

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## Special Council Quarterly Report Meeting

January 28, 2019

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

Chairman Richard Peterson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Richard Peterson, Present

Nathan Gordon, Excused @ 5:00 p.m.

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Johanna Wilson, Excused @ 4:57 p.m.

Carolyn Gouge, Present

Dan Duffy, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Chris Boyd, Present

### QUORUM

Others present: Others present: Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams – Assistant Tribal Attorney, Robert Powless – Public Works Division Administrator, Carmen VanderVenter – Internal Compliance, Marvin Defoe – THPO, Edwina Buffalo-Reyes – THPO Assistant, Steven Boulley – Red Cliff Court, Jared Blanche – Education Director, Pam Calhoun – Planning Department, Jeff Benton – Planning Department, Linda Johnston – ECC Administrator, Gwen Topping – Associate Tribal Judge, Don Rosin – TAL, Rebecca Benton – Family/Human Services Division Administrator and community members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Jim Pete.

### AGENDA

Nathan Gordon moved approve agenda.. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

### QUARTERLY REPORTS

#### Chairman:

In addition to day to day tribal business, the Chairman listed the various events and meetings he attended throughout the quarter. He also acknowledged the accounting staff who worked above and beyond during the government shutdown ensuring no service interruptions occurred.

The Chairman announced that after years of negotiations, all parties involved in the Lake Superior Management Agreement have now reached an agreement. He also spoke of the

Keepseagle v. Vilsack settlement funds the Tribe was awarded that will be used to build a fish processing facility.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the Chairman's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

**Vice Chairman:**

Vice-Chairman Gordon spoke of standing meetings with staff and Division Administrators. He participated in the planning of several community events including the Historic Elk Hunt and Feast, Elderly Thanksgiving and Kids Christmas. He continues to be very involved various organizations and boards such as NATOW, Voight Task Force and Tribal-County Relations Committee. He encouraged interested community members to request a copy of his written report to learn more details.

Carolyn Gouge moved to approve the Vice Chairman's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. 1-Abstention (Nathan Gordon). Motion carried.

**CFO:**

The CFO position is currently vacant, and no report was available. This will be a standing agenda item and a report will be given at the next Quarterly meeting.

No action taken.

**Planning Department:**

Pam stated she is working on additional CTAS funding focusing on 3 more purpose areas. The Tribe currently has 5 CTAS grants. A planning committee meets regularly in preparation for the CTAS FY19 grant announcement to request funding for a new courthouse facility. Plans has since changed, it was revealed the 2019 Purpose Area 4 funding criteria changed and new construction is no longer allowed. The planning committee is now working on a proposal to expand and renovate the existing courthouse to meet the security and space needs determined by the 2017 Tribal Court assessment.

Pam is advocating for continued assistance by the GLITC EPI Center whom had previously committed to providing evaluation service for several Red Cliff programs. She also provided updates regarding grants not awarded, pending or in progress. The department continues to provide grant assistance to all programs.

Jeff Benton gave an update on projects and status of the Transportation Department. Work continues the access road to the new water tower. BIA and FTA annual reports were submitted on time. Ridership numbers in the past quarter were the highest recorded, which is contributed to the additional bus increasing available services for the community. The TIGER grant, although highly rated, was not funded. This application will be submitted again in the future.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the Planning Departments 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

**TAL:**

Don Rosin gave an overview of areas of focus the past quarter. Meetings with Jeff Gordon, Superintendent of the Bayfield School were held. Concerns were discussed regarding the school's report card put forward by DPI. An Eviction committee was developed and began meeting this quarter. Mr. Rosin participated in monthly Division meetings, finance meetings and is currently assisting the Accounting Department in communicating with vendors while the CFO position is vacant. He also expressed appreciation to Diane Erickson in helping the Accounting Department.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the TAL 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

**Division & Departments:**

**Education Division:**

Jared Blanche, Education Director stated the remaining scholarships were awarded by the end of the quarter. The JOM committee has commenced meetings and now has a full board. The Division hosted a FAFSA night and the Library now has a part-time staff member. Collaborative events are being planned with the Bayfield School and Shell Lake Art Center.

