

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 17, 2018

2:00 p.m. Red Cliff Community Health Center

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; Diane Erickson – Health Division Administrator; and community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Mercie Gordon.

AGENDA

Changes and corrections:

1. Add Merchant Property for Discussion
2. Constitution Discussion

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

Nick DePerry moved to go into Executive Session at. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

xx moved to go return Regular Session at xx Seconded by xx. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

James Pete asked to speak prior to the next agenda item. James was recently asked to give a talk and presentation to a group at the St. Francis Church. He was given a check for \$600 for his time. He announced he will be gifting these funds to the LCO Boys and Girls Club and the Gichi Gumi Boys and Girls Club.

HOME GROWN LACROSSE PRESENTATION

Aron Lipkin, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Homegrown Lacrosse, a Minneapolis-based non-profit organization that specializes in sports-based youth development, asked for the Tribal Council's support in creating a first of its kind lacrosse summer camp on Madeline Island. The organization would also like to include a representative from the Red Cliff community to serve on the development committee. Chairman Peterson stated the Tribal Council supports the effort and will provide a letter of support; Mr. Lipkin will email a draft letter to Attorney Ujke for review.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chequamegon Humane Society is seeking donations. Contact Sue DePerry to make a contribution.

April 29, 2018 the Membership Committee and THPO Department will be offering an informational session at Legendary Waters. The event will include an update by the Membership Committee and presentation by Theresa Schenck titled "Ojibwe Origins – Correcting Historical Errors"

2018 Primary Election will be held on May 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chairman Peterson expressed his condolences to the families that have lost loved ones the past few weeks.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOHANNA WILSON

Treasurer Wilson asked that the March 2018 Treasurer report be tabled.

Carolyn Gouge moved to **March 2018 Treasurer's Report until the May 7th Regular meeting**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. 1-Abstention (Johanna Wilson) Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LEGENDARY WATERS CASH FLOW BUDGET FOR MAY 2018

Total cash needs for May 2018 is \$489,650.00

Mercie Gordon moved to **approve the cash flow budget for May 2018**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHAPTER 26 - CHILDREN'S CODE AMENDMENTS AND POSTING

The presented draft includes the addition and clarification of sections pertaining to "Prenatal Exposure", "Guardianship", "Suspension of Parental Rights" and "Customary Adoption"

Jeanne Gordon moved to **approve the amendments and post for 30 days**. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHAPTER 18 AMENDMENTS AND POSTING

Amendment of section 18.4.3 (d).

Jeanne Gordon moved to **approve the amendment and post for 30 days**. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Motion carried.

LEASES

Daniel E. Defoe, tribal member, requested a transfer of his short term lease No. 4352005241222 to Derek Gordon. The lease is located at 37355 North Bradum Road.

Mr. Defoe has a Water and Sewer balance; this will need to be taken care of before any changes to the lease are considered.

Antone Basina moved to **table this item**. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BIA INDIAN HIGHWAY GRANT

Funding in the amount of \$6,937.88 is being requested for the BIA-Child Safety project. This grant will allow 3 RCCHC staff members to obtain National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification. This will also cover the purchase of safety seats and will sponsor a car seat clinic for the community.

Nicholas DePerry moved to **approve RESOLUTION 04/17/18A**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF HEALTHY CONNECTIONS GRANT SUBMISSION

The Treaty Natural Resources – RC Farm is requesting funding from Security Health in the amount of \$48,110.00 to create a therapeutic garden program. The garden will add a strong cultural component to Red Cliff outpatient treatment options by allowing participants to be closer to the land.

Carolyn Gouge moved to **approve the grant submission**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO RED CLIFF TREE DAY

The proposed resolution will designate the last Friday in May as “RED CLIFF TREE DAY” and urges its citizens to plan trees in support of the community’s forests.

Mercie Gordon moved to **RESOLUTION 4/17/18B**. Seconded by Antone Basina. Motion carried.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT

Minutes from the April 10, 2018 was provided.

Antone Basina moved to **approve the Gaming Commission report for April 10, 2018**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Charles Bresette was not present.

Antone Basina moved to **table the report**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BID SELECTION FOR THE NON-NATIVE PHRAGMITES REMOVAL PROJECT

Three bids were received for the project. McCabe Construction submitted the lowest bid and has been selected as the contractor for the project. Total contract amount is \$2,427,600.00. The Chairman will sign original documents.

Mercie Gordon moved to **approve the bid selection**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

Tribal Vice-Chair candidates:

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| 1. Steven L. Boyd | 5. Johanna M. Hillert-Wilson |
| 2. Nathan W. Gordon | 6. Chris Hicks |
| 3. Joseph D. Montano, Sr. | 7. Grace A. Livingston |
| 4. Larry Lee LaPointe | 8. Anthony (Antone) Basina |

Tribal Secretary candidates:

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| 1. Mercie Gordon | 3. Laura J. Gordon |
| 2. Jeff Benton | 4. Gretchen Morris |

Johanna Wilson asked that Larry LaPointe provide verification of residency.

Carolyn Gouge moved to **certify all Tribal Vice – Chair and Secretary candidates, Larry LaPointe will need to provide further verification to prove residency**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. 1-Absention (Johanna Wilson) Motion carried.

CITIZEN OF THE MONTH DISCUSSION

The objective of the Citizen of the Month program is to publicly recognize those Red Cliff Tribal Member citizens who contribute positively to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior community, assist those in need, or in any way improve the quality of life in the Red Cliff community. This program has been dormant for years. One Citizen of the month nomination was received for Joseph Duffy. It was the consensus of the Council that this will be tabled until next month to allow additional time to post notice to the community and make other arrangements to honor those nominated.

OTHER

Carolyn Gouge made the suggestion to reactivate the Constitution Committee; one area of focus will be the length of Council member terms.

Carolyn Gouge moved to **reactivate the Constitution Committee and post for new members**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Carolyn Gouge asked of the plans for the Merchant Property. The Tribal Council will be look into this further to determine which direction to go.

ADJOURN

Mercie Gordon moved to **adjourn at 6:30 p.m.** Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Mercie Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council