

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Special Council Meeting

May 18, 2021

2:00 p.m. Legendary Waters 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 Soulier, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present @ 4:30 p.m.
Chris Boyd, Present
Nicholas DePerry, Excused @ 4:05 p.m.
Steven Boyd, Present
Marvin DeFoe, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Wade Williams, Assistant Attorney, Diane Erickson, Health Administrator, Michael Lang, Red Cliff Health Center, Bryon Daley, TAL, Michael Christensen, Senior Accountant and Community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Richard LaFerner.

AGENDA

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steven Boyd moved to go into Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

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

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve a conforming Resolution **5/18/21A** pertaining to a Resolution of Rehabilitation for Lillian L. Bruceles. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the June 2021 Cash Flow Budget in the amount of \$571,800 for Legendary Waters Resort & Casino. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the recommendations that the mask mandate be removed from the tribe for individuals who are fully vaccinated and who live within the boundaries of the Tribe who have been vaccinated with the exception of:

- Residents who are not vaccinated will still be required to wear their mask.

It is recommended that employees who work for the tribe that are fully vaccinated be excused from wearing masks while in tribal owned buildings during the course of their work. With a few exceptions:

- Employees who are not vaccinated will be required to wear a mask unless they apply for a waiver of the COVID-19 vaccine due to religious, medical, or personal conviction,
- All program workers will be required to wear their mask when visiting clients regardless of vaccinations status and regardless of location (office setting or home setting), upon recommendations from our health team along with following the CDC guidelines.

This will become effective immediately. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Discussion: Bryan Bainbridge asked that this includes Legendary Waters and Buffalo Bay Store. Both Laura and Chris concur. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to lift the ban on outdoor community and program events, but all will be required to have a COVID-19 safety plan in place. Seconded by Dennis J. Soulier. Motion carried.

Steven Boyd moved to prohibit all use of the white tent this year by programs or the community, due to COVID-19 concerns. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to make the ongoing Tribal Council Wednesday COVID-19 & American Rescue Plan (ARP) discussions official Council meetings, to include an agenda and notice to community, so that action can be taken during those meetings to prevent delays in the allocation of these funds. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Discussion: Chris Boyd asked that these meetings be scheduled at the regular time of 4:30 p.m. Bryan and Marvin both concur. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Bresette had some concerns on what had happened to her son over this past weekend. Vice Chairman recommended that we go into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Executive Session at 4:40 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Steven Boyd moved to return to Regular Session at 4:56 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa General Election will be held on Tuesday July 6th, 2021. Those interested in declaring their candidacy for Member At-large must submit your intentions in writing no later than

6:00 p.m. on June 21st, 2021, to the Red Cliff Tribal Council Secretary, Laura J. Gordon. Polls will be open 8am to 8pm at Legendary Waters Resort & Casino. For more information, please contact Laura J. Gordon @ secretary@redcliff-nsn.gov.

The Red Cliff Tribal Historic Preservation Department and the Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee is hosting a cleaning event at St. Francis Cemetery and Ishpiming Akiin Cemetery on May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in preparation for Memorial Day weekend. All community members are invited. For more information, contact Marvin Defoe or Edwina Buffalo-Reyes with any questions at 715-779-3761.

The Red Cliff Food Distribution Program will be hosting a food box giveaway on Thursday May 27. The event is scheduled to take place at Red Cliff Boys & Girls Club, and boxes will be available from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This giveaway is open to all. For more information, contact Red Cliff Food Distribution at 715-779-3740.

Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority is offering to pick up Spring Cleanup loads for RCCHA tenants who have no means to haul their own. Tenants should call to schedule a pickup by Friday May 21 by calling 715-779-3744 ext. 3500. There will be no charge for RCCHA tenants to bring loads directly to the transfer station, except for special waste disposal fees.

The 2021 Honor Banquet for Bayfield High School Class of 2021 graduates is scheduled for Tuesday May 25 at the Red Cliff Cultural Pow Wow Grounds. The event is set to begin at 6:00 PM. There will be guest speakers, gifts, and more to honor our graduates. Contact the Red Cliff Education Department at education@redcliff-nsn.gov or call 715-779-3700 with any questions.

Several community cleanup events are scheduled for this May. Community members are encouraged to get outside and help keep Miskwaabekong clean!

May 25: Tire Collection Event by RC Environmental Department

May 28: Spring Cleanup Day by RC Environmental Department (Spring cleanup dumpsters available to community May 27-29).

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT FOR APRIL 2021

Dennis J. Soulier asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting in June. He stated the Accounting Department has been busy working with the auditor.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 2021. Seconded by Chris Boyd. 1-Absention (Dennis Soulier) Discussion: This item will be placed on the June 5th Regular Council Meeting agenda along with the Balance Sheet for May 2021. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GAMING COMMISSION REPORT

Chris Livingston as present for the Gaming Commission report.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Red Cliff Gaming Commission report with corrections. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COMPLIANCE REPORT

Charles Bresette was not present. Chris Livingston noted Charles and Peggy Bazant have been working on setting up the fingerprinting program with WI Department of Administration and NIGC. Charles also worked with Theron and surveillance regarding camera coverage of the new gaming floor layout and high limit room. Chris also added the Slots Department SOPs were recently approved by the Gaming Commission and are now being reviewed by Legal.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the Compliance Report presented by Chris Livingston. Seconded by Dennis J. Soulier. Discussion: Chris Boyd noted errors to the meeting minutes and clarified this is the Compliance Report for the month of April 2021. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR CDC COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FOR COVID RESPONSE AND RESILIENT COMMITTEE

Marvin DeFoe moved to approve the grant submission for the CDC (Venter for Disease Control Prevention) Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR NATIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FUND

This grant application requests funding to hire a Food Sovereignty Coordinator who will work with the community in food sovereignty efforts. Bryan Bainbridge asked that if this project is funded the person selected for the position should be culturally competent and experienced in Red Cliff traditional lifeways.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the grant application for submission. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO RELINQUISHMENT FOR DENNIS L. BESAW

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Resolution **5/18/21B** pertaining to the Relinquishment of Dennis L. Besaw. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE GAMING COMMISSION

Marvin DeFoe moved to appoint Karen M. DePerry to the Gaming Commission. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO POST 14.9.2 SECTION 9 – SPEED LIMIT

This change proposes to reduce the speed limit from 20 mph to 15 mph on any road within 300 feet of any housing development.

Chris Boyd moved to post Chapter 14.9.2 for 30 days. Seconded by Dennis J. Soulier. Motion carried.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO (2) RESOLUTIONS FOR FUNDING FOR LITIGATION/ATTORNEY FEES LCO/VOIGHT

Marvin DeFoe moved to ratify Council Poll pertaining to supporting two (2) resolutions for FY21 Litigation Support Funding LCO/VOIGHT and Attorney Fees Funding for LCO/VOIGHT. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO APPROVING THE ULTIMATE JOURNEY GRANT FOR THE BOY & GIRLS CLUB

Dennis Soulier moved to ratify Council Poll pertaining to approving the grant submission for The Ultimate Journey Program for the Boys & Girls Club. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

OTHER

No other business.

ADJOURN

Steven Boyd moved to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council