

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 7, 2018

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

ROLL CALL

Richard Peterson, Absent (Excused)

Nathan Gordon, Absent (Excused)

Mercie Gordon, Present

Johanna Wilson, Present

Daniel Duffy, Absent (Excused)

Carolyn Gouge, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Antone Basina, Absent (Excused)

Quorum

Tribal Secretary Mercie Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Others present: Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Desiree Livingston – Senior Accountant, Amarin Mello – Lands Specialist, Marvin Defoe – THPO, Joseph Montano – THPO Assistant and community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Clarissa Bressette.

Johanna Wilson moved to appoint Jeanne Gordon as acting Tribal Secretary. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. 1- Abstention (Mercie Gordon) Motion carried.

AGENDA

Changes and corrections:

1. Add Executive Session after OTHER to include "Red Cliff Scholarship Fund Discussion" and "Election Board Discussion".
2. Move November and December 2017 Treasurer's Report Balance sheets to New Business
3. Add "Ratify Council poll pertaining to the 2018 Election Board appointments"
4. Add "Accept Gary Gerber resignation from the Business Board"

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you letter read from the Butch Livingston family.

2nd Annual Wolf Camp for ages 9-18 at Raspberry Campground, contact Gena Mertig or Scott Babineau at 715-779-3706 to request an application.

Red Cliff families who are interested in weekly grown food at low cost may be eligible for Mino Bimaadiziwin's weekly produce share. This begins in July and continues through October. For more information, contact Nathanael Secor at 715-779-3782.

Red Cliff Housing Authority and Occupancy will be closed to the public on Thursdays each week beginning May 3, 2018.

2018 Annual Spring Fair is being held at Legendary Waters on May 24th. The event is sponsored by the Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority and will provide information on everything related to homeownership. For more information, contact Cheryl Cloud at 715-779-3744.

Tribal youth with disabilities are invited to participate in a "Building Advocacy and Learning Leadership Skills" at Legendary Waters on June 12th and 13th. The event is sponsored by North Country Independent Living. Registration is required by June 1, 2018. For more information, contact Sunshine Lemieux at 715-817-4646.

Annual Spring Clean-up begins on May 21, 2018. Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact the Environmental Department at 715-779-3650.

Red Cliff Tree Day is May 25, 2018.

Ojibwe Language table every Thursday at the Mishomis House at 5:00 p.m.

Learning from the Land event scheduled for June 25-29th. For more information, contact Lori Lemieux or Alex Nerad.

EMT Basics class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 8th to September 15th. For more information, contact Lynette Hansen at 715-779-3707.

Cancer Support Group meets every third Thursday at the Red Cliff Community Health Center. For more information, call 715-779-3707.

Red Cliff Education and Career Fair will be held on May 11th at Legendary Waters at 10:00 a.m. For more information call 715-779-5030.

The Red Cliff Pow-Wow Committee is planning to offer a smoked fish contest during the Pow-Wow weekend. Additional information will be available soon.

With the recent warm weather, Nicholas DePerry asked that the community be mindful of children's safety when driving through the community.

David Wagman spoke of his concerns regarding the Polymet mine.

Tribal operations will be closed on May 14, 2018 in observance of Anishinaabe (Indian) Day.

MINUTES

Johanna Wilson moved to **approve the April 2, 2018 minutes with corrections**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to **approve the April 17, 2018 minutes with corrections**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to **table the April 25, 2018 minutes**. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

Carolyn Gouge moved to **approve the April 30, 2018 minutes with corrections**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – BALANCE SHEETS FOR NOVEMBER 2017, DECEMBER 2017 AND APRIL 2018

Treasurer Wilson stated the Accounting Department is still working to catch up on all reports and have only recently filled all vacant positions.

Jeanne Gordon moved to **approve the Balance Sheet for November 2017**. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. 1-Absention (Johanna Wilson) Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to **approve the Balance Sheet for December 2017**. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. 1-Absention (Johanna Wilson) Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to **table the Balance Sheet for April 2018 until the next regular meeting in June**. Se-
conded by Carolyn Gouge. 1-Absention (Johanna Wilson) Motion carried.

