

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 24, 2016

4:30 p.m. Legendary Waters, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

ROLL CALL

Bryan Bainbridge, Present
Nathan Gordon, Present
Mercie Gordon, Present
Krystle Topping, Present
Daniel Duffy, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present
Antone Basina, Present
Chris Boyd, Present
Steven Boyd, Present
Quorum

Chairman Bryan Bainbridge called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Others present: David Ujke -Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams - Assistant Tribal Attorney, Dennis Soulier - Interim CFO, Patty Deragon-Navarro - Health Division Administrator, Lorna Gamble – Interim Family Services Division Administrator, Desiree Livingston – Assistant CFO, Chad Abel – TNR Division Administrator, Lisa Bissell – Grants and Contracts Manager, Ellen Kwiatkowski – Planning Administrator/Policy Analyst and community members.

AGENDA

Chris Boyd moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Antone Basina.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Bainbridge highlighted a few points in his written report detailing various meetings and trainings he had attended throughout the quarter. He also announced that Tribal members interested in obtaining a copy of his or other quarterly reports they may contact Jeanne Gordon at Tribal Administration.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the Chairman quarterly report for July through September 2016. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Gordon read through his written report and mentioned he had conducted 20 interviews as Tribal Liaison. He also added his report is available to Tribal members interested in a copy.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Vice-Chairman quarterly report for July through September 2016. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. 1-Abstention: Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

PLANNER

Ellen Kwiatkowski presented the Planning Department quarterly report. Questions were asked regarding plans for the inoperable transit bus. Ellen stated she would follow up with Jeff Benton. In the meantime, BART has a replacement bus for Miskwaabikong Transit use. She also noted the Rawley Road project is near completion.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the Planning quarterly report for July through September 2016. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Lisa Bissell, Dennis Soulier and Desiree Livingston presented the CFO quarterly report and noted was report is Lisa's final report as Interim CFO. The Tribe received 2016 & 2017 Indirect Cost rates from the Interior Business Center on August 29th. 2017 is the first year the Tribe has received a current approved rate before the fiscal year has begun.

The Tribe has also begun accepting credit cards as a form of payment for Water & Sewer, court fines, gift shop items, license plates/renewals and Tribal IDs. The new IT/Systems Administrator is working to develop a webpage to allow customers to make payments online.

The Tribe has obtained services from Falmouth Institute to revise the Property and Procurement manual and once complete all staff will be provided training.

Mercie Gordon moved to approve the Chief Financial Officer Quarterly Report for July through September 2016. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATORS

EDUCATION DIVISION

Dee Gokee-Rindall gave an overview of the Education Division report. She made the suggestion of co-sponsoring Language camp in order to sustain the camp in the future. Dee and Krystle Topping also met with LCO College and were informed that the outreach classes scheduled in Red Cliff have been cancelled due to low enrollment. They are now working with the college on planning the spring semester. The library will have a LCO College student intern up to 10 hours per week. There are a number of vacant positions within the division especially at the ECC.

TREATY NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Chad Abel stated the Division is looking at creating a hiking trail from clinic to former Isle Vista Casino site. This project is currently under PAC review.

Plans for a prescribed burn in Raspberry is underway, this project may replenish blueberries and other plants.

The wild rice reseeding project covered approximately 4 acres.

HEALTH

Patty Deragon-Navarro presented the Health Division report.

Dr. Ian Butler was hired on temporarily from August through the end of October.

In September, Dr. Darling was hired as the new pediatrician.

Dr. Steven Miskiewicz was hired as the new Medical Director.

FAMILY/HUMAN SERVICES

Lorna Gamble presented the Family/Human Services report.

The Re-entry program is coming to end within the next 3-4 months. The program is working to transition existing clients to other services/programs.

Antone Basina asked if TANF client workshops are mandatory for clients. He stated he had witnessed participants at TANF sponsored event excessively going in and out of sessions.

The Human Services has plans to hire additional staff and the ICW program has made the goal to hire 2-3 ICW workers.

Questions were asked regarding drug testing for TANF and Food Share. Lorna stated these programs have not received official notice of this requirement but stated she will follow up with Rebecca Benton for further clarification.

Lorna also added she is working with other Directors on initiatives to improve Division services.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

Chris Boyd moved to table the Protective Services report due to Bill Mertig's absence. Seconded by Krystle Topping. Discussion: This item is to be added to the November 7th Regular Meeting agenda. Motion carried.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Robert Powless presented the FM Quarterly report. Krystle Topping stated she had received concerns from community of water quality testing. Robert stated the water is tested on regular basis and results are reported on to EPA and WI.

Krystle Topping moved to approve the Division Administrator Quarterly reports for July through September 2016. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Discussion: This excludes the Protective Services Division report. Motion carried.

LEGAL

Krystle Topping moved to approve the Legal Division report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

RED CLIFF CHIPPEWA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Discussion on when this and other commission reports should be needed. Per code, Housing Authority, Utilities and Police Commission are required to report annually.

Nathan Gordon moved to require Red Cliff Housing Authority, Utilities Commission and Police Commission to report annually to the Tribal Council each year at the 2nd meeting in January. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

OTHER

Discussion was had on the current Housing Board structure. Some tribes choose to have the Tribal Council serve as their Housing Board. Question of whether this may jeopardize funding or have other implications. Dave Ujke will look into this further and report back to Council.

ADJOURN

Nathan Gordon moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Mercie Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council