

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

## REGULAR MEETING

December 4, 2017

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

### ROLL CALL

Richard Peterson, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Mercie Gordon, Absent (Excused)

Johanna Wilson, Present

Daniel Duffy, Present

Carolyn Gouge, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Antone Basina, Present

Quorum

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

Others present: Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Chad Abel – TNR Division Administrator, Diane Erickson – Health Center Administrator and community members.

Nick DePerry moved to appoint Jeanne Gordon as acting Secretary. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

### AGENDA

Chairman asks to remove item #9 AED Grant Applications and replace it with Brazelton Contract Renewal.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve agenda with changes. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Johanna Wilson moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

### ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jeanne Gordon moved to use \$300,000 of the Settlement funds to subsidize general Tribal finances. These funds shall be reimbursed. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to require Legendary Waters Resort and Casino to make payroll payments to the Tribe consistently and on-time and to also include an additional \$1,000 per payment. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to allocate \$250,000 of Settlement funds to Red Cliff Law Enforcement to assist in addressing the drug epidemic in the community. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

### REGULAR SESSION

#### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Nathan Gordon.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bob Bear announced he is organizing a community session to discuss the drug issue in Red Cliff. He has made the announcement on Facebook. There is no date set as of yet. Chairman Peterson asked that Bob speak with Tribal programs to learn of prevention efforts currently in place.

Legendary Waters Christmas Bazaar – December 8th & 9th.

Kid Xmas Party – December 16th. A special entrance of Santa Claus is planned.

Dan Duffy and Carolyn Gouge expressed appreciation to those who participated in the Walk for Jason Pero in Bad River.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Due to the Accounting Department being understaffed, Treasurer Wilson asked that the report be tabled until the next meeting. At the next meeting she will provide both the Balance Sheet and full Treasurer's report for November 2017.

Antone Basina moved to table the Treasurer's Report for November 2017 until the December 19th Special Council meeting. Seconded by Carolyn. Motion carried.

## **MINUTES**

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve the September 19, 2017 with corrections. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Johanna Wilson moved to approve the November 1, 2017 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried

Antone Basina moved to approve the November 21, 2017 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **COMMERICAL BIRCH POLE HARVESTING DISCUSSION**

This item was discussed at the November 21, 2017 meeting. Chad Abel presented a proposal recommending an indefinite suspension of Non-Timber Forest Product birch pole permits and give notice to the community by publishing this Council action in the TNR quarterly newsletter as well as on the tribal website. Harvesting for personal use cannot exceed 10 polls per RCCL. The moratorium will be placed on permits that exceed the 10 poll limit.

Antone Basina moved to place an indefinite moratorium on Non-Timber (Commercial) birch poll harvesting permits; this will not affect personal use permits. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF USDA FARM TO SCHOOL GRANT**

The goal of the proposed program is to strengthen its partnership with the Bayfield School District through greater curriculum ties via experiential connections such as farm field trips and the launch of a collaborative sugar bush. The project will also enable greater school district purchasing from local vendors and allow for needed equipment purchases.

Antone Basina moved to approve the grant submission. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

#### **BRAZELTON CONTRACT RENEWAL**

The purpose of the contract with the Children's Hospital Boston, Brazelton Touchpoints Center is to provide evaluation services and technical assistance and consultation services related to the Red Cliff Tribe's Zaagichi-gaazowin Home Visiting Program. The term of the agreement will be from September 30, 2017 through September 29, 2018 in the amount of \$112,415.00.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Antone Basina. Discussion: Contract is not to exceed \$112,415.00. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF HEALTHY SMILES, HEALTHY CHILDREN ACCESS TO CARE FOR CHILDREN**

The funding will support the purchase of new equipment and supplies, training for dental staff and provide comprehensive, continuously accessible, family centered dental care to underserved children up to 18 years old.

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve the grant submission. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF 2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The 2018 Holiday schedule will add President's Day to be taken on February 19th, 2018. This holiday was excluded in the 2017 schedule. President's Day was discussed. The Council had chosen to exclude this holiday the previous year and had discussed it at length at that time. It was the consensus Council to continue to exclude this holiday.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the 2018 Holiday schedule, excluding President's Day. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF 2017 BONUS DAYS**

Tribal employees will be allowed to choose one of the following dates as an extra day off, if approved by immediate supervisor.

Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>
Friday, December 29 <sup>th</sup> or	Tuesday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>

Antone Basina moved to approve the proposed Bonus Days for 2017. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. 1-opposed (Nicholas DePerry). Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF LEASES**

Ayla Gordon, tribal member, requests that the Tribal Council authorize a new short term residential lease located in the Bradum Subdivision, Lot 39.

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve Resolution 12/04/17B. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

Winifred Day (deceased), Lorna Gamble, Autumn Montano and Anne Sullivan, all tribal members jointly request that the Tribal Council authorize the transfer of Winifred and Lorna Day's short term residential lease No. 4352005101222 to Autumn Montano and Anne Sullivan. This lease is located off Blueberry Rd and corner of Church Rd. The Council asked that the Land Specialist ensure there is not a Water & Sewer debt for this property.

Antone Basina moved to approve Resolution 12/04/2017C, contingent on the verification of a zero Water & Sewer debt for the property. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

**RATIFY POLL VOTE PERTAINING TO TRIBAL INSURANCE PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

Poll conducted to authorize the use of Settlement Funds in the amount of \$77,483.00 to pay for Tribal Insurances.

Jeanne Gordon moved to ratify the poll vote. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

**RATIFY POLL VOTE PERTAINING TO MFTP LONG TERM CARE PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION**

Poll conducted to authorize the use of Settlement Funds to pay contractors for the MFTP Money Follows the Person (long term care) in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Carolyn Gouge moved to ratify the poll vote. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

**OTHER**

**ADJOURN**

Antone Basina moved to adjourn at 5:36 p.m. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Mercie Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council