

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## Special Council Meeting/Cell Tower Ground Breaking

May 29, 2019

3:30 p.m. @ Cell Tower Site

Chairman Rick Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Richard Peterson, Present  
Nathan Gordon, Present  
Laura J. Gordon, Present  
Johanna Wilson, Present

Carolyn Gouge, Present  
Dan Duffy, Excused  
Nicholas DePerry, Excused  
Bryan Bainbridge, Present  
Chris Boyd, Present

### QUORUM

Others present: Marvin Defoe, THPO Department, Theron Rutnya, IT Director and Community Members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Marvin Defoe.

### AGENDA

Bryan Bainbridge moved approve agenda. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Opening remarks were made by Richard Peterson, Tribal Chairman, Nathan Gordon, Vice Chairman, along with several other Council members.

We had also heard remarks from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission: Angie Dickenson, State Broad Band Director, remarks by Janet Sievert: Federal Communications Commission Office of Navy Affairs and Policy, remarks from the First Responders Network Authority (FirstNet): Paul Patrick, Board Member, remarks by AT&T: James (Jim) Jermain, Director of External Affairs for Wisconsin AT&T.

### REMARKS:

1. Welcomed everybody
2. Chi Miigwetch to all individuals that worked with the Cell Tower Project – Theron Rutyna, IT Director, Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, AT&T, First Net.
3. Having this Cell tower will be an asset to our EMT's and for individuals that are stranded, by having this cell tower they will be able to call someone for help.

4. This Cell tower has been in the works for years, thru past Council members and when Theron came aboard he kept pushing this project forward.
5. This Cell tower will be an asset to the community as well.
6. Red Cliff is the first Tribe to reach an agreement and break ground on a Cell Tower with the independent authority.
7. Once the Cell Tower is operational, it's expected to bring cell service to about 80% of the reservation, as well as to parts of surrounding communities and the Apostle Islands on Lake Superior.
8. The Tribe hopes to complete construction on the tower by this winter.

Official Ground Breaking and Photo Opportunities had occurred for Council along with all other individuals.

Closing Ceremony was performed by Marvin Defoe.

**ADJOURN**

Carolyn Gouge moved to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

***Respectfully Submitted:***

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura J. Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

*Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council*