

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Regular Council Meeting

January 4, 2021

3:00 p.m. Legendary Waters Buffalo Bay Ballroom

Chairman Richard Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Richard Peterson, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Excused

Chris Boyd, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Marvin DeFoe, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams – Asst. Tribal Attorney, Bill Foss – LW General Manager, Lorna Gamble – RC Behavioral Health, Amorin Mello – Lands Office, Allissa Stutte – RC Farm, Allison Rakowski – Environmental Department, Linda Nguyen – Environmental Department, and Community Members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Richard LaFerner.

AGENDA

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve agenda with changes. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. Seconded by Marvin DeFoe. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

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

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the submission of the GLITC — COVID Vaccine Grant Application. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to allocate the remaining \$34,000 CARES Act funding to the elderly program for wages and to authorize the Tribal Treasurer to explore further funding options to

cover related expenses. When complete, he will report back to Council. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Discussion: Chris Boyd clarified that the Treasurer will specifically be looking for funds to cover fringe expense. 1-Abstention (Dennis Soulier) Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the proposed change to the Emergency COVID-19 Leave Policy to extend the end date from the previous December 31, 2020 to March 1, 2021. HR is to also include this date change throughout the policy. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the request made by Legendary Waters GM Bill Foss to extend the Randy Soulier contract for an additional month. Attorney Ujke is to draft the amendment to the contract. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & CONCERNS

The LCO College Outreach site is hosting a One-Stop Registration event on January 5, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information you may contact Jim Pete at 715-779-3700.

Chris Boyd wished the community a Happy New Year and asked that all remain vigilant in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

MINUTES

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the December 1, December 7, and December 22, 2020 minutes with corrections if needed. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. 1-Abstention (Laura J. Gordon) Motion carried.

ACCEPT TREASURERS BALANCE SHEET FOR NOVEMBER 2020

Steven Boyd moved to accept the Treasurer's Balance Sheet for November 2020. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. 1-Abstention (Dennis Soulier) Motion carried.

LEASES

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve Resolution **1/4/21A** pertaining to an application from Deborah Bear for a Short-Term Residential Lease Renewal located at 37330 Gordon Road. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried

Nathan Gordon moved to approve Resolution **1/4/21B** pertaining to an application from Jennifer Geske, Travis Meyers, and Beth Meyers for a Short-Term Residential Lease renewal located at 36505 Aiken Road. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT FOR GLITC/REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE GRANT

Lorna Gamble presented the grant application. Through this funding proposal the funds will be used to develop an intimate partner violence safety plan through collaboration between behavioral health department and tribal and non-tribal programs. The funding will be for six months for a total of \$35,000 and the grant is non-competitive. Dennis Soulier noted an error on the cover page regarding the FY2021 rate, the Tribe does have an approved rate for this year.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the application for submission. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT FIRST NATIONS GATHER FOOD SOVEREIGNTY GRANT APPLICATION

This proposed project will increase garden resources and local food access for the community by establishing shared garden spaces and supporting the continued success of previous garden assistance initiatives. This will leverage existing resources and personnel to respond to survey data indicating a community need for increased growing spaces and resources. Total funding requested is \$31,487.00 for one year.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the application for submission. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT EPA WETLANDS GRANT APPLICATION

This grant will assist in developing a monitoring project to help determine quality of existing wetlands and will identify areas that may need restoration. Total funding requested is \$230,696.93 for two years.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the application for submission. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT SUSTAINING CULTURAL HERITAGE COLLECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION

The Tribal Historic Preservation Department is seeking approval to apply for a Planning Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections. Over 18 months, Red Cliff will identify and develop a Master Preservation Plan for its heritage collections (artifacts, sacred objects, documents, literature, artwork, photos, and items related to Language Preservation). The Master Plan will help identify resiliency and sustainability strategies, provide recommendations on safe storage and handling practices, advise on any environmental changes to their current and future locations, and give professional guidance to address and prevent any issues. Total cost of the project is \$65,002.97.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the application for submission and to approve a waiver of the bid process to sole source with the contractors identified in the application – if the grant is awarded. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. 2-Abstentions (Nathan Gordon & Marvin Defoe) Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS PERMITS

Marvin Defoe moved to approve a business permit renewal for Patricia R. DePerry for the business "Patsy Ruth's Place". Seconded by Nathan Gordon. 1-Abstention (Nicholas DePerry) Motion carried.

Christopher Hicks applied for a renewal of his business permit for his business "Ogichidaa Fight Promotions". It was noted that there was a lapse in the issuance of this renewal and as a result this will be considered a new business permit.

Steven Boyd moved to table the approval of Christopher Hick's – "Ogichidaa Fight Promotions" business permit until the applicant provides official written approval from the Red Cliff Housing Authority, as he will be operating this business out of his home. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to a business permit renewal for Roland Gordon for the business "Gordon Auto". Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

Nicholas DePerry moved to table the approval of Joshua Penhollow's – "Penhollow Construction, LLC" business permit until the applicant provides official written approval from the Red Cliff Housing Authority, as he will be operating this business out of his home. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

APPOINT (2) TWO MEMBERS TO THE BUSINESS BOARD

Nicholas DePerry moved to appoint Joseph Montano, Sr., and Christopher Hicks to the Red Cliff Business Board. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Discussion: These will be three-year terms. Motion carried.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO SLA WITH BAYFIELD ELECTRIC FOR ELECTRIC TO RED CLIFF CULTURAL GROUNDS

Dennis Soulier moved to ratify the Council Poll. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

OTHER

No other business.

ADJOURN

Laura J. Gordon moved to adjourn at 5:02 p.m. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:


Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council