

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Special Chippewa Federation Council Meeting

November 18, 2021

9:00 a.m. Lake of the Torches Resort & Casino

Chairman Christopher Boyd called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Christopher Boyd, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Excused

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, Excused

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Excused

Steven Boyd, Present

Butch Bresette, Present

Chris Hicks, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Chippewa Federation Bands

Bryan Bainbridge moved to appoint Butch Bresette as the acting Secretary. Seconded by Steven Boyd. 1-Abstention (Butch Bresette). Motion carried.

AGENDA

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the Chippewa Federation agenda. Seconded by Chris Hicks. Motion carried.

Motion by Red Cliff to approve Chippewa Federation agenda. Seconded by LDF. Motion carried.

ICW report by Kristen Allen, LDF: Main struggle is mental health for minors. Foster Care is costing \$1-2,000,000 a year. Not enough foster families to handle all the children. Meth and Fentanyl are big issues in LDF, recently there has been 6 babies born with addiction. Another problem is that there is a big shortage in housing for providers so they can live and work in the area. Pretty much the same issue across all tribes. Kristen would like to bring all tribal ICW programs together to see if they can find solutions. Chief Robert Buffalo spoke and said ICW is underfunded in all tribes and need to be given more support by Tribes. Mr. Tom Maulson spoke from the heart challenging the tribes to stand up and sue to get our points across to the White nation. Motion by Mole Lake to approve the report. Seconded by Red Cliff. Motion carried.

Holistic Environmental Report: We need more tribes in attendance. A huge issue, we need to include all tribes within the ceded territory. Problems that all tribes have include the Pipeline issues and drug use. There are positive results of CBD oil use in Indian country. Another item, all tribes need their Treaty Rights to be upheld. Discussed how previous Chippewa Federation

meetings would have over 75 individuals eat the breakfast and over 125 would eat lunch. Today we might have had 30-35 in attendance. Marvin D. and Chris Hicks spoke to the group about bringing all tribes together under one "Nation", while still being Bands. We would have more power as one joint group. Suggestion for a group of Leaders to go forth and address these Tribal Councils with Tobacco and gifts to formerly invite them to come to our meetings. Another point was suggested to have Language as an agenda item at all of our meetings. LDF reported issues with ground contamination affecting Wild Rice beds, as well as drinking water. They report over 28 possible contamination sites on their reservation. Suggestion to have the Federation create a type of Board and that we would need to have By-Laws enacted to give us strength.

Motion made by LDF to have Language be a standing line item in Chippewa Federation meeting agendas. Second by Mole Lake. Motion carried.

Chairman Chris Boyd addressed the meeting placing an emphasis on being "One Nation". Without our language and culture, we will cease to exist. He invited all Tribes in attendance to get their own Ojibwe signage like Red Cliff has. Chief Buffalo addressed the meeting, telling us he was here at the inception of the Chippewa Federation. There is strength in numbers, he called our group "Anishinaabe Grand Council".

Governor's office update: Wenona Wolf spoke saying that there is a special place in his heart for Native Communities. He respects Sovereignty. Governor has apologized for Boarding Schools. What good is an apology without something to provide impact for the results. He will be signing an agreement on December 9th, for Consultations to begin between Tribes and the State. The State will start Cultural Sensitivity Training at the State Level next month. Chris H. talked about how Tribal History is not taught in schools across the State, no information regarding the Sandy Lake tragedy. Act 31 is outdated now. Another big topic: Redistricting through the state. Republican controlled and Wisconsin has the most Gerrymandering happening throughout the country. Motion by Mole Lake to approve Wenona Wolf's report. Second by LDF. Motion carried.

Manoomin Report: Mole Lake made a motion to support GLIFWC attorneys write up a support letter in legal language. Seconded by LDF. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Wolf Hunt Update: State has a Management Plan that was adopted in 1999. This is outdated and needs to be updated. Motion by Red Cliff for each tribe's Tribal Council put the Ma'iingan back on the Endangered List. Discussed whether tribes could declare thru the ceded territory rather than just the tribal land. Tom Maulson spoke again and suggested that we make a motion to sue the state over Ma'iingan endangerment. Red Cliff motioned to move forward with developing a resolution to pass stating we mean the ceded territory and put some teeth to the Resolution. Second by Mole Lake. Motion carried.

Mille Lacs Incident: Mother Jeannie Buckholtz spoke to those in attendance asking for help in the Spearing incident this spring where her husband, 13-year-old and 17-year-old were

victimized by white people on the shore that threatened to murder them, a white male exposed his privates to these children and the obscenities hurled at them were very offensive. Jeannie is requesting our collective help. She has not received any assistance from anywhere to get justice. An attorney for LDF was on the phone with her and they are going to start addressing this with the United States Attorney General, since this is a federal and not state issue. The federation wants to know if there are repercussions for violators that infringe on our Treaty Rights. This issue will be on for the next meeting on January 20th in St. Croix (Danbury).

ADJOURN

Nathan Gordon moved to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Chris Hicks. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Butch Bresette", written over a horizontal line.

*Butch Bresette, Acting Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council*