

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (QUARTERLY REPORTS)

April 30, 2018

4:30 p.m. Legendary Waters, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

ROLL CALL

Richard Peterson, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Mercie Gordon, Present @ 4:50 p.m.

Johanna Wilson, Present

Daniel Duffy, Present

Carolyn Gouge, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Antone Basina, Absent (Excused)

Quorum

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

Others present: Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams – Assistant Tribal Attorney, Nicole Boyd – ECC, Don Rosen – Tribal Administration Liaison, Chad Abel – TNR Division Administrator, Diane Erickson – Health Center Administrator, Robert Powless – Public Works Division Administrator, Carmen Vanderverter – Internal Compliance, James Pete – Planning Department and community members.

AGENDA

Additions:

1. "Accept PCS Broadband Grant", to be included prior to Quarterly reports.
2. "Destroy 2017 Election Ballots"
3. "Appoint one (1) alternate to the Election Board"
4. "Opioid Crisis Discussion"

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

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony and song by Joseph Montano.

ACCEPT BROADBAND GRANT

Mercie Gordon moved to accept the PCS Broadband grant dollars and authorize the Chairman to sign official documents. Discussion: Legal shall review and revise documents prior to signing. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried. **I did not have background info on this item.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Peterson read through his written report. In addition to day to day tribal business, he gave explanation of areas he had largely focused in the past quarter. He also acknowledged and gave his condolences to the families that have lost loved ones recently.

Ongoing negotiations between Red Cliff, Bad River and the State are ongoing regarding the Lake Superior Agreement.

Progress is being made in the area of cellular service coverage on the reservation. The IT Department is working to finalize the FirstNet Cellular Tower project.

Over the past quarter, the Chairman has continued collaborations with other tribes and entities to advocate for funding to target the drug epidemic.

The Chairman continues to ensure Elder concerns are being addressed by meeting with elders regularly as well as monitoring the daily lunch program.

Nathan Gordon moved to accept the Chairman's report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chairman Gordon spoke of the daily and weekly meetings with key staff and Division Administrators. He also spoke of the many meetings with community members, county, tribal and state officials. He emphasized his belief in working as a "team" for the benefit of the tribe as a whole.

Carolyn Gouge moved to accept the Vice-Chairman report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. 1-Abstension (Nathan Gordon) Motion carried.

PLANNER

James Pete has held the Administrator position since February 5, 2018. The department is working on a number of projects including: a youth job training grant in collaboration with NWCEP, Circles of Care and Tribal Census. Preliminary results from the Tribal Census may be received soon by Big Water Consulting.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Nathan Gordon moved to table the report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION LIASION

Don Rosen introduced himself to the community; he explained that he had only completed his first day on the job. He will be getting familiar with all policies and his role within the Tribe.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Nicole Boyd presented the report for the RC Early Childhood Center. She stated the Center undergoing a Federal Review this week. Much of the quarter was focused on completing the programs Continuation grant application. They are also looking to revive the Foster Grandparent program, which in the past was funded by GLITC. Interested elders are encouraged to contact her. Students from UW-Eau Claire recently toured the school and participated in the annual Sugar Bush. They enjoyed their visit and donated \$1,000 to the Center. Mrs. Boyd also informed the Council that the "Today" show made a large donation to the Center; she plans to make a big announcement to the community regarding this.

Mrs. Boyd stated frequent school bus repairs/costs and vacant positions have caused challenges this past quarter.

FAMILY/HUMAN SERVICES

Rebecca Benton presented the report. The Boys and Girls Club has received funding that will allow a number of youth ages 14-18 to travel to Washington DC, this is a collaborative effort with Menominee and LCO Boys and Girls Club. The annual Honor's Banquet is scheduled for May 21th; Carmen VanderVenter is currently filling in as Education Director until the position is filled. The CST program is now being administered by the RC Health Center. The Domestic Violence Program began holding classes at the Bayfield County jail. The Elderly program is hir-

ing for an LTE Cook position. The Indian Child Welfare program has two open caseworker positions and is seeing a steady increase in out of home placements that are directly related to the drug problem in the community.

