

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Regular Council Meeting

February 4, 2019

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

Chairman Richard 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, Present
Nicholas DePerry, Present
Bryan Bainbridge, Present
Chris Boyd, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Shelly Gordon – Public Works, Gabrielle VanBergen – TNR, Jeremy St. Arnold – TNR, and Community Members

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Nicholas DePerry.

AGENDA

Added “Personnel Discussion” to Executive Session.

Removed “Approval of Resolution Pertaining to Tribal AmeriCorps 2019-2022 Grant”, this item will be added to the February 19, 2019 Special Meeting agenda.

Removed approval of “January 28, 2019 minutes”, this will be added to the March 4, 2019 meeting agenda.

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

OLD BUSINESS

UTILITIES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT (TABLED ON 1/28/19)

Larry Deragon and Shelly Gordon presented the report. 5 out of the 15 names approved for 2016 Community Connections/Mound Systems were completed. 8 of those are currently pending the final 2 are ready for final inspection. Weather had delayed Scatter sites project, pending sites are scheduled to be complete by the Spring. The Pike/Community Road project is also set for completion in the Spring. Debts owed for past due Water & Sewer has reduced from

\$172,000 to \$123,000. Remaining funds from BE-17-K19 project will be used to develop an access road to the water tower on Bresette Hill Rd. The Lands and Legal Department is working on easement issues regarding this road project. The Utilities Commission has filled all vacant seats and the Division is fully staffed. Larry Deragon noted the Commission is exploring loan forgiveness regarding the USDA loan.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Utilities Commission annual report for 2018. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Laura J. Gordon announced current and upcoming community events.

MINUTES

Corrections are needed to motion made after Executive session regarding a personnel recommendation. Bryan Bainbridge seconded the motion, the minutes show Johanna Wilson. The header will also need to be corrected, the meeting was held at tribal administration, not Legendary Waters.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the December 11, 2018 meeting minutes with corrections. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the January 7, 2019 meeting minutes with corrections. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the January 22, 2019 with corrections. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

TREASURERS BALANCE SHEET

Treasurer Wilson asked that this report be tabled. She was unable to obtain the balance sheet due to the Accounting Department being short staff and experiencing various issues. Chairman Peterson follow-up with Treasurer Wilson and Accounting Department.

Dan Duffy moved to Table the Treasurers Balance sheet for January 2019 until Thursday January 7, 2019 at the retreat meeting. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LEASES

Catherine H. Newago requested a transfer of her long-term lease No. B-1265(80) to Alan T. Sandmon. The lease is located at 36460 Aiken Rd.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Resolution **2/4/19A**. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Discussion: Nathan Gordon asked that the Lands Office make the lease effective as of the date the Tribal Council approves the Resolution, not the BIA approval date. Motion carried.

Christine Peterson requested a lease modification to removed Cecil M. Peterson (deceased) be removed as co-lessee and add Lori Peterson as co-lessee. This pertains to lease No. B-712(73) located at 37550 Dock Road.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve Resolution **2/4/19B**. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

Wenonah E. Wilms and Edward Wilms requested a short-term residential lease renewal of lease No. 4352003850919 located at 95200 Allen Rd. The lease is currently held in the name of her father Judge Donald G. Gurnoe, Jr. (deceased). The existing lease will expire on June 9, 2019 and if passed by Tribal Council the Wilms lease will be effective at that time.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve Resolution **2/4/19C**. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FY19 COMPETITIVE GLRI PROPOSALS (4 IN TOTAL) TO BIA

Gabriel VanBergen and Jeremy St. Arnold presented four GLRI proposals to Council approval.

1. Coastal Wetland Protection and Access on the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation
2. Coastal Land Acquisition and Protection on the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation
3. Capacity building of Red Cliff Water Resources Program with emphasis on development and utilization of continuous remote water quality sensing and logging technology
4. Mainland-island black bears: quantifying connectivity and viability of bear populations on Red Cliff and Apostle Islands”

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the submission of all four proposals as presented. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TTIP)

Jeff Benton requested approval of necessary documents pertaining to the TTIP to request funds for roadway/bridge improvements and other eligible activities. Identified project costs are estimated at \$45,000 for fiscal year 2019.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve Resolution **2/4/19D**. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM SCOTTIE SANDSTROM FROM THE BUSINESS BOARD

Nicholas DePerry moved to accept the resignation from Scottie Sandstrom from the Business Board. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Discussion: Has this been posted, and a thank you letter be sent out to him for his years of service on the Business Board. Motion carried.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO GRANT SUBMISSIONS FOR NOOJI CENTER & ECC

Laura J. Gordon moved to ratify the Council Poll vote. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO SUBMISSION FOR 2019 SHAKOPEE GRANT

Nathan Gordon moved to ratify the Council poll vote. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

OTHER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bryan Bainbridge moves to go into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Nicholas DePerry moves to return to Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Laura J. Gordon moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Dan Duffy. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

ATTEST:



Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council