

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2017

2:00 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, Absent @ 4:30 p.m. (Excused)
Steven Boyd, Present

Quorum

Chairman Bryan Bainbridge called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Others present: David Ujke -Tribal Attorney, Chad Abel – Treaty Natural Resources Division Administrator, Dee Gokee-Rindall - Education Division Administrator and community members.

AGENDA

Corrected agenda item #6: Changed "Gaming Commission Report" to "Compliance Report".

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nathan Gordon moved to waive the bonding requirements to reflect the BIA \$100,000 threshold. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Frank Morris.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Payton Keith, Bazile Panek and Shyenne Gordon approached the Council requesting donations for Bayfield High Band trip to New York City in April. 37 out of the 55 students attending are Red Cliff tribal members. Chairman Bainbridge stated there are currently no tribal funds available for donations but the Council may donate individually, he offered to make a donation. The Band is also doing other fundraising including a raffle, Winter Gala/Concert and will be fundraising at the Legendary Waters Pow-Wow on January 28th. For community members interested in donating to the trip, they may contact Ron Borchers at the Bayfield School.

ECC Storytelling event is scheduled for January 25th at the Youth Center.

Secretary Gordon encouraged the community to check the tribal website for upcoming community events.

A retirement luncheon for Theresa Gordon will be held on January 26th at the Food Distribution Building.

Legendary Pow-Wow will be held on January 28th, the vendor fee has decreased.

Introduction to

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Topping began by acknowledging the work of all accounting staff.

The Financial Status report is available to all tribal members. The report gives a breakdown of all program budgets and spending.

The Education Division is working on waiver for a portion of the Head Start In-kind requirement.

Child Support and CST programs are behind on reporting their non-federal share. Both have taken steps to get their in-kind up to date. The TANF Case Manager position was filled.

The court reported to have approximately \$170,000 in unpaid fines. A 3rd party account was added to identify these outstanding forfeitures.

Indirect Cost budget currently has an \$800,000 plus deficit. This is believed to be due to ill-timed spending by programs. Chairman Bainbridge asked if there is a process in place to ensure all programs are spending appropriately and timely. CFO Dennis Soulier stated the program accountants are meeting quarterly with Directors. A post-award training will also be offered in the near future.

Jeanne Gordon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2016. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Motion carried.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Charles Bresette reported that the SOPs will not be instituted for another 4-6 months.

Financial reports have been forwarded to the Gaming Commission.

Charles has continued work on the Tribal Internal Controls with regards to 543. A draft was sent to legal on December 16th.

Krystle Topping moved to accept the Compliance Report for December 2016. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried.

RED CLIFF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER REPORT TO THE INDIAN PEOPLE

Council noted that this report has not been given in the past. Jim Farrell explained that it is a requirement by contract with IHS. The report gave a breakdown of all services provide by the Health Center and highlighted many accomplishments made throughout 2016.

Jim noted that over \$100,000 was saved to clients by the sponsorship program.

The Council asked that this report be available to the public in the newsletter and on the website.

Krystle Topping moved to approve the report. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried.

LOAN COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Marilyn Miller presented information on the Red Cliff Revolving Loan Fund. This program was offered in the past and Marilyn is working to revive this. Policies and eligibility criteria will need to be rewritten to better serve the community. The loan fund would be established for small businesses on or near the reservation and have a cap of \$5,000.

No Council action taken.

ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION AND ELDERLY MEAL

The contract is currently with Legal. Jeanne Gordon stated there is no need for Council approval.

4 ITEMS: GLRI – FROG BAY CREEK PROPOSAL, GLRI – WETLAND RESTORATION PROPOSAL, GLRI – HISTORIC LAKE TROUT SHOALS PROPOSAL AND GLRI – CISCO RESEARCH PROPOSAL

GLRI – Frog Bay Creek proposes to permanently protect the eighty acre parcel at the headwaters of Frog Creek through a strategic land acquisition. After acquisition, 244 acres will be preserved into perpetuity from development once all parcels have been acquired.

GLRI- Wetland Restoration proposes funding to restore the 2 acre Mino Bimaadiziwin Farm wetland site to a multipurpose and diverse native landscape that will provide habitat to native species, yield food & medicinal plants for the Red Cliff Community.

GLRI – Historic Lake Trout proposes to collect data on Historic Lake Trout Spawning to increase the Tribe's knowledge for future management decision on Lake Superior and provide decision makers a better understanding for future State/Tribal fishery negotiations.

GLRI – CISCO Research proposes funding for a collaborative project with UM-Duluth.

Steven Boyd moved to approve all four proposals as presented. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Discussion: Total funds requested are \$298,216.00. Motion carried.

BREMER BANK ACCOUNT CLOSURE REQUEST

CFO Dennis Soulier made the request to close BIA 638 programs account at Bremer Bank and transfer balance to new BIA Money Market account at Chippewa Valley Bank.

Jeanne Gordon moved to the closure. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried

CWA 319 COMPETITIVE GRANT PROPOSAL

EPA grant proposal to restore water quality issues through the installation of erosion control measures and native plantings.

Jeanne Gordon moved approve the proposal. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

RATIFY POLL VOTE – WAIVER OF BIDS FOR SERVICES WITH DR. ANTONE TREUER

Nathan Gordon moved to ratify the poll. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Motion carried.

RATIFY POLL VOTE – WAIVER OF BIDS FOR SERVICES WITH DR. MICHAEL SULLIVAN

Mercie Gordon moved to ratify the poll. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

RATIFY POLL VOTE – WAIVER OF BIDS FOR 2 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES TO ASSIST THE RED CLIFF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Jeanne Gordon moved to ratify the poll. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Motion carried.

RATIFY POLL VOTE – PAY WORKER'S COMPENSATION FOR LEGENDARY WATERS RESORT AND CASINOWAIVER OF BIDS FOR SERVICES WITH DR. ANTONE TREUER

Jeanne Gordon moved to ratify the poll. Seconded by Dan Duffy. 1-Abstension (Krystle Topping) Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DOUG DEFOE FROM POLICE COMMISSION

Nathan Gordon moved to accept the resignation. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Discussion: Jeanne Gordon will repost the commission vacancy. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Nathan Gordon moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Mercie Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council