

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 2017

2:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bryan Bainbridge at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Bryan Bainbridge, Present
Nathan Gordon, Present
Mercie Gordon, Present
Krystle Topping, Present
Quorum

Daniel Duffy, Present
Chris Boyd, Present
Steven Boyd, Present
Jeanne Gordon, Present
Anthony Basina, Present

Also in attendance: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Jim Rider, General Manager Legendary Waters and Community members.

AGENDA

Steve Boyd moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jeanne Gordon moved to go into Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. Seconded by Krystle Topping. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Mercie Gordon moved to return to Regular Session at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremony performed by Frank Morris.

Signing of MOU with National Forest Service

Michelle, District Ranger for the National Park Service was here to sign the MOU with Chairman Bainbridge. Chad Abel gave a brief description of what the MOU will do for the community. He stated that the National Park Service helps with the Summer Youth Program, Sharp Tail Grouse and the Wildlife Fire Program. Chairman Bainbridge stated that the Tribe and the Park Service need to know and understand each other to move forward.

Pictures were taken and Frank Morris did an Honor Song.

Community Announcements/Concerns

Betsy Hudson was here to voice her concern over leases. She stated that her lease has not been renewed and it is 261 days late. She states that she met with Wade Williams and he said he was working on it. Chairman Bainbridge explained that Wade Williams has more work than just dealing with leases. Chairman Bainbridge also explained that there is a job posting out in the public for a Land Specialist. Betsy also explained that her brother is going through the same situation as her. Her brother, Jerome, was told that his lease was at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and it is not over there yet. Betsy states that her main problem is the lying. Antone Basina states that the Council needs to focus on getting that job filled.

Betsy Hudson also has a concern about the Elderly survey that was sent to the Elders. She states that most of the elders don't understand the questions and thought that they were going to get a different survey. Krystle Topping asked Betsy what kind of survey they want. Betsy stated that they want a survey that doesn't talk about the programs. Chairman Bainbridge encouraged Betsy to encourage the elders to fill out the survey the best they can and send back. Betsy thinks that if someone could go to the Elders and it with them one-on-one, they will be able to understand it better. Chairman Bainbridge stated that he believes that the Clinic should be sending people around to go to the Elders' houses. Nathan Gordon also stated that the Elders can put their names on the surveys if they wish.

Carolyn Gouge was here to update the community on the Water Walk which will be held at Legendary Waters on Saturday, April 22, 2017. There will be a feast at 5 p.m. for the community.

Misty Nordin told the community that on Friday, April 14, 2017 the Youth Center took 19 youth to go spearing. They met with youth from Bad River. Misty stated that since all the youth had a good time, the Youth Center is bringing them out again. They will be going on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Please contact Misty if you are interested in going.

There will be an Education Fair at Legendary Waters on Friday, April 28, 2017 starting at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. For more information please contact Jenny Defoe at 715-779-5030.

On April 19, 2017 there will be a Meth and Heroin Session with the Red Cliff Police Department at Legendary Waters. The first session is at 1 p.m. and the second session will be held at 6 p.m.

At the VFW on April 30, 2017 they will be honoring Duwayne Soulier. There will be a feast and a presentation. You can call Randy Bresette or Diane Fizell for more information.

Community Clean-up will be May 22 – 28, 2017. You can call Linda at the EPA Office at 715-779-3650 with any questions.

There is still Crisis Funding available. Please bring your utility bill into the Human Services Building and fill out an application. Funds are going fast.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Krystle Topping made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:57 p.m. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Steven Boyd made a motion to return to Regular Session at 6:31 p.m. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Gaming Commission Report

Desiree Livingston was here to give the Gaming Commission report.

Mercie Gordon asked why the SOPs were so lengthy. Charlie Bresette stated that it has to do with the terminology. This is a long process and with the help of Dave Ujke and Laura Belanger, Charlie is hoping to still have them done by June.

Krystle Topping moved to approve the Gaming Commission Report from February 13, 2017. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

Krystle Topping moved to approve the Gaming Commission Report from March 13, 2017. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Compliance Report

Charlie Bresette was here to present his report.

Charlie talked about the meeting he had with Mavis Jacobson in regards to the Audit. Charlie was informed that they need to have a side-by-side comparison of the numbers to go into the report.

Nathan Gordon asked Charlie if he could add the SOPs in his next report and state the progress and the SOPs that are completed.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the Compliance Report for February 2017. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

Krystle Topping moved to approve the Compliance Report for March 2017 with corrections. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

IHS Scattered Sites

Krystle Topping moved to approve the Scattered Sites and go with the Recommendation of \$38,738.25 with Tribovich Construction. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

NFS Connecting STEM to Native Science Discussion

Lena Wilson was here to talk about the research project. Lena stated that the project would survey the youth before and after the research. She also mentioned that they will also be doing surveys for adults. Chairman Bainbridge asked about the cost. Lena believes that there is no cost involved with this. Lena mentioned that they will need a signed letter from the Chairman.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the NSF Connecting STEM Research. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Discussion: Krystle Topping just has a concern in regards to the research. Chairman Bainbridge would like to see the finished product come before the Council. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Krystle Topping started off by thanking the Accounting staff for all their hard work and dedication.