APOSTLE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE

Daniel Grooms informed the Council that the golf course is offering a number of events this year including Tribal Discount Days as well as hosting the Veteran Golfers Association this summer. Events for youth will also be offered. The golf course would like to increase local interest in the game.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION ON THE PSC TOWER GRANT

Theron Rutyna asked that this item be table as he is still awaiting approval from the CFO.

Johanna Wilson moved to **table this item**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF USFWS REQUEST FOR LAMPREY CONTROL ON RED CLIFF CREEK

Chad Abel submitted a request to allow staff from the Marquette Biological Station to treat the Red Cliff Creek for lamprey, which has not been treated since 2015.

Jeanne Gordon moved to **approve the request**. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Discussion: Mr. Able stated public notice will be provided. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SOLE SOURCE REQUEST FOR BELLAMARE LLC

Red Cliff TNR has a joint fishery project currently with USGS to improve abundance estimates of lake herring through a pilot project to test a new hydro-acoustic sled. Sea trials were conducted last summer and real-time data could not be obtained. The company Bellamare, LLC devised a way to resolve this issue and funds were requested to purchase the necessary equipment from the company.

Carolyn Gouge moved to **approve the request to sole source with Bellamare, LLC. The total cost is \$24,818.46**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

LEASES

Request received to transfer Andrew Gokee's (deceased), short-term lease No. 4352003750919 located at 90560 Blueberry Road to Elizabeth Gokee, both tribal members.

Jeanne Gordon moved to **approve Resolution 05/07/18A**. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

The Red Cliff Housing Authority has requested the transfer of their long-term lease No. RL-1574(84) located at 89890 Blueberry Rd to Dennis J. Soulier and Virginia M. Soulier, both tribal members.

Carolyn Gouge moved to **approve Resolution 05/07/18B**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Martin Scott Babineau requested a voluntary cancellation of this short-term lease application. The lease site was to be located along a corner on Little Sand Bay Rd and has an access issue. Approval of the authorizing resolution will allow the proposed lease to be cancelled so that Mr. Babineau may apply for a new residential lease site.

Jeanne Gordon moved to **approve Resolution 05/07/18C**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

The Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority is requesting a cancellation of their long-term residential lease No. H-3744(02) located at 37450 Watertower Rd. Approval of the authorizing resolution will allow the lease to be cancelled so that the same site can be designated by Council to the Noojimo'iwewin Project.

Carolyn Gouge moved to **approve Resolution 05/07/18D**. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE NOOJIMO'IWEWIN CENTER

The proposed resolution will designate the lot located at 37450 Watertower Rd. for the use of the Noojimo'iwewin Center for the purpose of operating an AODA Recovery Drop-in Center.

Carolyn Gouge moved to **approve Resolution 05/07/18E**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE 2018 POW WOW BUDGET

The total budget is \$46,000.00

Jeanne Gordon moved to **approve the 2018 Pow-Wow budget**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

TRIBAL MEMBER RELINQUISHMENT

Crystal Mary Smith, DOB: 12/02/1944, Enrollment #435A004743 requests relinquishment from the Red Cliff Tribe.

Johanna Wilson moved to **approve Resolution 05/07/18F**. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

RATIFY POLL VOTE PERTAINING TO THE 2018 ELECTION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Jeanne Gordon moved to **ratify the poll vote to appoint Tanya Wachsmuth, Alana Babineau, Josh Gordon, Richard Peacock and Jolene Topping to the Election Board**. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF GARY GERBER FROM THE RED CLIFF BUSINESS BOARD

Resignation letter read from Mr. Gerber.

Jeanne Gordon moved to **accept Gary Gerber's resignation from the Red Cliff Business Board**. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. 1-Abstention (Johanna Wilson) Motion carried.

OTHER

Johanna Wilson moved to **go into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.** Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Johanne Wilson moved to **return to Regular Session**. Seconded by Nick DePerry. Motion carried.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Carolyn Gouge moved to **raise the Election Board Stipends to \$225.00 per Election**. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Johanna Wilson moved to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Jeanne Gordon, Acting Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council