

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 25, 2016

4:30 p.m. at Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bryan Bainbridge at 4:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Bryan Bainbridge, Present  
Nathan Gordon, Present  
Laura J. Gordon, Present  
Krystle Topping, Absent  
Quorum

Marvin Defoe, Absent  
Jeanne Gordon, Present @ 4:40 p.m.  
Steven Boyd, Present  
Chris Boyd, Present  
Daniel Duffy, Present

Also in attendance: Dave Ujke, Red Cliff Attorney, Wade Williams, Red Cliff Assistant Attorney, Lisa Bissell, Interim CFO, Division Administrators and Community members.

### AGENDA

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the agenda to add "Opening Ceremony" after Approval of agenda. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Buffalo Bay Singers.

### QUARTERLY REPORTS

#### Chairman

Chairman Bainbridge started off by thanking the community, council and staff for giving him this opportunity.

Chairman Bainbridge mentioned some of his many meeting that he has had this past quarter. He mentioned meeting with the Bayfield School Superintendent to go over various issues and concerns and the future. He mentioned that he went to the state capitol for the State of Tribes address. He stated that it was nice to see the Red Cliff Royalty in attendance.

Chairman Bainbridge mentioned a meeting he attended with Vice-Chairman Gordon in regards to BIA land issues. They are working on clearing up the lease debts that have occurred with people not paying their lease rent.

Chairman Bainbridge mentioned that he went to Washington, D.C. with Dave Ujke and Chad Abel in regards to Lake Superior Co-Management funding. He stated that it was a pretty successful trip and they did receive some funding but have not received permanent funding yet.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the Chairman's report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**Vice Chairman**

Vice-Chairman Gordon started off by thanking the community and staff for allowing him this opportunity.

Vice-Chairman Gordon mentioned that he has taken over some of the duties of the Division Administrator Manager. He has sat in on 16 interviews in the last 3 months.

Vice-Chairman Gordon talked about some of his meetings for the quarter. He mentioned attending the annual Fire Department Breakfast at Legendary Waters. The Tribe donated \$10,000 to the Fire Department.

He also attended the Water Symposium held at Legendary Waters. He mentioned that this was a great turn out. He also mentioned having a phone conference with Brian Ross, David Beeksma and Krystle Topping. This was to learn more about the Department of Interior and their Financial Education program.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Vice Chairman's report. Seconded by Steven Boyd. (1 abstention: Nathan Gordon). Motion carried.

**Tribal Planner**

Jeff Benton was here to present the report. He reported that they have 2 new staff and they are Beth Paap and Marilyn Miller.

Jeff mentioned that the Bay Area Rural Transit has received a new bus. He also mentioned the numerous grants that were submitted for the various programs.

He also mentioned that the will begin for Blueberry Road and Red Cliff Creek area soon. The road will be closed and notices will be sent out to inform everyone about the detour and the amount of time that the road will be closed.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Tribal Planner's report. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

**Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**

Lisa Bissell was here to give her report as the Interim CFO. She mentioned working on the Facilities Management Cost Allocation Plan. This year there is a slight increase. She also mentioned that she has spent a lot of time on the 2016 Indirect Cost Proposal.

Lisa mentioned that she received the draft Audit and there will be a presentation of the Audit on May 5, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Laura J. Gordon asked Lisa about a presentation meeting that she attended with Hakan Almstrom at the clinic. Lisa mentioned that this meeting was mainly for the clinic on saving strategies.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Chief Financial Officer's report. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

#### **Division Administrator Manager**

Patty Deragon-Navarro gave her report for the Clinic. She mentioned that the Behavioral Department is up to full staff and that the Washburn office should be opening soon. She also mentioned that the Pink Shawl Cancer Awareness held on March 18, 2016 was a success. They had approximately 25 to 30 people in attendance.

Patty mentioned that the new chiropractor will be seeing patients in the beginning of May. Nathan Gordon asked Patty if she had the brochures completed for each division of the Clinic. Patty said they are completed and will send some down to the Administration Building.

Bill Mertig mentioned in his report the success of the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast. He stated that with the donation from the Tribe they were able to purchase gear that was needed for the fire fighters. He also mentioned that there are a total of 21 fire fighters.

Bill stated the Police Department handled 424 calls for service. He believes that the increase in calls is that it is from the increase in traffic stops and the increase in drug use in the area. Bill also mentioned that the Police Department is short 1 employee due to an injury.

Chad Abel talked about some of the highlights of the meetings that he has attended in the last 3 months. Chad mentioned the Forest Service MOU, meeting with the National Park Service and meetings in regards to the treaty rights for the water quality standards.

Chad mentioned that the jobs are now posted for the Summer Interns. They are looking for 5 employees. This year they are doing something different and offering the employees a \$500 scholarship for working. They will need to do a special project to earn points.

Dee Gokee-Rindal was here and talked about the closing of the Bad River child care and the child care that was held in Bayfield. She mentioned that it is hard for parents to find child care. She also talked about the time clock and the benefits that it has. She is seeing that it makes the employees more accountable for their own time.

She also mentioned the Storytelling that was held at Legendary Waters on January 27, 2016 and it was a success with 163 participants signing in. She also mentioned that there were 126 participants that signed in for the ECC Winter Gathering. Dee also mentioned that the ECC has had a lot of staff turnover. She spoke of meeting with LCO in regards to having the college over in Red Cliff. They are working on a plan to find something permanent.

Ronnie Wilcox and Shelly Gordon were here to present the report. They talked about the things that they did and the repairs that they fixed. Nathan Gordon asked if they will be putting a notice when the construction for Pike Road and Community Road projects begin. Yes it will be posted.

Laura J. Gordon gave the report for Family/Human Services. Laura stated that there are over 200 life line phones out in the community. Laura also mentioned that the new Family/Human Service Director will be starting on May 2, 2016.

Dan Duffy stated that he likes to see the number of youth that go to the Youth Center. It means that more youth are using the facility.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the Division Administrator Manager's report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. (1 abstention: Laura J. Gordon). Motion carried.

#### **Utilities Commission**

Bob Bear was here to read his report. He asked the Council what the expectations are for the Utilities Commission. Chairman Bainbridge told Bob that he needs to go through the by-laws for the commission to see exactly what needs to be done. Jeanne Gordon stated that at the next meeting the whole commission should go through the by-laws so that they are all on the same page.

Bob explained that they are still working on the water meters. Some still need to be installed in people's houses. Bob said that they will use the figures from the meters to calculate the new rates for water & sewer. Chairman Bainbridge states that they need to base the rates on the water used.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the Utilities Commission report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

#### **Legal**

Dave Ujke and Wade Williams were here to present their report.

Dave spoke of the numerous tasks that he has been working on. These include Lake Superior Management Agreement Negotiations and Lake Superior Fisheries Funding. He also spoke of a meeting with the Bayfield County Board. Dave mentioned that the Tribe does not have any information on the Tribe's economic impact to the County. This is just a few of the things that Dave has done over the past 3 months.

Wade mentioned that the Tribe has acquired the title to the Merchant property. Wade also mentioned that he reviewed 56 contracts for this period. Wade mentioned that he has attended several other meetings along with his daily duties.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Legal Departments report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**OTHER**

**ADJOURN**

Nathan Gordon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Adjourned 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Cheri Defoe  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council