

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## Special Council Meeting

February 24, 2022  
1:00 p.m. Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Chairman Christopher Boyd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Christopher Boyd, Present  
Nathan Gordon, Present  
Laura J. Gordon, Present  
Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present @ 2:20 p.m.  
Nicholas DePerry, Present  
Steven Boyd, Present  
Butch Bresette, Present  
Chris Hicks, Present

### QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams, Assistant Attorney, Bryon Daley, TAL, Division Administrators and Community Members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony was performed by Nicholas DePerry.

### AGENDA

Steven Boyd moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nicholas DePerry moved to go into Executive Session at 1:00 p.m. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

### REGULAR SESSION

Nicholas DePerry moved to return to Regular Session at 4:35 p.m. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

### ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Covid Response teams recommendations on current covid restrictions, which will go into effect on Tuesday March 1, 2022. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Discussion: will get this to Stan and get it out to the public. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve Legendary Waters Resort & Casino Cash Flow Budget for the month of March 2022, in the amount of \$501,300. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to accept the FY22 Legendary Waters Resort & Casino budget. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Interim Police Chief contract extension with Mark Pope until August 31, 2022. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Employee Search Agreement with Traci McCarty and Associates. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the HR (Human Resource) Assessment with Hanna Resource Group. The funds for this will come out of the HR (IDC Budget). Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Compensation Study for the Tribe with Hanna Resource Group. The funds for this will come out of the HR (IDC Budget). Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BHS STUDENTS & CATHY SMITH PRESENTATION**

Seven students from the Bayfield School will be participating in a school trip to Guatemala in June 2022. Six of the students Wyatt Poch, Karly Lozano, Alexia Boyd, Presley Smith, Wyatt Dahl, Jack Nelson. Wyatt Poch gave a presentation on the schedule of events and described the fundraising activities they have planned. Each student will need to raise approximately \$2000 to attend. The students requested a financial donation from the Red Cliff Tribal Council.

Steven Boyd moved to approve a 1,000 donation from the Tribe – to have Stephanie and Dennis find the funds to support this donation to the Bayfield High School students attending a trip to Guatemala this summer. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gretchen Morris asked that the audio for the Council meetings should be improved. It is difficult to hear while watching from home.

Gretchen also added she would like to see a formal process developed to handle and address community and/or client complaints towards programs as well as a process for employees to present their concerns.

Chrissy Branagan asked for assistance in resolving a water main break issue at her residence. She stated she has ice buildup in her garage and has received updates from Red Cliff Housing. Nathan Gordon stated Tribal Administration is working on with RCHA to resolve this as soon as possible.

Biboon Gabeshiwin (Winter Camp) is set for Namebini Giizis (February) 24-27 at the Red Cliff Campgrounds. In-person and virtual events will be offered. Please contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Office with any questions at 715-779-3761 or 715-779-3766.

An Elder Stock Box Giveaway is scheduled for Monday February 28 from 9 AM - 3 PM at the Red Cliff Food Distribution Building. This giveaway is open to Wisconsin residents aged 60+ with a self-reported income under \$1378 -- no proof required. The boxes will contain non-perishable items. There will also be a limited supply of smoked fish provided by the Red Cliff Fish Company. Turkeys will also be available.

The Red Cliff Wardens will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday March 1 at 5 PM for anyone interested in spring spearing. The meeting will be at the Tribal Historic Preservation Office located at 36750 State Hwy 13 in Red Cliff and will also be available virtually. Please contact the Red Cliff Wardens with any questions at 715-779-3732.

#### **MINUTES**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve January 10, 2022, and January 18, 2022, meeting minutes with corrects if needed. Seconded by Butch Bresette. 1-Abstention (Laura J. Gordon). Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022**

A few points were discussed.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2022. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Discussion: Jared Blanche will provide the updated Education Division FSR to Council as soon as possible. 1-Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins) Motion carried.

#### **CLOSING BANK ACCOUNTS**

Dennis Soulier requested closure of two shared revenue accounts at Chippewa Valley Bank and Bremer Bank.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the closure of these two accounts. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF GAMING COMMISSION REPORT**

Chris Livingston was not present, and no report was provided to Secretary Gordon.

