

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 2015

Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Absent (out sick/Excused)

Quorum

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Chris Boyd, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

In Attendance: Dave Ujke, Red Cliff Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams, Assistant Tribal Attorney, Rick Petersen, CFO, and Community members

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chris Boyd moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

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

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Marvin Defoe.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tribal Chair apologized to those in attendance for the delay. She stated the Tribal Council had been discussing the termination of Dr. Heitsch. She also informed the community that the Council had decided to move forward with reinstatement of Dr. Heitsch's employment dependent upon certain conditions that were discussed in Executive Session. If the conditions are met by Dr. Heitsch, she would be back to work in April.

Clarissa Bresette had created a petition in support for Dr. Heitsch. She provided copies to the Council. She thanked the Council for their decision to reinstate. She spoke briefly about her experience with Dr. Heitsch and how she felt she was a benefit to the families of RC.

Barb Gadbois, Katie Butterfield, Kasie Gokee and Sandy Nevala also expressed their support of Dr. Heitsch's reinstatement.

Chairperson and Vice-Chairman after hours Listening Sessions scheduled for March 18th and April 15th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Administration Building.

Celebration of Wolf event will be held on March 26th at Legendary Waters.

Nicole Boyd invited community to ECC sugar bush at Little Sand Bay.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT

Rebecca Benton stated the Gaming Commission has been unable to secure a quorum for two months and are in need of one more member. Actions made by the Commission have been done by poll vote. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th.

Laura J. Gordon moved to accept the Gaming Commission report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Raymond Defoe, Jr. gave an overview of his written report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR ACCESS ACROSS TRIBAL LANDS TO THE MONTANO PROPERTY

Donald King is interested in making an offer to buy the Montano Property located off of Church road and requested written permission from the Council to access the property. The only entry to the property is on trust land.

Mike Gurnoe moved to give permission for Donald King to access tribal land to access the Montano Property. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

LEASES

A recent contest has arisen over lease site 37735 Bineshii Drive. Competing applications for a new lease had been submitted by Donald Gordon, III/Sheryl Gordon (former lease holders) and Troy Gordon/Karen Wszalek.

Donald Gordon, III/Sheryl Gordon's application does not comply with RCCL 18.2.6 which requires that lessees must use the lease site as their primary residence. Troy Gordon/Karen Wszalek have occupied the lease site since 2007.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Resolution **3/17/15A** pertaining to a new Residential Lease for Troy Gordon and Karen Wszalek. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Chris Boyd moved to approve Resolution **3/17/15B** pertaining to a Lease Modification for Cynthia Tamara Smith to add Daniel Richard Smith to her existing long-term residential lease. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ECC 2015-2016 TRAINING PLAN/ECC 2015-2020 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Red Cliff Early Childhood Center Training Plan 2015-2016. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Red Cliff Early Childhood Center 2015-2020 Program Purpose, Goals and Objectives. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE HS/EHS GRANT APPLICATION 2015-2016

Marvin Defoe moved to approve Resolution **3/17/15C** pertaining to the Red Cliff Tribal Head Start / Early Head Start grant application to the Office of Head Start for the 2015-2016 program years. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO IMLS GRANT

Steven Boyd moved to approve Resolution **3/17/15D** pertaining to the submission of the FY 2015 Native American Library Service Basic grants program from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO LEGENDARY WATERS HANDBOOK

Tribal Chair asked that Council address the amendment of Section 302. The amendment to the section is the addition of the statement: "PTO shall not exceed 264 total hours. Provided that total accrued PTO does not exceed 264 hours, it may be carried over from year to year." The remaining changes to the handbook shall be revisited at the March 24th Special Council Meeting.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the amendment to Section 302 regarding PTO. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Materials for this item were not provided in the Council packets.

Chris Boyd moved to table this item. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 LOGGING, BURNING AND WOODCUTTING

Chapter 11 revisions were approved for posting by the Tribal Council in July 2013 but did not receive final approval to implement.

Steven Boyd moved to approve Chapter 11 Logging, Burning and Woodcutting EAB code change. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM LARRY DERAGON FROM THE ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION

Bryan Bainbridge moved to accept the resignation letter from Larry Deragon from the Associate Judge Position, also to send him a letter of gratitude and thanks. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

POW-WOW DISCUSSION

Jeanne Gordon asked a question on how we are going to proceed with the Pow-Wow this year. It was recommended that she set a date and invite the Community and we can go from there.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL

Jeanne Gordon moved to ratify Council poll pertaining to the submission of a proposal to obtain funding through the USDA, in support of the Red Cliff Health Services Division and Developing a plan for an Integrated Food System. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

OTHER

APPROVAL OF CASH FLOW BUDGET FOR APRIL 2015

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Legendary Waters Resort & Casino Cash Flow Budget for April 2015. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH BIA

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Discussion: IDC is not allowed in the budget. Need further clarification and discussion.

Mike Gurnoe rescinded the motion. Jeanne Gordon concurred.

Chris Boyd moved to table this item for further discussion. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

RED CLIFF SPEARING/NETTING DISCUSSION

At the recent Red Cliff Spearing meeting, it was recommended that Red Cliff donate its Walleye quota (1,084 lbs.) to the Mille Lacs Band due to the decreasing numbers of walleye in Mille Lacs Lake.

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

The Director of Compliance position discussion to be placed on the March 24th agenda.

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

Adjourned: 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council