

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## Special Council Quarterly Report Meeting

July 29, 2019

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

Vice Chairman Nathan Gordon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Richard Peterson, Excused  
Nathan Gordon, Present  
Laura J. Gordon, Present  
Dennis J. Soulier, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Excused  
Chris Boyd, Present  
Nicholas DePerry, Present  
Steven Boyd, Present  
Marvin Defoe, Excused

### QUORUM

Others present: Jared Blanche – Education Director, Linda Johnston – ECC Administrator, Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Carmen VanderVenter – Internal Compliance, Gwen Topping – Associate Judge, Diane Erickson – Health Division Administrator, Rebecca Benton – FHS Division Administrator, Jeff Benton – Transportation, Sandra Nevala – THPO Department, Edwina Buffalo – Reyes – THPO Department, Kyle Cadotte – Chief of Police, Robert Powless – Public Works, Wade Williams – Assistant Tribal Attorney, Steven Boulley – Chief Judge and community members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony and song was performed by Frank Morris.

### AGENDA

Nicholas DePerry moved approve agenda. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

### CHAIRMAN REPORT

Chairman Peterson was not present. Secretary Gordon read through the written report which highlighted various meetings attended and initiatives conducted during the months of April, May and June 2019. A few significant activities include the cell tower groundbreaking, Keeps Eagle fish processing plant planning and a visit by Lt. Wisconsin Governor Mandela Barnes.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Chairman's report for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

### VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Vice-Chairman Gordon read through his written report and listed the many meetings he participated in throughout the quarter. He was highly involved with the Red Cliff Tourism Team,

Pow Wow Committee, NATOW, WI Tribal Advisory Labor Council and attended most community events.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Vice Chairman's report for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

#### **CFO REPORT**

No report available, position is currently vacant.

#### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Jeff Benton presented the Planning Department report.

Jeff Benton, Transportation Director attended WI DOT Intertribal Taskforce (ITTF) and Transit Peer Exchange meetings this past quarter. He provided the website link for those interested in learning more about ITTF, [www.wisdottribaltaskforce.org](http://www.wisdottribaltaskforce.org).

The 2018 BUILD grant application was reviewed in April. The Tribe's application scored highly but was but was not awarded.

Transit ridership continues to increase with a total of 5,946 for the past quarter. The addition of a second bus has allowed the department to expand much needed services for the community.

Road maintenance activities for the past quarter involve gravel to a number of roads, many of which are very costly to maintain. It is estimated that at least \$200,000 is needed to bring all roads up to standard; roads include Bradum, Merchant, Rowley, Ridge, Blueberry and Raspberry Roads. Nathan Gordon suggested that Jeff contact Ernie Grooms regarding the Volkswagen settlement funds to see if funds may be used for roads projects.

Dennis Soulier asked if it was possible for the buses to run during Holidays. He has received a few community comments regarding the lack of transportation during these days. Jeff stated this may be difficult but will look more into this.

Jeff read through both Pam Calhoun and Nicole Boyd's reports, they were not present.

Pam made contact with the North Coast Cycling Association who donated a bike station to the Tribe. The station will be used for bike maintenance and will be located at Legendary Waters. A proposal was awarded from the Department of Justice to provide training to the Tribal Reentry Team, the team attended training in Columbia, SC in June. Pam assisted or written a total of 7 grants this past quarter to agencies, 10 grants are pending award notifications and one grant was awarded. The Americsource Bergen Grant was awarded in the amount of \$73,874 and will be used to digitize the Red Cliff Wellness Curriculum. Pam also participated in new grant orientations with staff and administration, Drug Task Force meetings and strategic planning for the Tribe.



Nicole Boyd is involved in several projects including the Red Cliff Strategic Planning, AODA Tribal Action Plan, Tourism Team, Revolving Loan Fund and the Fish Processing projects.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the Planning Departments report for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

### **COMPLIANCE**

Carmen VanderVenter stated a total of nine programmatic reviews were conducted. Specific information contained in the report was not discussed in open session.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Compliance report for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

### **TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION LIAISON REPORT**

No report available, position is currently vacant.

### **ECC (Early Childhood Center):**

Linda Johnston presented the ECC report. Attendance at the ECC has remained consistent, ranging from 82-90% each month. Nine family-based events were held this quarter including Fishing Day, Family Picnic and Family Dance at Legendary Waters. Two substitute teachers were hired full-time and are working towards their certification. Some job descriptions are being revised and will be submitted to the funding agency. Some funds that were underspent will be used to purchase a new bus. Other funds were available to purchase a second bus.

