

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Special Council Meeting

December 20, 2022

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

Chairman Christopher Boyd called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Christopher Boyd, Present

Richard Peterson, Present

Nora Cadotte, Excused

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, Present (WebEx)

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Butch Bresette, Present

Scott Babineau, Excused

Ernie Grooms, Excused

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke – Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams, Assistant Attorney, Bryon Daley, TAL, Division Administrators, Chris Livingston – Gaming Commission, Charles Bresette – Compliance, and community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Nicholas DePerry.

AGENDA

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Butch Bresette moved to go into Executive Session at 3:02 p.m. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry.

REGULAR SESSION

Butch Bresette moved to return to Regular Session at 4:28 p.m. Seconded by Rick Peterson.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Butch Bresette moved to approve the Cash Flow Budget in the amount of 551,800 for the month of January 2023 for Legendary Water Resort and Casino. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ACCEPT THE TREASURERS BALANCE SHEET FOR OCTOBER 2022

Steven Boyd moved to accept the Treasurers Balance Sheet for the month of October 2022. Seconded by Rick Peterson. 1-Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins) Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RED CLIFF EARLY CHILDHOOD NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECT & REPORT

Butch Bresette moved to approve the Red Cliff Early Childhood Needs Assessment Project and Report. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Pete mentioned that he is putting on a Regalia Show for all types of dancing that will be on January 25, 2023, at LW. There will be a meal, speaker, and drum. Jim is asking to help him put this on and was told to put together a budget and send it to the Chairs and they will inform the Council.

Michael Montano brought up to the Council a suggestion that the tribe should lease Living Adventures lot to him for his Kayak business. Chairman said there have been others interested in using this property as well. Legal could be looking into this issue.

Edwina Buffalo-Reyes was there to let council know that her application that she put in for the Red Cliff Housing board was lost or misplaced and she was upset with the application process. Edwina did mention that she probably will not put her name back in but would like for someone to look at the process.

Butch thanked Edwina for coming forward and hope she reconsiders about reapplying. Butch also stated that he would like to work with both the Chairs and Laura J. Gordon to maybe have this process come to the front desk to be stamped and then placed into the Secretary mailbox and it will be the Secretary's responsibility to take care of these.

Gretchen Morris was there and had a few items for community concerns: She had asked about the ARPA funds and where she can find out the information on how these are being spent. Gretchen mentioned that she had overseen the BIA ARPA funds in the amount of 70,000 for ICW children and families on and off the reservation – she had mentioned that all of these funds were allocated for an evaluation of the ICW program, and they should be replaced.

Gretchen also explained some of her reason on why she was terminated. She had also mentioned that a RCPD had harassed her son who is 12 years old at the school without getting permission to integrate him along with other kids.

Chairman wished the community a Merry Christmas and hope all are safe.

Butch Bresette mentioned that he had Badger boxes that will coming in tomorrow and will be having some school kids come out and help – Butch also stated that the weather will be brutal so dress warm.

Nicholas DePerry mentioned that there is a sale of 30% off at the Red Cliff Fish company, come in and see him, items need to go.

Chairman mention that they are giving out the Christmas hams, stop by the Administration building pick up your ticker and then head on over to the Food Distribution building to pick them up. Butch had mentioned that there were already given out around 200 hams.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022

There were no questions on the Treasurers Report.

Rick Peterson moved to approve the Treasurers Report for November 2022. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. 1-Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins) Motion carried.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT

Chris Livingston was there to present his report.

Chris had stated that he was really sad the Carol had put in her resignation.

There were some discussions on what SOP's were approve for LW. Laura will compile what was approved and send them to Council and Dave Ujke (Legal).

Butch Bresette had asked Chris L. about the different color of the cards and what the process was due to receive those colored cards, Community members are not happy - Chris L. will look into this and report back.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Gaming Commission report. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Charlie Bresette highlighted that his report.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Compliance report for November 2022. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LW AUDIT EXTENSION

Charlie Bresette explained to Council that the deadline for this audit is on December 30, 2022 and is requesting an extension to January 27, 2023.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the LW Audit Extension. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WI DOA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY GRANT MOU

John Gary from RCPD was there to present to Council, he stated that Governor Evers had set aside some dollars for this, and Red Cliff was allocated 7,000.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the WI DOA Law Enforcement agency grant MOU. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Discussion: John will bring the MOU over to have the Chairman sign off on. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO SOLE SOURCE WITH DAWN NIXON "DBA VALLEY BIRCH LLC" & CONTRACT TO BE RENEWABLE FOR UP TO THREE (3) YEARS

Butch Bresette moved to approve to Sole Source with Dawn Nixon "dba Valley Birch LLC and to contract to be renewable for up to three (3) years. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM CAROL CAMERON FROM THE GAMING COMMISSION & TO REPOST

Nicholas DePerry moved to accept the resignation from Carol Cameron from the Gaming Commission. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Discussion: this will be to repost and to send Carol out a letter thanking her for her service on the Gaming Commission. Motion carried.

APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Steven Boyd moved to appoint Mark Bresette Jr. and Melissa Topping to the Membership Committee. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

OTHER

No other business.

ADJOURN

Rick Peterson moved to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Laura J. Gordon, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Butch Bresette, Acting Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council