Jeanne Gordon had a question in regards to the In-kind for Family Services. Karen Wszalek is currently working on this and Becky Benton said that on the report next month the In-kind should be on there.

Desiree Livingston mentioned that all the Clinic 3rd Party Accounts will be combined into one account.

Nathan Gordon asked Chad Abel if there is a difference in selling green trash bags to selling the tags. Wondering if there is an increase or not. Chad will look into this and bring back the information.

Krystle Topping mentioned that there is \$227,572.83 in unpaid Water & Sewer bills. She urges everyone to pay their bills.

Nathan Gordon asked if the updated customer information was sent out to the Water & Sewer clients. Bob Powless said it has been sent out. Clients can also call the office at 715-779-5228 with the information.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2017. Seconded by Antone Basina. Abstention – 1 (Krystle Topping). Motion carried.

Legendary Waters Cash Flow Budget – May 2017

Antone Basina moved to approve the Cash Flow Budget for May 2017 for Legendary Waters. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

Resolution for FY17 Summer Food Program

Travis Meyers and Peg Bazant were here to present the Summer Food Program. Travis mentioned that there will be new times when they pass out lunches and snacks. Lunches will

now be served from 11: a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and snacks will be at 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Travis also mentioned that the employees' hours will be cut from 8 hours a day to 6 hours.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the FY17 Summer Food Program. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried. **Resolution 04-18-17A**

Water Tower Toad Professional Service Agreement

Chris Boyd moved to approve the Service Agreement with Krech Ojard & Associates in the amount of \$7,200. Seconded by Krystle Topping. Discussion: Jeff Benton stated that this should be completed before September 1, 2017. Motion carried.

Handbook Changes and Hiring Discussion

Susie Gurnoe was here to discuss the changes in the handbook.

Chairman Bainbridge would like to have Misconduct and Gross Misconduct justified. Dave Ujke mentioned that the Council is the ones that decipher what could be labeled under each category.

Krystle Topping moved to approve the Handbook Changes with the exception of Selection Procedures. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Discussion: Susie will bring back to the meeting on May 23, 2017. Motion carried.

There was also a discussion on the Hiring of employees. Susie stated that at times it is hard to find a Council Member to sit in on the interviews. Susie was wondering if another Administrator could take the place of the Council Member. If no Council Member, refer to the list of Key Employees.

Chairman Bainbridge stated to add the key employees and bring it back to the Council.

Sole Source Waiver for Energy Assessments

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Sole Source Waiver for Energy Assessments in the amount of \$27,129 for energy audits on the Hatchery Office, Youth Center and Administration Building. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Proposal for Collaboration with UW Madison on a Sea Grant

Mercie Gordon moved to approve the Collaboration with UW Madison for WI Sea Grant in the amount of \$10,560. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

Sole Source Waiver for Merriam Oberly Consulting Contract

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the Sole Source Waiver for Merriam Oberly Consulting in regards to litigation with the State of WI on the tax status on reservation lands. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Approve Pow-wow Budget – FY17

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the FY17 Pow-wow Budget. Seconded by Dan Duffy.
Discussion: Same as last year's budget of \$45,000. Motion carried.

Ratify Poll Vote for 2017 Election Board

Mercie Gordon moved to Ratify Poll Vote for the 2017 Election Board. Seconded by Chris Boyd.
Discussion: Election Board is – Cheri Defoe, Josh Gordon, Paula Bonney, Donald Gordon III and Michael Poch. The Alternates are – Susie Gurnoe and Amanda Smart. Motion carried.

Appoint Chair for 2017 Election Board

Dan Duffy moved to appoint Cheri Defoe as the Chair for the 2017 Election Board. Seconded by Antone Basina. Discussion: Dave Ujke mentioned that it is best to go with someone who has experience. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Krystle Topping moved to go into Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. Seconded by Steven Boyd.
Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Mercie Gordon moved to return to Regular Session at 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Chris Boyd.
Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge, Krystle Topping and Antone Basina excused themselves from this discussion.

Approve Verification of 2017 Candidates for Chairperson and Treasurer

Mercie Gordon moved to certify the candidates except Christopher P. Hicks and Michael D. Soulier until the close of the business day on Thursday, April 20th, 2017 to allow Christopher P. Hicks and Michael D. Soulier time to provide proof of residency for a year preceding the election year 2017 as per Article 13 of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Constitution. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.


OTHER

ADJOURN

Chris Boyd moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Cheri M. Defoe
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Mercie A. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council