

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 22, 2014

2:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 2:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Quorum

In Attendance: Kevin Lien, Casino GM, Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams, Tribal Assistant Attorney, and Community members.

### AGENDA

Add "Chrissy Andrews to Leases" and "Domestic Violence Resolution to Other".

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Steven Boyd moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Richard LaFerner.

Condolences were announced for the family and friends of Joey Haskins and Sue-Sue Newago.

### KELLY WESTLUND PRESENTATION

Kelly Westlund attended with intentions to ask for Red Cliff's support in her bid to run against incumbent Republican Sean Duffy for the Wisconsin 7th Congressional District seat.

Kelly indicated that people deserve a real representative in Congress, somebody who fights for hard-working people and is willing to take on powerful interests, including mining. She has met with Tribes throughout Wisconsin, and believes that her values and interests are aligned with Tribes. Kelly thanked everyone for attending and encouraged all to talk with their family

and friends, to let her know of community events, to be engaged by volunteering, and to vote on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**CLINIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE**

Laura J. Gordon read an e-mail from Kathy Barri that there will be no update at this time.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A thank you card was read from the Larry Young family.

The Administration offices will be closed on July 25<sup>th</sup> to move into the new building and will re-open on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The Family Services offices will be closed on July 25<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

There is a low cost Spay/Neuter clinic for Pit Bull or Pit Bull mixed breed dogs sponsored by the Chequamegon Humane Association on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> 2014. For more information, contact Sue DePerry.

**APPROVAL OF CASH FLOW BUDGET FOR AUGUST 2014**

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Cash Flow Budget for August 2014 in the amount of \$935,432. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

**GAMING COMMISSION REPORT**

Rebecca Benton reported there was compliance issues being worked on but there is now a full Gaming Commission Board. Rebecca didn't attend the June meeting, so she reviewed the minutes with the Council.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

**COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Ray Defoe Jr. was not present. Rebecca Benton provided copies of his report to the Council.

Marvin Defoe moved to table the report until the next meeting. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LEASES**

Steven Boyd moved to approve **RESOLUTION 7/22/14A** Transfer of short-term residential lease from Daniel J. Gordon to Randall Bresette (located at 88180 Bresette Road). Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve **RESOLUTION 7/22/14B** Transfer of short-term residential lease from Leonard Peterson to Amanda Smart (located at 32386 Ridge Road). Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Christie Andrews requested that her current lease on Eagle Bay Road be changed to wetland status. Christie explained that she believed that the land was not livable and is willing to give up the lease and didn't want anybody else to encounter the same issue. Nathan Gordon was working with Christie on this in the past. Rose Gurnoe-Soulier stated that she isn't comfortable making a decision on this without a full and clear understanding. Bryan Bainbridge indicated that he will direct the Natural Resources Department to look into it and to follow up with Christie by next week.

Christie inquired on how long it would take to acquire a new land lease if she decides to give the current one up. Rose Gurnoe-Soulier informed her that there's an expedited process to acquire land leases for those with FEMA trailers.

#### **APPROVAL OF NEW LOGO FOR THE HEALTH CENTER**

Patty Deragon-Navarro, Diane Erickson, and Jennifer Boulley presented two drafts of the new logo that the Health Center wishes to use. Ken Andrews was the artist. Marvin Defoe and Bryan Bainbridge discussed having the Red Cliff Tribal Seal incorporated on documents such as the letterhead. Jennifer Boulley suggested having the tribal seal as a watermark. All seemed to like this idea.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the logo concept with consideration of the discussion points. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ON THE NEXT THREE (3) PRIORITIES**

Dee Gokee-Rindal presented, stated that approximately a year ago there was a listening session with 13 recommendations made at that time. To date, the Tribal Council has addressed all of these issues with the exception of three (3).

Tutoring

Student Survival

Other questions

Parent opportunities to interact with teachers, staff, and administrators

District vacancies and alternates

Timelines for school board to deal with issues brought forth in strategic planning sessions

Marvin Defoe expressed his frustration with the school board for not taking any action. Rose Gurnoe-Soulier indicated that she emailed Dave Aslyn and let him know of the frustrations, including the fact that the board was unable to meet minimum quorum. She said that Dave suggested they meet about it, but this has not yet occurred. Dee Gokee-Rindal suggests that these issues be brought to the school board. Bryan Bainbridge indicated that he was upset as well, and the top priority should be to re-establish why we are meeting in the first place, and being clear to board that they need to take action. Dee handed out the districts priorities for

review that she received from Dave Aslyn. The Council discussed having a collective response and timelines to include Red Cliff priorities.

Jeanne Gordon moved to adopt the 3 priorities in Section C and to add Red Cliff Priorities. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH BROWN PLUMBING**

Jeff Benton presented, stating there is a partial award to install water meters into residences. Rose Gurnoe-Soulier asked for clarification on Bid A and Bid B. Jeff clarified that Bid A was \$53,909.52 and Bid B was the water meters themselves.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR NORTH BRADUM PROJECT**

Jeff Benton presented, indicating an extension in time is needed due to weather and delay in the start date.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the change order. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

**APPOINT FIVE (5) MEMBERS TO THE TRIBAL EDUCATION BOARD**

Members selected by Secret ballot:

- Nicole Boyd (7)
- Krystle Topping (6)
- Lindsey "Sunny" LaPointe (6)
- Larry Deragon Sr. (6)
- Paula Bonney (7)
- Alternate: Barbara Gadbois (3).

Steven Boyd moved to appoint Nicole Boyd, Krystle Topping, Lindsey "Sunny" LaPointe, Larry Deragon, Sr. and Paula Bonney to the Red Cliff Board of Education with Barbara Gadbois as the alternate. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to destroy the secret ballots. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**DESTROY PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS**

Dennis Soulier moved to destroy the 2014 Primary Election Ballots. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO DESTROY CREDIT CARD AND ASSIGN A CREDIT CARD**

Marvin Defoe moved to approve to destroy the credit card of Nathan Gordon and assign a new credit card for Bryan Bainbridge. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO CONSENT ELECTRIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS BRESSETTE ALLOTMENT**

Wade Williams presented, asking for authorization of the electric right-of-way across Bresette Allotment (heirship land) as the Tribe is one of the Heirs listed. He stated that in the event of damages, there would be compensation to the extent of the percentage of interest.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Resolution **7/22/14C** pertaining to consent to Electric Right-of-Way across Bresette Allotment, Tract 435 D14, for Xcel Energy to connect Michelle Charette's new electric line to existing power line. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. (1-abstention: Bryan Bainbridge) Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ROWLEY ROAD PERMIT**

Wade Williams presented, asking to renew the agreement between Red Cliff and Bayfield County, as it's been about ten (10) years. This permit is needed for road and bridge improvements.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Rowley Road permit. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHAPTER 56 CIVIL UNION FOR POSTING**

David Ujke presented. A discussion commenced on Red Cliff Code of Law 56.6.2: "Persons in closer relationship than second cousins may not enter into a civil union". Dave indicated that this particular language was likely retrieved from state laws in other jurisdictions. He believed pertains to opposite sex marriage. The Council asks Dave to specify that this section would not apply to same sex marriage.

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

**OTHER**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Resolution **7/22/14D** pertaining to Continuation application for Domestic Abuse Supportive Services funding for the 2015 fiscal year. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to hire Beth Raboin for the Sustainability Coordinator. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to hire Tish Keahna for the Child Support Attorney. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to repost the AODA cook position and request Chris Boyd to address the AODA qualification and to reduce the posting timelines if needed. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Amendment to 2014 Employment agreement. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Jeanne Gordon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Brigette Gokee  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council