HEALTH

Diane Erickson presented the Health Division report. The financial situation of the Health Center has been challenging to repair but is improving. The Medical Director position is currently vacant and they are actively recruiting.

TREATY NATURAL RESOURCES

Chad Abel presented the Division report. He highlighted a few points in the written report; he noted the value of maps created by Erin Schlager, GIS manager. Spring Cleanup is scheduled for the week of May 20th.

PUBLIC WORKS

Robert Powless reported the Division's activities for the quarter. The Environmental Protection Agency reviewed operations at the Red Cliff Waste Water Treatment Plant in October. A number of violations were found in which the plant will have seven months to resolve and become compliant with their NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit). This permit enables the facility to discharge treated waste water into Lake Superior. The most pressing need was to replace the influent and effluent composite samplers. Funds will be transferred in order to make the purchases. All other actions to remediate this matter have been reported to EPA, Red Cliff Admin, RC Utilities Commission, and HIS. Mr. Powless provided a copy of the department's response and remedial plan to the Council.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Bill Mertig was not present.

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

This past quarter Carmen VanderVenter re-reviewed some of the client files that had audit findings; scheduled new audits, programmatic reviews and implementation meetings. She has also taken over the role of Education Director until the position is filled.

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Marvin Defoe and Joseph Montano presented the THPO Department report. Mr. Montano stated that the funding status of the department is steadily increasing. Rose Gurnoe-Soulier was hired as the Intake Worker. Mr. Defoe is working with the Planning to create a fulltime Language Position through Cultural Fund grant.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve all Division reports, specifically Education, Family/Human Services, Health, TNR, Public Works, Protective Services, Compliance and THPO. Seconded by Mercie Gordon. Discussion: Mercie Gordon asked that Bill Mertig (or designee) be present at the next quarterly meeting to present the report for Protective Services. Motion carried.

COURTS

Chief Judge Boulley presented the report. He out on medical leave for most of the quarter, during his absence Gwen Topping and Heather Deragon completed some follow up activity regarding some pending grants. As a result the court will be receiving funding geared toward court development. Once these dollars are in place new positions will be added to the court. Judge Boulley asked that a discussion be had on unpaid forfeitures being considered "court debt".

Johanna Wilson moved to accept the Courts report. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

LEGAL

Tribal Attorney Ujke and Assistant Attorney Williams presented the Legal Department report. Attorney Ujke stated a first set of draft Legendary Waters SOPs were received shortly prior to the hiring of the new General

Manager. He asked that the GM review the drafts and submit them for legal review. The department has provided notice of claims to both Xcel and CenturyLink and have worked through the Non-disclosure agreement to allow access to enrollment data. Attorney Williams spoke of the many contracts he had reviewed this past quarter.

Nathan Gordon moved to accept the Legal Department report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVE AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO PERMIT RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION CENTURY LINK-WADE WILLIAMS

The legal department and Lands Specialist created a formal agreement that would give approval to CenturyLink to access tribally-owned lands to survey for the installation of telecommunications facilities. The company will be required to provide the survey results to the Tribe upon completion.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried

DESTROY 2017 BALLOTS

Jeanne Gordon moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

APPOINT ONE (1) ALTERNATE TO THE ELECTION BOARD

Jeanne Gordon moved to appoint Lisa Defoe as Election Board alternate. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Discussion: One more alternate is needed. Motion carried.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC DISUSSION

Carolyn Gouge provided a copy of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Resolution No. 01-18 "DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO OPIOID EPIDEMIC". She asked what is being done regarding the epidemic and if Red Cliff should declare a state of emergency. Attorney Ujke stated a resolution has been drafted and can be brought back for Council consideration. Chairman Peterson stated many of the tribal programs and professionals are working to combat the crisis. This item will be added to the Tribal Council retreat agenda.

ADJOURN

Jeanne Gordon moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Mercie Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council