

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Special Council Meeting

November 17, 2020

1:00 p.m. Legendary Waters Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

Chairman Richard Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Bryan Bainbridge, Present @ 3:30 p.m.
Chris Boyd, Present
Nicholas DePerry, Present
Steven Boyd, Present
Marvin DeFoe, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams – Assistant Tribal Attorney, and Amorin Mello, Land Office.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Richard LaFerner.

AGENDA

Nathan Gordon moved to approve agenda, to remove “Approval of LW COVID Policy”.
Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Executive Session at 1:06 p.m. Seconded by Chris Boyd.
Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Nicholas DePerry moved to return to Regular Session at 4:32 p.m. Seconded by Dennis Soulier.
Motion carried.

ACTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve Resolution **11/17/20A** pertaining to the Proposed Settlement request that was discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry.
Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas Audited Governmental Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2019 with changes. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Legendary Waters Cash Flow Budget for December 2020 in the amount of \$568,850.00. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Discussion: Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to appoint Marvin Defoe as the Tribal Council Liaison for the Red Cliff Business Development Board. Discussion was had on reserving this position for the Tribal Treasurer. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Nicholas DePerry moved to appoint the Dennis Soulier as the Tribal Council liaison for the Red Cliff Business Development Board as a non-voting member. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Discussion: This position shall be reserved for the Tribal Treasurer moving forward with Wade Williams, or designee from the Legal Department, as the alternate. 1-Abstention (Dennis Soulier). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CITIZEN OF THE QUARTER

The nominee was not present. Chris Boyd stated Clarissa Bressette thought this was rescheduled to the next meeting. Edward Bressette was nominated by his wife Clarissa Bressette stating he is always willing to lend a hand by representing at cultural events, assists elders and shoveling and being a positive role model for the community.

Council will reach out to Edward and provide his plaque and gifts.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Drive Up Free COVID-19 Testing Event will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at the Red Cliff Community Health Center from 9 to 4PM. There are 400 tests available. Anyone 5 to 17 years old must have a parent or legal guardian present.

Food Box Giveaway will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at the Red Cliff Boys & Girls Club from 9 to 3PM. Brought to you by the Family/Human Services Division and the Hunger Relief Federation. For more information, call Red Cliff Food Distribution at 715-779-3740. Chairman Peterson also noted if anyone is unable to pick up their box or need assistance, call Rebecca Benton at 715-779-3706.

A card was read from Mary Duffy thanking the Tribe for their support during their time of loss.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020

Treasurer Soulier asked that his report be tabled until the first meeting in December due to the report being incomplete.

Nathan Gordon moved to table this report until the December 7th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. 1-Abstention (Dennis Soulier) Motion carried.

Dennis clarified the October 2020 Treasurer's report will be provided at the December 7th Regular Council meeting and the November 2020 Treasurer's report will be provided at the December 22nd, 2020 Special Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF GAMING COMMISSION REPORT

Chris Livingston was present via WebEx. Minutes from the November 9, 2020 Gaming Commission meeting provided in Council packet. He noted the IT SOPs were approved by the Commission and one two-year license renewal was passed. Laura J. Gordon noted an issue regarding the Executive Session minutes and the edits needing to be made. Chris Livingston stated there were some technical difficulties that caused a delay in getting the audit to the recording secretary. Chris will follow up on that.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the Gaming Commission report. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COMPLIANCE REPORT

Chris Livingston presented the report for Charles Bresette who was not present.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Compliance Report. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

LEASES

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve Resolution **11/17/20B** pertaining to an application from Patricia Gordon for a short-term residential lease renewal located at 37405 Pike Road. This new short-term residential Lease will begin effective April 4, 2021. Seconded by Chris Boyd. 2 – Abstentions (Nathan Gordon & Dennis Soulier) Motion carried.

Steven Boyd moved to approve Resolution **11/17/20C** pertaining to an application from Tonia McMahon and Jacqueline VanderVenter for a short-term residential lease renewal located at 94660 Raspberry Shore Road. The new short-term residential lease will begin effective January 21, 2021. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Resolution **11/17/20D** pertaining to an application from Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority for a new long-term residential lease located at 37205 Community Road on Lot 4. The new long-term residential lease will be effective October 30, 2020. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. 1-Abstention (Steven Boyd) Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge asked that Council discuss lease fees for RCHA, a possible increase to these fees were discussed at a previous meeting.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve Resolution **11/17/20E** pertaining to an application from Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority for a new long-term residential lease located at 37250 & 37260 Community Road on Lot 7. The new long-term residential lease will be effective October

30, 2020. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Discussion: Dennis Soulier noted the lease fee should be \$100, \$50 per unit. Although this is a duplex these should not be combined. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FY21 SAVING LIVES GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

This proposal is requesting funding from the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and CDC's Tribal Public Health Capacity Building & Quality Improvement Umbrella Cooperative Agreement. Total amount requested is \$25,000.00 and will be used to provide virtual or on-site Certified Peer Specialist training and Targeted Case Management to sustain and expand substance abuse services.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the grant application for submission. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. 2-Abstentions (Laura J. Gordon & Bryan Bainbridge) Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO FY21 WI DOJ COUNTY/TRIBAL GRANT SUBMISSION

This resolution is renewed annually. Wade Williams stated there were some changes made by Bayfield County in which he has some concerns he has yet been able to discuss with Chief Cadotte. Nathan Gordon suggested this be discussed at the Tribal/County Relations Committee meeting this Thursday.

Nathan Gordon moved to table this item. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO FY21 EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT DEDUCTIONS

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve Resolution **11/17/20F** pertaining to the FY2021 Expenditure Plan for Forest Management Deductions as presented and authorizes the Tribal Secretary to forward the approved Expenditure Plan to the Great Lakes Agency for approval. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. 1-Abstention (Marvin Defoe) Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE PLOW TRUCK USING VW SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the purchase of a plow truck using VW Settlement funds in the amount of \$177,508.50 as quoted by Mid-State Truck SV, Inc. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL LAND USE PERMIT PAC APPLICATION W./SPECTRUM UTILITY WORK

Spectrum proposes to bury coax cable from pole across State Hwy 13 to pole on north side of Peterson's Foods located at 88100 State Hwy 13. Legal has reviewed the application and recommends approval.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve a commercial land use permit for Spectrum for this project. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE FISHING COMMITTEE AND NEED TWO (2) ALTERNATES

Chris Boyd moved to appoint Chris Peterson as member of the Fishing Committee and Mercie Gordon as an alternate. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. 1-Abstention (Bryan Bainbridge) Motion carried.

APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE HEALTH BOARD

Steven Boyd moved to appoint Mercie Gordon to the Health Board. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. 1-Abstention (Dennis Soulier) Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO DESTROY THE GENERAL ELECTION 2020 BALLOTS

Bryan Bainbridge moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

OTHER

Nathan Gordon announced that the Red Cliff Fish Company is now open and invited the community to stop in.

ADJOURN

Laura J. Gordon moved to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:


Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council