**Public Works:**

Regular maintenance projects completed during the quarter were listed. A broken sewer line was replaced near the ICW building, the spending moratorium delayed some projects until the spring including asphalt to the Tribal Admin parking lot.

**ECC:**

Linda Johnston, new ECC Administrator presented the quarterly report. Linda was hired on November 26, 2018 and has spent time learning about the program and identifying areas for improvement. They participated in the Kids Xmas events, Fall Harvest event and continue to have challenges regarding open positions and lack of substitute teachers. Linda noted she is developing a maintenance schedule for the buses that may prevent transportation problems in the future.

**Family/Human Services:**

Rebecca Benton gave an overview of her written report. The Division has several open positions. She encouraged community members to contact Human Services if they have furnace issues, there may be funding to assist with this. A grand opening event is in the work for the newly renovated Elderly feeding Center.

**Health Division:**

The Center is seeking funding or other options to continue Home visiting services as the ZHV funding has ended. The Walking Shield Eye Exam project was held this quarter and provided

services to 987 participants. Planning has begun for the Ziigwaan Event in the Spring. Several positions are vacant currently and the Department is actively recruiting for a new provider. The Drug Task Force has been meeting regularly and has selected a vendor to complete the Tribal Action Plan as requested by Tribal Council.

**Treaty Natural Resources:**

Mark Duffy presented the Division report. Discussion was had on the Lake Superior Fishing Agreement that has now been finalized. Many projects and initiatives were completed and are ongoing throughout the Division. Outdoor brochures were created for the new trails, the wolf study is continuing, video clips are being shared on YouTube and Facebook. EPA has focused largely on code revisions in many areas and the Division is seeking funding to revise the IRP for the Tribe.

**Protective Services:**

Kyle Cadotte discussed incident report data. Laura J. Gordon noted Council may have received the incorrect report in the packet, Kyle will resend the correct report.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Divisions Reports. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

**Compliance:**

Carmen VanderVenter stated performed client file audits for four programs this quarter and have nine program audits scheduled. She attended one grant closeout meeting. Bryan Bainbridge asked that Carmen identify certain programs being audited in future reports.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve Compliance 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

**Tribal Historic Preservation Department:**

THPO organized the Elk Feast in collaboration with Lac Du Flambeau. Educational sessions were offered including "Touch the Past" curation lab at the EMS building. The MICA grant application was awarded this quarter and will be used to develop a five-year Ojibwe Language revitalization plan. The Cemetery Committee is working to finalize Chapter 58 policies as well as the cemetery expansion project. A contractor was selected and has begun clearing the area for the expansion. The department is also looking at ways to preserve artifacts and historical documents including purchasing fireproof storage containers.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve THPO's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

**Courts:**

Chief Judge Steven Boulley and Associate Judge Gwen Topping presented the report. Judge Topping focused on locating and applying for funding for a healing to wellness court and larger court facility. She has also seen a rise in housing related matters and noted 95% of all ICW

matters before the court involve AODA. She has been appointed as the Secretary/Treasurer of the WI Tribal Judges Association this quarter and has identified funds for technical assistance which may be used to create a bench book and clerk of courts manual.

Judge Boulley stated the Government Shutdown has caused some stress to the department but was confident that the court would remain operational through the end of the year. He also noted the probate code and forms are near completion.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Courts 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

**Legal:**

Attorney Ujke and Wade Williams presented reports for the Legal Department. The completion of the Lake Superior Agreement was briefly discussed. Updates were also given regarding the MI Fishing prosecution, fee lands tax issue, County Zoning dispute and other items. One item regarding encroachment by a local business will be added the Tribal Council retreat agenda.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Legals 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

**Red Cliff Utilities Commission (Annual Report/January)**

Report was not provided.

Bryan Bainbridge move to Table the Red Cliff Utilities Commission Annual report until the February 4, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

**OTHER**

Bryan Bainbridge asked for clarification regarding weather related Tribal operations closure. He asked if the policy had changed in which the Tribe when the Bayfield School closes due to weather. Chairman Peterson stated the policy gives Tribal Administration the discretion, a memo will go out to all staff clarifying this policy.

**ADJOURN**

Laura J. Gordon moved to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

ATTEST:

  
Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary

  
Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council