Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Regular Council Meeting

February 7, 2022
12:00 p.m. Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Chairman Christopher Boyd called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Christopher Boyd, Present
Nathan Gordon, Present
Laura J. Gordon, Present
Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, Present
Bryan Bainbridge, Present @ 12:15 p.m.
Nicholas DePerry, Present @ 12:50 p.m.
Steven Boyd, Present
Butch Bresette, Present
Chris Hicks, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams, Assistant Attorney, ARP Team and Community members.

OPENING CEREMONY
Opening Ceremony was performed by Chris Hicks.

AGENDA
Nathan Gordon moved to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Butch Bresette moved to go into Executive Session at 12:02 p.m. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION
Steven Boyd moved to return to Regular Session at 4:50 p.m. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the addition of the Winter Camp, Legendary Waters Spring Pow-Wow, Sugarbush, and the Big Top Chautauqua sponsorship to be included in the FY21 Cultural Activities ARPA funds. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to Rescind Resolution 9/20/11B pertaining to the proposed Red Cliff Library/Community Learning Center/Language Immersion School. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.
Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Attorney Contract for 2022-2024, to also include the request that was in the memo that was discussed in executive session. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the contract with Hogen Adams as outside counsel to provide advice and guidance to the Red Cliff Business Development Corporation on possible business ventures. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Discussion: Bryan Bainbridge added this will be billed to the BDC. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Carolyn Gouge announced she will be having a feast on Saturday, February 12th at Legendary Waters in honor of her late husband Willard Gouge, Sr. and son Adrian Reede. The community is welcome to attend.

The family of Christopher Hicks and Tribal Council observed a brief recess and honor song to acknowledge Council member Hick’s recent TWC Professional MMA win and earning the TWC Professional heavyweight title.

MINUTES
Steven Boyd moved to approve January 24, 2022, and January 25, 2022, Retreat minutes with corrections if needed. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. 1-Abstention (Laura J. Gordon). Motion carried.

ACCEPT TREASURER’S BALANCE SHEET FOR DECEMBER 2021
Bryan Bainbridge moved to accept the Treasurers Balance Sheet for the month of December 2021. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL (TRAVEL) POLICY REVISION
Policy change recommend by the auditor to change the travel advance from 100% to 80% to expedite reconciliation.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the policy revision. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier will send out a memo to all users regarding this change.

APPROVAL OF FY22 BIA GLRI PROPOSAL
A total of six project are being proposed.
1. Brook Trout Passage in a Lake Superior Tributary ($649,165)
2. Effects of increased runoff on infrastructure and the conditions conducive to algal blooms ($67,222)
3. Assessing the Nearshore Zooplankton Community of Lake Superior with an Emphasis on Invasive Species ($9,000)
4. GLRI Manoomin Project Phase II ($35,008)
5. Testing Fish and Fish Compost for Chemicals of Mutual Concern – Phase II ($139,366)
6. Understanding population dynamics and developing a monitoring program for a Makwa population inhabiting the Red Cliff Reservation and Apostle Islands National Lakeshore ($238,415)

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the FY22 BIA GLRI proposals. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STAFF TO PURSUE A TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY
Gabriel Vanbergen was recently contacted by the Bayfield Area Trails committee (BATs) asking if Red Cliff would be interested in exploring the possibility of developing walking trails in the area. The BATs committee suggested to seek out funding to complete a study to gather community input, mapping, explore design and locations.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the TNR staff to pursue the trail feasibility study. Seconded by Christopher Hicks. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FY22 EPA AIR QUALITY PROGRAM SUBMISSION
This proposal is requesting an additional $70,000 and is intended to extend the existing two-year funding to three years. This funding will support an FTE Air Quality Program Manager and continue air quality assessments and air quality related activities.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the submission of the FY22 EPA Air Quality Program. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GODFREY KAHN INVOICES
Steven Boyd moved to approve the payment of existing invoices and payment of future invoices under this contract. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Discussion: Nathan Gordon noted these invoices will be covered by Settlement funds (Fund: 1105-22-108). Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO POST CODE CHANGE FOR CHAPTER 14 TRAFFIC CODE
Revision proposed to 14.10.01.

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve to post out Code Change for Chapter 10 – Traffic Code. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.
RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO A 30-DAY EXTENSION FOR RANDY SOULIER AS THE ACTING GM
Nicholas DePerry moved to Ratify Council Poll. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO APPROVING THE RED CLIFF ECC MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY
Steven Boyd moved to Ratify Council Poll. Seconded by Butch Bresette. 2-Opposed (Chris Hicks and Nicholas DePerry). Motion carried.

OTHER
No other business.

ADJOURN
Steven Boyd moved to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:
Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council