

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 24, 2017

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, Absent (Excused)
Steven Boyd, Present

Quorum

Chairman Bainbridge called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Others present: Bill Mertig – Protective Services Division Administrator, Carmen VanderVenter – Compliance/Internal Audit Officer, Dennis Soulier – Interim CFO, Steven Bouley – Chief Tribal Judge, Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Lavonne Goslin – Education Division, Wade Williams – Assistant Tribal Attorney, Dr. Jagdish Goswami – Health Division Administrator, Larry Balber – THPO, Robert Powless – Public Works Division Administrator, Rebecca Benton – Family/Human Services Division Administrator, Jeff Benton – Planning Department and community members.

AGENDA

Change “Division Administrators” to “Division/Department Reports”.

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

OPENING CEREMONY

Song by Frank Morris.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Bainbridge expressed his appreciation to the community, staff and Tribal Council members. He provided an overview of his written report highlighting his various meetings with staff, state/federal agencies and conferences attended. No discussion.

Mercie Gordon moved to accept the Chairman’s report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Gordon highlighted various meetings with staff, community members and Tribal Divisions conducted in the past quarter. He is also working diligently with the Divisions on planning of Red Cliff Days and annual Pow-Wow.

Jeanne Gordon moved to accept the Vice-Chairman’s report. Seconded by Antone Basina. 1-Abstention (Nathan Gordon). Motion carried.

INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Indirect Cost Budget is now completed and draft audit is completed.

The contract with Falmouth to revise the Financial Policies was terminated and a new contract was entered with Moss Adams, with a date of completion of May 31, 2017.

Two inventory clerk positions will be posted soon.

Dan Duffy moved to accept the CFO report. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

DIVISION/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Jeff Benton read through the written report. The Administrator position is now vacant, Ellen Kwiatkowski had resigned.

The Planning department has provided grant proposal assistance to various departments as well as worked with IT and Administration on eCivis implementation and internal compliance. ECivis Training was provided to tribal staff.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Robert Powless presented the report. A listing of repairs completed by Maintenance was provided.

The Meter project is essentially closed but extra meters were ordered to finish installations on homes that were missed or inaccessible.

The Inflow & Infiltration Study was completed and found a number of breaks and misaligned pipes. IHS and Public Works are looking to solutions to the findings.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Discussions are being had on the possibility of having the Clinic take over the EMS Department. Staffing is a major concern for EMS, Bayfield is having to take a lot of calls. Effective May 15, the City of Bayfield will no longer be able to cover our calls with their primary rig, as it takes away coverage for the city. Suggestion made by Bayfield was to employ standby EMTs in the summer months.

HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

The Clinic had a total of 1,541 medical visits the past quarter and has added an average of 20 appointments per week by scheduling appointments through 4:00 p.m. as opposed to 3:30 p.m. Emergency patients are now being seen prior to them traveling to Ashland. Discussions are also being had on taking over Madeline Island Clinic.

Jim Farrell will be leaving his position as CFO and the clinic continues to seek an OB/GYN and mid-level provider.

TREATY NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

The Tribe and Forest Service MOU is now in place. Planning of the next Water Symposium, no date set as of yet.

Spirit Island Streambank Stabilization event is scheduled for May 16th.

FAMILY/HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

Division Administrator Rebecca Benton presented the Division report. The Re-Entry Program has an upcoming audit. Much time was spent this quarter cleaning up files and working with Compliance and accounting to ensure all is in order prior to the audit.

TANF conducted a SafeServ training to clients.

Two more Child Support staff are certified to do genetic testing.

Brighter Futures Initiative (BFI) has been teaching life skills during Troller time at the Bayfield School.

Elder Program has established a loan closet for those in need.

EDUCATION DIVISION

Honors Banquet is scheduled for May 15th.

Two positions are vacant at the ECC, Lavonne and Nicole are meeting weekly with Michael Christiansen regarding end of the year spend down. Nathan Gordon added that in the past, ECC Administration would meet with staff to obligate excess funds.

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION (THPO)

Larry Balber, THPO, had met with Teresa Schenk regarding LaPointe Band history brochures and historical documents and sources.

Planning activities were conducted to provide Archaeological Para-Professional Certification training for future Tribal Monitors on projects. Training is scheduled for May 17-23rd.

Assistant THPO interviews were conducted.

Conducted a financial review and re-positioning of THPO priorities.

COMPLIANCE/INTERNAL AUDIT OFFICER

Carmen VanderVenter detailed a number of program audits she conducted including client filed auditing for ICW and the Re-Entry program.

She had also organized and provided Leadership Training, Tribal Census Training, OMB Uniform Guidance training to staff. She had also assisted in the IDC negotiations.

Krystle Topping moved to approve the Division/Department reports. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

COURTS

The court was awarded additional funding which they will be using to employ an Assistant Clerk and Data Entry Clerk. The Assistant Clerk will be working on hearing transcription.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Courts Quarterly report. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

LEGAL

Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney and Wade Williams presented the Legal Department report. Summaries from Dave Ujke, Wade Williams and Tish Keahna-Kruzan were provided.

Due to the lack of staff in the Land office, the Department is not able to adequately handle the Land Buy-Back Program. Recruitment efforts are ongoing to fill the necessary Land Specialist/Paralegal position.

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

Nathan Gordon moved to go into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. Seconded by Krystle Topping. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR SESSION

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

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Mercie Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council