

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## Special Quarterly Report Council Meeting

August 27, 2018

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

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

### ROLL CALL:

Richard Peterson, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Johanna Wilson, Present

Carolyn Gouge, Present

Dan Duffy, Absent

Nicholas DePerry, Absent

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Chris Boyd, Present

### QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams – Assistant Attorney, Don Rosin – TAL, Ken Nemecek - CFO, Planning Department, Division Administrators, Marvin Defoe – THPO, and Carmen Vander Venter – Tribal Compliance.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Richard LaFernier.

### AGENDA

Nathan Gordon moved approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

### 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. Addressing elder needs continues to be a top priority. He also acknowledged and gave his condolences to the families that have lost loved ones recently.

Nathan Gordon moved to accept the Chairman's report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. 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. All written reports are available to community member upon request.

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

## **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Ken Nemec was hired in April and spent most of the quarter getting to know the position and evaluating the Tribal finances to identify areas in need of improvement.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the CFO report. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Betty Kerr, Pam Calhoun and Jeff Benton presented their written reports.

Ms. Calhoun spoke of a number of grants submitted and/or awarded in the past quarter. A total of \$436,224 in funding was awarded to the Tribe.

Ms. Kerr stated the Circles of Care/Tribal Census project concluded and final evaluation is forthcoming. She also is working on a community “mapping” project with the Native Connections Program. The goal of the project is to create a database of each program that will contain location, services provided, target population, eligibility, contact information and self-referral/application process.

## **TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION LIASION**

Don Rosen stated he meets regularly with all departments to stay current on activities. All departments under Rosen’s supervision were given time to present their written reports.

## **DIVISION & DEPARTMENTS**

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

Nicole Boyd and Lavonne Goslin were present. The Child Care Director position continues to be vacant; no applications were received to date. A discussion was had on the educational requirements of the position and the possibility of reducing that requirement to encourage applicants. Bryan Bainbridge commented, in past years, the ECC had budgeted training funds to

assist staff in earning their degree. Ms. Boyd stated this position is funded by State dollars and the minimum educational requirement is an Associate's degree.

The school is looking at increased safety measures and protocol for emergencies. Ms. Boyd also noted that the school has an estimated 13% of children in out-of-home placements.

#### **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Jared Blanche, Education Director was hired in June of this year. He took time to get familiar with the position and all tribal and program policies. He stated all scholarship awards were sent out this month which is earlier than in past years.

#### **FAMILY/HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION**

Rebecca Benton, Administrator stated TANF and GA clients are down due to summer employment. The Division is also working on a overall safety plan. Johanna Wilson asked that Income Maintenance look to stagger their admin time instead of being closed to clients on Wednesdays.

#### **PROTECTIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Kyle Cadotte, Interim Chief of Police was present. The department participated in most events held in the past quarter including Wolf Camp and Language Camp. A discussion was had on the need for additional funding for the department. Mr. Cadotte is working with Planning and Administration on funding possibilities.

#### **TREATY NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Mark Duffy presented the department report. Mr. Duffy noted several community and youth events the department assisted with including Wolf Camp, Youth Spearing event and ECC fishing event. Hunter's safety course was scheduled but was cancelled due to the lack of interest. Bryan Bainbridge suggested having this course offered regularly each year.

#### **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE/PUBLIC WORKS**

Robert Powless gave an overview of projects completed by the department on various buildings and tribal properties. Johanna Wilson noted the total amount of construction tax collected exceeded the initial projection.

#### **HEALTH DIVISION**

Diane Erickson was present. The department received several grant awards this past quarter and one non-monetary award of 792 toothbrushes. The department also received unofficial

notice that the ZHV Home visiting Program has not been refunded, but the Tribe will continue to advocate for this funding. The annual Fall Fest is scheduled for September 15th.

## **COMPLIANCE**

Carmen VanderVenter stated she spent most of the third quarter filling in as Interim Education Director. No trainings were offered to tribal employees and a few program reviews were done.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the TAL, Departments and Compliance reports. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

## **TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT**

On April 29th, a presentation was held on Red Cliff Ojibwa Origins. In June, the THPO office held an Archive 101 workshop that highlighted best practice of preserving tribal documents and artifacts. THPO also assisted in various community events throughout the quarter.

Johanna Wilson moved to approve the THPO Quarterly Report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

## **COURTS**

The court continues to collect on unpaid fines; the Stark Collection Agency has provided minimal assistance in this effort.

Laura J. Gordon moved to accept the Courts quarterly report. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

## **LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

The department is still working to finalize the Lake Superior Fishing Agreement.

The Fee Lands Tax matter is now approved for filing by Red Cliff, LDF and Bad River. Upcoming meetings are scheduled to continue work on this issue.

A suggestion was made to Wade Williams to create a packet for new business licenses and renewals.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the Legal quarterly report. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

## **OTHER**

## **ADJOURN**

Nathan Gordon moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council