Nicholas DePerry moved to table this item until the March 7, 2022, Regular Tribal Council meeting. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Discussion: Chris Livingston will be required to present the report. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Charles Bresette gave an overview of his written report including some IT and server issues being worked on. Discussion on the poker bad beat remaining. Nicholas DePerry suggested

these funds be paid out in some way back to the poker players that contributed to the pot. Charles stated he researched regulations and consulted with NIGC as well as the State and found that these funds can be disbursed to casino “players”, not specifically to poker players. Butch added he would like something worked out or a tournament be offered where poker players are given the chance to play for this prize. Both Nicholas and Butch have been approached by community members about this issue and they would like to see a solution.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the Compliance report for January 2022. Seconded by Christopher Hicks. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF WISMAC AGREEMENT**

Bryon Daley presented the Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact for Local Emergency Management Assistance agreement. The agreement is partnership between participating cities, towns, and Tribes within the State to provide reciprocal support in the event of emergencies involving natural disasters and/or technological incidents. This agreement has yet to be approved by the Legal Department.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the WiSMAC agreement, contingent on Legal approval. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Discussion: Bryan Bainbridge noted there is no reference to Tribal law or Sovereignty. 1-Opposed (Chris Hicks) and 1-Abstention (Bryan Bainbridge). Motion carried.

#### **LEASES**

Steven Boyd moved to approve Resolution **2/24/22A** pertaining to Authorize an Involuntary Cancellation of a long-term Residential Lease for Barbara Johnson and Wayne King, located at 33820 Blueberry Road. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Resolution **2/24/22B** pertaining to short-term Lease Renewal for Merrie C. Bear and Kelsey M. Sorenson, located 94800 Raspberry Shore Road. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Resolution **2/24/22C** pertaining to a short-term Lease Modification for Christopher P. Hicks to remove Gretchen Morris, located 94855 Raspberry Shore Road. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. 1-Abstention (Chris Hicks). Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Resolution **2/24/22D** pertaining to new long-term Residential Lease for Gretchen Morris and John Helm, located along Raspberry Shore Road. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. 1-Abstention (Chris Hicks). Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF INSTITUTE FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SCIENCES BASIC GRANT SUBMISSION**

The continual submission of the IMLS Basic grant which will be used to fund a Library Assistant position as well as staff training.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the application for submission. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. 1-Abstension (Bryan Bainbridge) Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RED CLIFF FY22 TRIBAL SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM/RESOLUTION**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to Resolution **2/24/22E** pertaining to the Summer Tribal Youth Program for FY22. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Discussion: Laura J. Gordon noted the dates on the Resolution need to be updated. Butch Bresette asked that youth give a presentation at the end of the project, this has been done in previous years. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO TWO (2) TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP RELINQUISHMENT REQUESTS**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve Resolution **2/24/22F** pertaining to approval of Two (2) Tribal Members request for Relinquishment. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SEVEN (7) AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS**

Chris Hicks moved to approve the following (7) Automatic Membership Applicants:

**CHILD**

1. Raymond Leon Defoe
2. Jackson Haven-Michael Kangas
3. Eleanor Mae Jeffords
4. D’Angelo Matthew Maki-Moore
5. Clark Orion Bresette
6. Evangeline Chen Downey
7. Hayven Faye Albertus

**PARENT(S)**

- Lisa K. Defoe
- Alvin J. Kangas
- Kevin J. Jeffords
- T’quan C. Moore
- Matthew C. Bresette
- Jeremy A. Downey
- Mark A. Bresette Jr.

Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2022 ELECTION TIMEFRAMES**

Steven Boyd moved to approve the following 2022 Election Timeframes:

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| <b>Monday April 4, 2022</b>    | Regular Council Meeting, appoint Election Board (No later than 30 days prior to election, RCCL 32.2.3)                     |
| <b>Wednesday April 6, 2022</b> | Deadline for candidates for Vice-Chairman and Secretary (30 days prior to Primary Election, Art. IV, Sec 2)                |
| <b>Tuesday April 19, 2022</b>  | Certification of candidates for Primary Election at Special Meeting. (See note 1.)   |
| <b>Tuesday April 26, 2022</b>  | Posting for Primary Election Officer Candidates. (10 days to Primary Election, Art. IV, Sec 2)                             |
| <b>Friday May 6, 2022</b>      | Primary Election. (60 days prior to General Election, Art. III, Sec 3)   |
| <b>Monday June 20, 2022</b>    | Deadline for At-Large candidates to announce candidacy. (2 seats open) (15 days prior to General Election, Art. IV, Sec 2) |
| <b>Tuesday June 21, 2022</b>   | Certification of candidates for General Election at Special Council Meeting. (See note 1)                                  |

**Friday June 24, 2022** Posting of candidates for General Election. (10 days prior to General Election, Art. IV, Sec 2)  
**Tuesday July 5, 2022** General Election (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in July, Art. IV, Sec 1)

*Note 1: There is no time requirement for certification of candidates prior to primary or general election contained within the Tribe's Constitution. As a result, this simply should be done sometime prior to the posting requirement (10 days before the election).*

*Note 2: The remarks in parentheses (day) are the requirements contained within the Tribe's Constitution.*

Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

**OTHER**

No other business.

**ADJOURN**

Butch Bresette moved to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary

**ATTEST:**

  
Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council