demonstration Facility. In 2003-2004 the facility was constructed.

In 2005 the Facility was up and running with fish. The agreement between the Red Cliff Tribe and UWSP is for 50 years.

In 2006 UWS transfers facility to UW-Steven Point. UWSP takes vested interest and hires Co=Director. Kendall Holmes was hired as Advanced Aquaculture Technicians. Dan Duffy hired as Aquaculture Technician. There were several College interns from Northland College at facility.

2007-2012 the Facility continues to expand projects and partnerships with various agencies and groups around the US, including private, tribal, state, and other universities. Greg Fischer stated that he had hired two new individuals Lance Bresette and Nate Martin as Aquaculture Technicians to help with various projects.

Started Aquaculture Classes and set up systems at local high schools in Bayfield, Washburn, and Ashland. Regularly provide assistance and tours to these and other school groups. The aquaculture has had over 20 student interns and volunteers at the facility gaining experience in fisheries/aquaculture related projects. Some of these have gone on and found employment in related fields including local students: Mike Defoe, Chase Meiroto, and Curtis Weber.

Greg Fischer mentioned that the Aquaculture budget has been the same for six (6) years, and there has not been an increase in wages.

It was talked about if UWSP would want to sell the Aquaculture; Bernie stated that it would have to go to the Board of Regions. The Board of Regions is a board that is developed by the Governor.

What has UWSP-NADF Brought to the Red Cliff Area? It had brought a three (3) phase (480) Electric Power-line from substation on Compton road valued at \$280,000 which is now providing power to local entities. It brought local jobs for tradesmen, local contractors and businesses. Aquaculture provided local jobs full and part time for up to five (5) local individuals plus volunteers, high school students, and interns. Science Fair projects for local Bayfield High School students every year. Hutton Fisheries Program for local high school students. Local Aquaculture/Fisheries related programs, tours, and outreach.

Marvin Defoe had asked about why the tribe can't have some kind of ownership. Maybe we can discuss this if we could sit down and look at the Cooperative Agreement.

Bryan Bainbridge asked what benefit the facility really brings to the Tribe. It was stated that Education is one direction we would strongly move forward on.

The Tribe would sit down with UW-Stevens Point University at least two (2) more times. The first meeting will be to just to meet again. The second meeting would actually be the meeting to set up the teams. The teams would consist of some individuals from the Red Cliff Tribe and some would be from the UW-Stevens Point University. We need to stand together.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Bernie Patterson had talked a Partnership for Thriving Communities:

1. **VIBRANT** – Create flourishing local cultural centers with world class opportunities in the arts and humanities.
2. **HEALTHY** – Nurture the well-being of our citizens through first rate professional programs in health care and wellness.
3. **PROSPEROUS** – Support Businesses in the rapidly changing global economy.
4. **SUSTAINABLE** – Foster the stewardship of our natural resources, securing their efficient use and lasting value to the region.

As part of its new Partnership for Thriving Communities, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will embark on a Healthy Communities Initiative, capitalizing on our existing strengths to create the premier array of professional programs in health care and wellness in the state.

Question was asked that to encourage Andy Gokee to become part of the team that will be putting together. Andy would be a great importance to the team. Marvin Defoe stated that the Language Camp that Andy Gokee brings to the community every year is of great value to our tribe and really appreciates that UWSP is supportive of the Language Camp.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to return back to Regular Session. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted/ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon
Recording Secretary/Red Cliff Tribal Council Secretary