Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 3, 2014
4:30 p.m. at Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Rose Soulier, Present
Bryan Bainbridge, Present
Laura J. Gordon, Present
Dennis Soulier, Present
Quorum

Mike Gurnoe, Present
Steven Boyd, Present
Chris Boyd, Present
Jeanne Gordon, Present
Marvin Defoe, Present

Also in attendance: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Rob Goslin, Division Administrator Manager, Wade Williams, Assistant Attorney, Division Administrators, and community members.

AGENDA
Move #8 Approval of General Fund Budget down to #16.
Add “Shared Revenue Elder Policy Application Discussion” to Other.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY
Opening ceremony performed by Jim Pete.

COMMUNITY YOUTH ASSESSMENT
Chris Cuestas and Bill Mertig presented. Chris introduced himself to the Council and those in attendance. He has been working in Gang Reduction for over 30 years and is currently working in Lac Du Flambeau. He spoke of the concept of regionalizing the gang reduction effort, having tribes work together. He explained how gang activity “leaps frogs” from community to community.

Chris stated he conducted an evaluation of Red Cliff on Labor Day weekend. He described Red Cliff as having a mature subculture of the drug trade and “Level 3” Gang activity. What he found from his evaluation was that Red Cliff is deficient in the ability to respond to gang activity. He suggested that programs offer more opportunities for youth to help steer them in positive direction. A stronger connection between the community and school would also be beneficial. It was also his opinion that Red Cliff did a great job at avoiding graffiti and program collaboration. He felt the ECC and Youth Center were especially great organizations.
Kathy Barri asked if banished individuals moved to other reservations and the effectiveness of banishments. Chris explained that some Tribes have chosen to banish individuals with an opportunity to reintegrate themselves back into the community after rehabilitation. Other tribes have banished and paid individuals rent in another area for a time. He has seen that the strategy to reintegrate has been the most successful.

Chris also described the idea of creating a Youth Detention facility in the northwestern region of Wisconsin. He stated Governor Walker’s office may be considering this funding in the next state budget.

MINUTES
Marvin Defoe moved to approve the October 6, 2014 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the October 13, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the October 21, 2014 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Liz Gokee expressed her concerns on Bill Mertig’s endorsement of Dane Deutsch. She asked what was going to be done and what was the opinion of Council members. Bryan Bainbridge and Rose Soulier stated they did not agree with the endorsement and had received emails regarding this from other Tribal leaders. They explained that personnel issues may not be shared with the public and this issue will be discussed later in Executive Session.

Miskwaabikaang Transit will provide free rides to the election tomorrow November 4th to the Town of Russell Town Hall. Voters in need of a ride may call the Tribal Office or the Bart at 715-682-9664.

The Elderly Deer Hunt will be held on November 7th.

2014 Fall Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 9th at the Elderly.

Kid’s Christmas Toy Drive will be November 1st through December 4th.

Impact Aide Public Hearing will be held on November 10th at Legendary Waters.

A thank you card was read from the Mike Simonson family.

TREASURER MONTHLY REPORT
A few points were discussed in the report.
Marvin Defoe moved to accept the report for September 2014. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

WATER RESOURCES CWA/TAS UPDATE
Linda Nguyen gave update. She gave an overview on the recent activities of the program. Chad Abel stated the DNR had declined consultation prior to TAS application. By the end of the month, a draft resolution will be completed for the application and she hopes to have the application submitted by January or February 2015.

LAKE SUPERIOR MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE
Alex, Sandy and Beth gave their updates. They went over their handouts provided to Council. Marvin thanked Sandy for presenting to the Elders that day.

NEW BUSINESS

LEASES
Dennis Soulier moved to approve Resolution 11/3/14A Richard and Cheri Peacock Lease Transaction, new short term lease application. The proposed site is located at Lot 13 in the Bradum Subdivision on the west side of Moccasin Road. The lease term is 10 years with an annual rent of $50.00. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Steven Boyd moved to approve Resolution 11/3/14B Phyllis LaPointe-Johnson Lease Modification. The request is to remove Leonard LaPointe, Sr (deceased) from the long-term lease and add Lindsey Earl LaPointe to the lease located at 36860 West Bresette Hill Road. This lease expires in the year 2035. Seconded by Laura Gordon. (1-Absention: Chris Boyd). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSIT SPONSORSHIP POLICY
Steven Boyd moved to approve the draft Transit Sponsorship Policy. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Discussion: This policy will allow the Red Cliff Health Center to sponsor rides to appointments via Miskwabikaang Transit. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO FY2015 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Resolution 11/3/14C pertaining to the USDA FY2015 Food Distribution Program. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO N7 NIKE FOUNDATION
Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Resolution 11/3/14D pertaining to submission of a grant application to the N7 Nike Foundation for a grant to enhance youth participation in sports, wellness and physical focused activities with a cultural emphasis. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO STATE/TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT 2015
Dennis Soullier moved to approve RESOLUTION 11/3/14E. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO TRIBAL MEMBER RELINQUISHMENT
Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Resolution 11/3/14F relinquishment of James Buckholtz-Balber. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Tribal Chair asked that the lines stating “under BIA jurisdiction” be striked. The Council was in agreement by consensus to strike that language.

Carmen VanderVenter explained amendments will also allow part-time and graduate students to receive scholarships.

Steven Boyd moved to approve. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET
Marvin Defoe moved to approve the General Fund Budget. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE SCENIC BYWAYS BOARD
Dennis Soullier moved to appoint Bryan Bainbridge and Kathy Barri to the Scenic By-Ways Board. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL
Bryan Bainbridge moved to ratify the Council Poll pertaining to Approval of the Proposal from On Point Underwriting for the year commencing November 1, 2014. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

OTHER

APPROVAL SHARED REVENUE ELDER POLICY APPLICATION
The Red Cliff Tribe received a generous grant from the Potawatomi tribe for various elder needs. Eligibility was discussed. It was decided that the policy should include language allowing “physically disabled” individuals to receive services and eligibility will be determined on a case by case basis.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the policy with the suggested changes. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.
Rob Goslin announced there will be an elder’s event held on November 19th at Legendary Waters to acquire information on elder needs. Breakfast will be provided. Marvin Defoe suggested that information should be relayed to elders regarding the event. He stated some elders were told lunch was also being provided.

Jeanne Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to hire Luke Wozniak and Matthew Albertus-Defoe for the part time Officers position. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to hire William Fillmans for the Environmental Health Specialist position. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

Steven Boyd moved to hire Jeff Gordon for the Lead Custodian position. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to hire Devon Defoe for the Custodian position. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to hire Kathryn Williams for the Dental Receptionist position. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Chris Boyd moved to authorize Tribal Chair or Vice Chair to sign off on the Non-Disclosure Agreement with the Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to waive the posting of the position from current LTE to Regular Full-time to take on the Elderly Shared Revenue Coordinator Responsibility. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to take disciplinary action as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

ADJOURN
Steven Boyd moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.
Adjourned: 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:
Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council