

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 5, 2018

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

### ROLL CALL

Richard Peterson, Present  
Nathan Gordon, Present  
Mercie Gordon, Present  
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, Wade Williams – Assistant Tribal Attorney, Chad Abel – TNR Division Administrator, Diane Erickson – Health Center Administrator, Nicole Gurnoe – RCCHC and community members.

### AGENDA

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

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

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Lynne Basina.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

### REGULAR SESSION

#### DEBRA ANDREWS LEASE DISCUSSION

This item was tabled at the January 23, 2018 Tribal Council meeting to allow time for the Land Specialist and Tribal Council to obtain additional information and history of the home located on the lease located at 88215 State Hwy 13. Deborah Andrews Hoopman had owned the existing home but has not lived in the home since 2016. In that year, Ms. Andrews Hoopman applied for housing with the Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority (RCCHA) due to her health issues and home's poor condition. A health inspection and report was done to accompany Ms. Andrews Hoopman's housing application which resulted in her obtaining a RCCHA unit. Ms. Andrews' family stated Ms. Andrews intended to give home to her daughter Cassandra Hoopman. The lease has since expired and no lease application for renewal of lease was submitted by the family.

In December of 2017, the Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority submitted a new lease application for this location and requested special permission to begin improvements on the home.

The Andrews family wish for Cassandra to retain ownership of the home and stated they were not aware of the lease renewal process or tribal codes. They also were upset that they did not receive notice prior to the lease expiring.

Chairman Peterson stated the Tribal Council will hire a Building Inspector to evaluate the home and determine an estimate of costs to rehab the home.

Nathan Gordon moved to table the Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority new lease application and special permission request until an evaluation of the home is completed. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to direct the Land Specialist to develop a notification procedure for those with expiring leases. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dave Wagman spoke of his concern regarding the DNR-Petition deadline for contested case hearing on the draft PolyMet permit to mine. The Council asked Dave to provide Legal with information.

Flute making to be held on February 13th.

Hand Drum making scheduled for February 6th.

Nathan Gordon thanked the Family/Human Services Division for providing a great youth event the past weekend. Ice fishing and other activities were offered for the youth.

The State of the Tribes Address will be held on February 13th.

## **MINUTES**

Nathan Gordon moved to approve January 1, 2018 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve January 23, 2018 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve January 29, 2018 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Discussion: "accept" missing from motion on 3<sup>rd</sup> page. Motion carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017 BALANCE SHEET**

Treasurer Wilson stated the Accounting Department continues to be understaffed and are working to get caught up on reports.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve November 2017 Balance Sheet as presented. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. 1-Absention (Johanna Wilson) Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF TRIBAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**

The Treaty Natural Resources Division is requesting funding from the DNR Summer Tribal Youth Program (STYP). The main goal of the STYP at Red Cliff is to engage youth in activities in the community and surrounding areas that deal with natural resources. The presented resolution will approve the submission and authorize the Chairman to sign necessary documents.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve Resolution 2/5/18A DNR Summer Tribal Youth Funding for TNR Division. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO FRASER SHIPYARDS CONTRACT**

This amendment includes costs to build and install a deckhouse extension for an additional cost of \$24,290.00 as well as extend the completion deadline to April 15, 2018.

Mercie Gordon moved to approve Amendment #2. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO THE THPO FEE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

This resolution will authorize the THPO Department to develop and implement an administrative process to increase or adjust fees charged by the Department to outside entities.

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve Resolution 2/5/18B. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO CENTER OF DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) FOR WELLNESS**

The Red Cliff Community Health Center is applying to the CDC for funding to engage community members in cultural wellness practices with a long-term goal of reducing morbidity and mortality due to common health conditions and improve overall well-being. The funding amount requested is a total of \$420,000 for 3 years.

Mercie Gordon moved to Resolution 2/5/18C. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN WASHBURN**

Since 2016, the Red Cliff Community Health Center (RCCHC) has provided Behavior Health Services in Washburn in collaboration with North Lakes clinic on Thompson Rd. Due to a shortage of office space, Northlakes obtained an additional building on Bayfield Street to continue services. The State Department of Quality Assurance has since required the two entities to separate. RCCHC believes the best option is to move into the building located on Bayfield Street. There is a need to continue providing services in Washburn as the Behavioral Health Department has an agreement with the Washburn School and are pursuing an agreement with the Bayfield County Jail. RCCHC requested Tribal Council support in securing the Bayfield Street building.

Jeanne Gordon moved to support the request. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

#### **APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Nathan Gordon moved to appoint Ernie Grooms to the Utilities Commission. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

#### **APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE JOHNSON O'MALLEY (JOM) COMMITTEE**

Jeanne Gordon moved to appoint Mercie Gordon to the JOM Committee Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

#### **RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO THE 2018 EPA AIR PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

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

#### **RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO THE FEMA DHS FIREFIGHTERS ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION**

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

#### **RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO SIGNATORY AUTHORITY EXTENSION DEADLINE FOR LEGENDARY WATERS GENERAL MANAGER**

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

#### **ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mercie Gordon moved to allocate \$25,000 from the General Fund to purchase a snowplow from Ely, MN. These funds will be reimbursed within two years. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Mercie Gordon moved to remove Ruby Basina from the Red Cliff Housing Board and waive the 1-year required waiting period, for removed members, to allow her to continue to serve on the Family/Human Services Board. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Nathan Gordon moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Mercie Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council