

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Special Council Quarterly Report Meeting

October 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

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis J. Soulier, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Excused

Chris Boyd, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Excused

Steven Boyd, Present

Marvin Defoe, Excused

QUORUM

Others present: Wade Williams – Legal Department, Carmen VanderVenter – Compliance, Chad Abel – TNR, Diane Erickson – Health Division, Jamie Goodlet King – ECC, Jared Blanche – Education Department, Robert Powless – Public Works, Tribal Chief Judge Steven Bouley – Courts and community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

No Opening Ceremony was performed.

AGENDA

Treaty Natural Resources Division report will be given before Early Childhood Center report.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Chairman Peterson apologized for the meeting not being televised, Jon Gary was unavailable.

In addition to day to day tribal business, the Chairman listed the various events and meetings he attended throughout the quarter. Throughout the quarter he was involved in many meetings and projects including the Cell Tower project, Keeps Eagle fish processing project and various meetings with Federal and State representatives.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Chairman's report for 4th quarter. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

VICE-CHAIRMAN REPORT

Nathan Gordon was not present.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Vice Chairman's report for 4th quarter. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Dennis Soulier was appointed as Interim CFO in mid-August. He worked with staff to complete revisions to the FY19 Indirect Cost budget and the Facilities Maintenance Plan for FY20. The FY20 Indirect Cost Plan has been submitted and he will provide an update on this in the coming weeks. Staffing is a significant issue for the Accounting Department and work has been reorganized so that all areas are covered by existing staff.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve CFO report for 4th quarter. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

COMPLIANCE

Carmen VanderVenter the Compliance report. She stated several grant implementation meetings were held on new grants received and many program/client file audits were conducted. She provided data on each. Chris Boyd acknowledged the work of the Planning Department for successfully attaining funding for the Tribe. He suggested a study be done on space needs. He stated there is a lack of office space throughout the Tribe. Chairman Peterson stated Planning is looking into this and he has met with them recently discussing this.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the Compliance report for 4th quarter. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

TAL REPORT

No action was taken due to this position is vacant.

DIVISIONS

TREATY NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Chad Abel highlighted a few points from the report. The Division is working on its Comprehensive Plan which they hope to complete by next summer. They are gathering community input/data by survey and speaking with elders and students at the Bayfield School.

The Atwood land acquisition was finalized this past quarter and several grants were awarded. Chad will also provide an update on the fish processing facility in the next quarterly report.

The fisheries experienced a large loss this past quarter due to a pump failure. Over 60,000 fish were lost due to the malfunction. Work is being done to prevent this from occurring in the future.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Jamie Goodlet – King spoke of the construction grant being worked on to build a new child care facility. ECC graduation was held this past quarter as well as the annual summer gathering. Policy Council elections were held, and Family Service continues to meet monthly to discuss community event planning with all Divisions. Homebase enrollment is very low, and outreach is being done to recruit children for the program.

Biggest challenge for the Center is the fingerprinting process for new staff. They are required to use Field Print in Superior and it often takes weeks for results to come back. This regularly delays the hiring process and Field Print requires payment at the time of testing.

One bus driver position is vacant, and the new buses are expected to arrive the end of November or early December

EDUCATION DIVISION

Jared Blanche stated he is a few weeks ahead of scholarship processing as he was last year. He continues to meet with Bayfield School and LCO College. The college is now offering Bachelor programs and is planning to offer student housing at the main campus. He also added that Red Cliff has the highest enrollment out of all outreach sites.

He is now looking at a policy revision to expand services to students enrolled in a certification or GED programs.

FAMILY-HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

Rebecca Benton highlighted a few points in the report. The ICW Department is currently short staff and balancing workloads. There are approximately 42 children in out of home placements with 98% of these cases AODA related.

She gave data on the number of clients served in each program including TANF, GA and Economic Support programs.

A new Food Distribution Director was hired this past quarter and the Elderly program served 5,619 meals. Weekend sack meals are being provided to the Elderly, but funding is running short.

Family Violence program is offering weekly groups and a new Director was hired.

Wolf Camp was held in July and a scholarship was received to fund a youth trip to La Push, WA. The Herbster Lions Club also donated \$2,500 for this trip.

HEALTH DIVISION

Diane Erickson stated the Health Center had several onsite reviews this past quarter and participated in community events including Pow Wow and Red Cliff Days.

Coding is now up to date and they were able to streamline the billing process with the assistance of Leslie Reese from the Bemidji area office.

The Health Center received an award from the WI Cancer Control recognizing their commitment to cancer control and the Nooji Center celebrated their one-year anniversary.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE/PUBLIC WORKS

Robert Powless stated the department assisted with community events including: Pow Wow, Language Camp, Red Cliff Days and the Treaty Day Celebration.

The Andrews house was torn down and various projects were completed for all departments.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Laura J. Gordon stated that Kyle Cadotte sent an email to her stating that he was sick so nobody here to present the report. Council had no questions.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Divisions and Departments reports for 4th quarter. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Discussion: this includes Protective Services report as submitted. Motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Nicole Boyd presented the report. The Transportation Department reported an all-time high for ridership this past quarter. A new bus purchase is in process to replace one of the smaller buses. Dennis Soulier asked if it was possible to keep the buses running on holidays, he had asked Jeff at the last quarterly report meeting. Nicole Boyd will follow-up with Jeff.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Planning Departments report for 4th quarter. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

RED CLIFF POLICE COMMISSION

No commissioners present.

Dennis Soulier moved to table the report until the November 4th Regular meeting. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

No staff present.

Dennis Soulier moved to table the report until the November 4th Regular meeting. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

COURTS

Judge Boulley stated the Court was awarded funding to renovate the courthouse and funding for the Healing to Wellness Court program. He asked to schedule a meeting with Council to go

over the court assessment that was done in 2017, he will contact Laura J. Gordon to arrange this. Data on hearings held and forfeitures collected were provided. Eight individuals passed the Bar exam this year and are now able to practice in the court.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the Courts report for 4th quarter. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Wade Williams presented the Legal Department report. He gave updates on the Fee Lands Tax issue, Opioid litigation and other ongoing matters.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Legal reports for 4th quarter. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

OTHER

No other business.

ADJOURN

Chris Boyd moved to adjourn at 4:33 p.m. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council