

# **Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas**

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 30, 2013**

**4:00 p.m. at Tribal Administration Building**

**Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 4:00 p.m.**

### **ROLL CALL**

**Rose Soulier, Present**

**Nathan Gordon, Present**

**Laura J. Gordon, Present**

**Dennis Soulier, Present**

**Mike Gurnoe, Present**

**Joanne Peterson, Present**

**Bryan Bainbridge, Present**

**Jeanne Gordon, Present**

**Marvin Defoe, Present**

**Quorum**

**In attendance: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Diane Peterson, Tribal CFO, Kevin Lien, General Manager for LW.**

**Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.**

**Tribal Chair explained why we were here today for an Emergency Council meeting, that there is a letter that needs to go to Shakopee Business Council requesting a loan restructuring for the resort.**

**Diane Peterson mentioned that she had talked to Joe Dean from Shakopee he suggested that the Tribal Chair write a letter to the Shakopee Business Council and he also suggested that the Tribe request a line of credit.**

**Diane had gone thru the spreadsheet that she had presented to the Council. Explained that the Tribe could use the 212,226.30 that is available to collateralize. The line of credit is being requested due to the payables that are outstanding within the resort.**

**The Shakopee membership meets on May 14, 2013. There was discussion if some of the Council needs to be present at this meeting. Diane stated that she had talked with Joe Dean and he felt like we didn't need to be there. Diane will get clarification on and get back to Tribal Chair.**

**Dave Ujke talked to Miko Hernandez about restructuring the loan and there seems like an urgency to get this in. Dave also mentioned that Shakopee was not interested in extending the loan.**

**The expenses at the Casino are way too high and the revenue comes in is way too low.**

A question was asked to Kevin Lien about how he feels about this letter of request. Kevin stated that he don't see any other option this the last straw. He stated that the next Shakopee membership meeting is not until July and by then we would be really hurting. We are in ruff shape and do not see Shakopee shutting the door on us.

Need to come up with a plan to follow up with the letter – Shakopee might ask for justification, Kevin will come up with a projection plan for them.

Discussion on a \$500,000 working line of credit and a \$200,000 loan from Chippewa Valley Bank, it was stated that we may need them both to pay off the payables at the Resort.

Discussion on the grant that was approved by Shakopee of \$750,000, could we use some of this to pay off some of the payables. All that would need to be done is to submit a change request along with the Tribal Chair's signature on it. We need to start getting these payables paid off in order to start filling up the cups again.

The main purpose of this meeting is to get this letter in today.

Dennis Soulier moved to have Diane Peterson send the letter out to the Shakopee Business Council requesting for a loan restructuring for the resort. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Discussion: need to correct the typo and, cc: a copy to the Tribal Attorney Dave Ujke. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe mentioned that maybe we can look into taxing beer to create revenue and this could be specifically being put back into land recovery.

Vice-Chair mentioned that he sent out the list of priorities of the grant to the Council. Some of the Council members they haven't received them. Jeanne will re-send them out.

The Tribe can get a line of credit through Chippewa Valley Bank and when then grant monies come in we can pay CVB back.

Jeanne Gordon moved to have Tribal Attorney Dave Ujke draft up a conforming Resolution to open up a line of credit. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Vice-Chair will talk with Randy Hella about what was talked about at this Council meeting on the grant priorities. How easy is it to change the Priorities of the grant?

Bryan Bainbridge stated that he is all for putting money into the resort, so it can start making revenue but we need to get these bill paid out.

Marvin Defoe moved to have Tribal Attorney Dave Ujke look into the Red Cliff Tribal Tax with the other vendors and to come up with a plan. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. (one abstention, Mike Gurnoe). Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Adjourned 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted/ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council