

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2017

3:00 p.m. Legendary Waters, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

ROLL CALL

Richard Peterson, Absent (Excused)

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Mercie Gordon, Present

Antone Basina, Present

Johanna Wilson, Present

Daniel Duffy, Present

Carolyn Gouge, Present

Quorum

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

Others present: Bill Mertig, Protective Services Division Administrator, Dennis Soulier, Interim CFO, Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Robert Powless, Public Works Division Administrator, Rebecca Benton, Family/Human Services Division Administrator and community members.

AGENDA

Changes and corrections:

1. July 14th should be July 15th for the minutes
2. Should be Michael Defoe not David Defoe

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

Mercie Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

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

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony by Gwen Topping.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cecil Peterson spoke of his time on the Lakes Committee. The most recent meeting was held on June 6, 2017. During that meeting, he spoke of his decision to announce that he no longer wanted to engage in discussions with the Michigan DNR. Nathan Gordon will look into this and discuss this further with Cecil at a later date.

Lynne Basina voiced her concerns regarding the Red Cliff Housing Authority (RCHA). She stated her daughter was being billed by RCHA for the mowing of her grass. She explained that her daughter is going through difficult times and is unable to pay for this. She asked that the Council help those in need. The community has a history of oppression and we need to help those that cannot help themselves. She asked that the Council look at their policies. Her daughter is currently ineligible for TANF since her son receives Social Security. Lynne believes this is illegal.

Sandra Nevala and Joseph Montano spoke of a recent meeting with the Forest Service that discussed Pipeline 5. Enbridge had announced their intent to renew their permit. Sandra reminded the Council of a request made by her and Jeannie Balber that asked if the Council would 'back them up' in the event Tribal members were arrested or cited while protesting in protection of the water.

Joseph Montano asked if a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance/Office (TERO) has ever been considered or is in the works. He discussed the benefits of having an ordinance that would require policy in hiring Tribal members. Johanna Wilson stated this is one issue she is interested in addressing. Antone Basina will look for ordinance examples and polices from other tribes with an established TERO. The Council agreed that an update on this will be given in 30 days.

Nicholas DePerry and Dan Duffy announced a community walk/run is being planned. Planning meetings are on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

School Supplies giveaway is being held on August 17 and 18th. Contact Taylor Gurnoe at 715-779-3759 for more information.

Red Cliff Days planning meetings are held on Thursdays at 4:30 at Legendary Waters.

MINUTES

Mercie Gordon moved to approve the July 3, 2017 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon Motion carried.

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve the July 15, 2017 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

Mercie Gordon moved to approve the July 18, 2017 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the July 24, 2017 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

Mercie Gordon moved to approve the July 27, 2017 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the July 28, 2017 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

LEGENDARY WATERS TERMINATION POLICY

Seth Morris was not present.

Mercie Gordon moved to table this item. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Discussion: Council's recommended changes are not reflected in the submitted version. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE FILING OF FTA APPLICATIONS

Resolution pertains to the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation, in order to obtain Federal Transportation Assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Title 23 and other federal statutes administered by the FTA.

The Tribal Council authorizes Jeffrey Benton, Transportation Planner and Chris Sanders, Administrative Assistant to file FTA applications on behalf of the Red Cliff Band. The Council also authorizes Dave M. Ujke to file annual certifications, assurances and other documents as required by the FTA. Richard Peterson, Tribal Chairman is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the FTA.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve **RESOLUTION 8/7/17A**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL POLICIES REVISION

Policies will be effective October 1st as recommended by Dennis Soulier. Council discussed a number of corrections and changes needed. Dave Ujke advised that Council is the authority to make any and all changes to the document; the contractor has fulfilled their obligation.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the revision. Seconded by Antone Basina. Discussion: Edits will be made to document and changes will be reviewed by Legal until final version. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2017

A few points were discussed. Jeanne Gordon moved to accept the Treasurer's monthly report for June 2017. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. 1-Abstension (Johanna Wilson) Motion carried.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2017

Johanna Wilson presented the Balance Sheet for July 2017. Antone Basina moved to accept the Treasurer's monthly report for July 2017. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. 1-Abstension (Johanna Wilson) Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RED CLIFF FARMER'S MARKET LOCATION

Proposed location the Old Pow Wow Grounds by Church, near Legendary Waters Resort and Casino. Dates and time of operation will be Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Antone Basina moved to approve the location. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LAKE TROUT – THREE (3) YEAR QUOTA FOR WISCONSIN WATERS

Mercie Gordon moved to approve. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO GENERAL SERVICES AT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS CONTRACT

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to the December 28, 2015 Agreement for General Services Red Cliff, Washburn, and Bayfield Wastewater Treatment Plant Analysis. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI)

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve RESOLUTION 08/07/17B. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Motion carried.

RATIFY POLL VOTE PERTAINING TO THE LIBRARY GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Carolyn Gouge moved to ratify. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

RATIFY POLL VOTE PERTAINING TO CONTRACT FOR AUDIT SERVICES FROM MIDWEST PROFESSIONALS

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

OTHER

ADJOURN

Dan Duffy moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Mercie Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council