

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## Regular Council Meeting

April 1, 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, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Johanna Wilson, Present @ 3:45 p.m.

Carolyn Gouge, Present @ 4:20 p.m.

Dan Duffy, Excused

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Chris Boyd, Present

### QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney. Wade Williams – Assistant Tribal Attorney, and Community Members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Frank Morris.

### AGENDA

Bryan Bainbridge moved approve agenda with addition. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nicholas DePerry moved to go into Executive Session at 2:06 p.m. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

### REGULAR SESSION

Nathan Gordon moved to return to Regular Session at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

### ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Cell Tower Legal Document and to authorize the Chairman to sign off on the document. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. 1 abstention (Johanna Wilson). Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Attorney Contract Renewal as presented. Seconded by Chris Boyd. 1- abstention (Carolyn Gouge). Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **OVERVIEW/CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM**

Bayfield School District staff: Anne Sullivan, Liz Bodin, Rick Erickson, Lori Erickson, Karen DePerry and Beth Paap shared information and their concerns regarding student absenteeism. The school has been penalized the past few years for exceeding the state's chronic absenteeism rate. Absences are recorded whether they are excused or unexcused. They asked for support of the Tribal Council and community in their efforts to increase student attendance. Their efforts titled "Endaso Giizhik" began during the 2017-2018 school year and have improved attendance rates and resulted in the lowest rates in ten years. They would like to organize a community forum in the near future to raise awareness of the importance of regular school attendance. The Tribal Council was in full support of their efforts. Nathan Gordon asked that Anne Sullivan forward their materials to Jean Gordon and begin working with Jared Blanche, RC Education Director.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Marvin Defoe and George Newago expressed their concerns regarding tribal fish quotas established by the State and suggested the Tribe obtain permission from Grand Portage to hunt moose on Isle Royale. The Council will add these items to the retreat agenda to discuss further.

Laura J. Gordon announced upcoming and current community events.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chris Boyd moved to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Carolyn Gouge. Motion carried.

Johanna Wilson moved to approve the March 19, 2019 minutes with corrections. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

### **TREASURERS BALANCE SHEET REPORT FOR MARCH 2019**

Johanna Wilson noted no significant changes from the previous month and reconciliations are ongoing. Bryan Bainbridge asked when reports will be close to current. Johanna will check with Accounting and update the Council soon with a timeframe.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to accept the Balance Sheet for March 2019 as presented. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. 1-abstention (Johanna Wilson). Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF ELECTION BOARD**

Selection made by secret ballot.

Chris Boyd moved to appoint Edwina Buffalo-Reyes, Jennifer Defoe, Cindy Garrity, Rachel Garramone and Tanya Wachsmuth to the Election Board with Josh Gordon and Shauneah

Gordon as alternates. Cindy Garrity will be the Chair of the Board. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Carolyn Gouge moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHAPTER 18 LAND LEASE REGULATIONS**

The revision was posted, and one comment was received by Rose Gurnoe-Soulier. She noted that the code referenced an "Attachment B" but the posting did not include this attachment.

Carolyn Gouge moved to re-post for another 30 days and to include Attachment B for public review. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO POST CHAPTER 58 RED CLIFF PROBATE CODE**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to post Chapter 58 for public comment. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO POST CHAPTER 12 POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS CODE REVISIONS**

Johanna Wilson moved to post Chapter 12 for public comment. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Discussion: this is a comprehensive revision to this chapter. Motion carried.

**RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO THE IMLS LIBRARY GRANT SUBMISSION**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to ratify Council Poll pertaining to the submission of the IMLS Basic Library Grant. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

**RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO THE RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT SUBMISSION**

Laura J. Gordon moved to ratify Council Poll pertaining to the Submission of the Rural Business Development Grant. Seconded by Johanna Wilson. Motion carried.

**OTHER**

Bryan Bainbridge asked to go into Executive Session to discuss an additional item.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Nathan Gordon moved to go into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Nathan Gordon moved to return to Regular Session at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Nathan Gordon moved to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

  
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Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council