### **EDUCATION**

Jared Blanche, Education Director was present. He stated a total of 66 applications for the year 2019-2022 were received as of July 25, 2019. He has seen a significant increase in applications which is a good thing. He meets regularly with the JOM Committee, LCO College and Bayfield School. The 2019 Honor's Banquet was a success and the Library is showing many successes in its first year. He noted Kathy Barri is doing a great job with the Library. The JOM Committee currently has two vacancies that need to be filled.

### **FAMILY/HUMAN SERVICES**

Rebecca Benton spoke of a few Division events held this past quarter, including Wolf Camp and the Open House. The FHS Open House had approximately 50 participants. Programs contributed prizes, food and rented a "bouncy house" for kids. It was suggested that Wolf Camp hire additional chaperones to cover the evening shifts. Dennis Soulier thanked the Boys and Girls Club for starting the Little League and T-Ball this year.

Ms. Benton noted the concerning data provided by the ICW Department. ICW has seen an increase in reports & referrals. The department is currently at full staff. Data was presented on all other Division programs. An on-call Elderly Driver is needed and Stephanie Defoe-Haskins was recently hired as the Family Violence Director.

## **TREATY NATURAL RESOURCES**

No one from the Division was present.

Chris Boyd moved to table this report until the August 5, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

## **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC WORKS**

Robert Powless presented the report. Several Facilities Management projects were completed this quarter to various tribal buildings as well as work on the Pow Wow and Cell Tower project. A correction action plan was submitted to the EPA in regard to violations cited. All deadlines and goals were met regarding this and funding is being requested to purchase additional equipment.

## **HEALTH DIVISION**

Diane Erickson provided the report. The Health Center is currently working on implementing the new Personal Health Record. Diane has also worked with CCS and New Hope on streamlining their intake process and are discussing process mapping of services. She has also participated in meetings with Essential Health to bring prenatal care back to the Health Center. Carolyn Maunu retired this summer after 35 years of service. A number of grants were submitted including the LAUNCH grant and Healthy Smiles. The Center also hosted a multi-division de-escalation Training in July.

## **PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

Chief of Police Kyle Cadotte presented the report. A total of 496 calls for services were observed with 149 of those were assigned as incidents. Incidents include a variety of criminal complaints, warrants, investigations and traffic. 49 arrests were made this quarter. All staff completed BIA and State firearm qualifications and other annual trainings as required. One officer was hired in April who brought department to six total officers.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the Division's 3rd quarter reports. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

## **RED CLIFF POLICE COMMISSION**

No commission members present.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Red Cliff Police Commission report for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

## **THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Office)**

Sandra Nevala and Edwina Buffalo-Reyes presented the report. A Language Survey is being conducted and THPO would like all tribal staff to participate in the survey. The results of the survey will assist in the development of the language comprehensive plan. The Archeology Field School was conducted with 15 visiting students and 3 Red Cliff youth interns. 800 artifacts were found. The department hosted a number of events including an archeology educational



session, Native Language workshop, Youth spearing and Historical Trauma workshop. Cultural training was also provided to the TNR Division and Bayfield/ECC School staff. No capital improvements this past quarter other than the cemetery clearing.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Office) report for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

## **COURTS**

Chief Judge Boulley presented the report. Data was provided on hearings held, meetings attended, and forfeitures collected. The court will be working on revising policies and procedures and developing a bench book and clerk book. Due to the WI e-Filing and CCAP changes, the Bayfield County Court can no longer hold hearings in Red Cliff as they will need access to the system. Chris Boyd believed that it causes a hardship on tribal members with limited transportation.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Courts report for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

## **LEGAL**

Attorney Ujke and Wade Williams presented reports for the Legal Department. Updates were given on pending cases including the Fee Lands Tax Issue, Bayfield County Zoning dispute, Trespass Claims and other ongoing matters.

Attorney Ujke noted that Attorney Williams and Attorney Keahna's reports are complete but did not make it into the Council packet, he will send when he is back in his office.

Attorney Williams received 45 contracts. The tribe acquired the Atwood property this past quarter, which is currently zoned as preserved. The Lands Office reported 20 lease transactions this past quarter and are conducting annual reviews and sending postcard reminders to leaseholders. Updates to lease maps are also being worked on.

Attorney Keahna, Child Support Attorney stated her focus is primarily on Child Support matters and also attends transfer hearings as well as meetings with federal/state partners. She noted the agency has a consistent staff, three of which are going on 5 years with the program.

Chris Boyd asked who the Counsel for ICWA cases. Dave Ujke stated Laura Belanger is the presenting officer and represents the tribe in those matters unless there is a conflict, and then Dave will work those cases.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Legal reports for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

## **OTHER**

No other business.


**ADJOURN**

Chris Boyd moved to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

***Respectfully Submitted:***

  
Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary

***ATTEST:***

  
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Laura L. Gordon, Secretary  
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