

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## Special Council Meeting

April 19, 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 @ 2:10 p.m.  
Nicholas DePerry, Present  
Steven Boyd, Present  
Butch Bresette, Present @ 2:50 p.m.  
Chris Hicks, Present

### QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams, Assistant Attorney, Amarin Mello, Lands Office, Jeff Benton, Transportation Department and Community Members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony was performed by Nicholas DePerry. Chairman also stated that he wanted to keep everybody in mind that was displaced by the happening of the fire this past weekend.

### AGENDA

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve agenda as amended. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

### REGULAR SESSION

Bryan Bainbridge moved to return to Regular Session at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

### ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Laura J. Gordon moved to waive the 5-year requirement and allow Jesse Hall to be appointed Police Chief for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Discussion: could have her swearing in at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in May 2022. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve Legendary Waters Resort & Casino Cash Flow Budget for May 2022 in the amount of \$546,800. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to allocate \$50,000 from the ARPA Funds for the Adolescent Wellness Treatment Center, to be paid to Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. 1-Abstention (Bryan Bainbridge). Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve all the recommendations within the ARPA discussion that was held in executive session, and they are as follows:

1. Approve the Project Director for the ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Housing Project change from the Housing Authority to the Planning Department.
2. Approve up to \$1.5 M from ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for infrastructure at the Hwy 13 and Cultural Grounds development area.
3. Approve the request for the modification to the BIA ARPA Aid to Tribal Government contract and for Planning to follow through.
4. Approve the Capital Projects Funds application for \$167,504 for projects discussed in executive session.

Seconded by Butch Bresette. 1-Abstention (Nicholas DePerry). Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ACCEPT TREASURERS BALANCE SHEET FOR FEBRUARY 2022 (TABLED ON 4/4/22)**

Treasurer Defoe-Haskins requested to table this item and stated it is not yet complete.

Nathan Gordon moved to table the Treasurer's Balance Sheet for February 2022. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DEE SWEET PRESENTATION**

Dee Sweet was not present, and no presentation given.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ANOUNCEMENTS**

Legendary Waters Resort & Casino will be hosting a Job Fair on May 14, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Badger Boxes Distribution Day will be tomorrow April 20, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until gone. Any questions call Food Distribution at 715-779-3740.

Chairman Boyd announced the Primary Election will be held on May 6, 2022 and stated the list of certified candidates will be shared with the community after this meeting.

## **MINUTES**

Nathan Gordon moved to approve March 7, 2022, and March 22, 2022, meeting minutes with corrections if needed. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. 1-Abstention (Laura J. Gordon). Motion carried.

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

Treasurer Defoe-Haskins requested to table this item due to incomplete information and to allow her additional time to review the report.

Nathan Gordon moved to Table the Treasurer Report for March 2022. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Discussion: Is this based off of current staffing – yes, it is. 1- Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins). Motion carried.

## **CLOSING BANK ACCOUNTS**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the closure of the Chippewa Valley Shared Revenue Account XX930 and the Bremer Bank Shared Revenue Account XX6215. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. 1-Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins) Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF GAMING COMMISSION REPORT**

Nicholas DePerry moved to Table the Gaming Commission report. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Nathan Gordon moved to Table the Compliance report. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

## **LEASES**

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve Resolution **4/19/22A** pertaining to short-term Residential Lease Renewal for Raymond H. Defoe Jr. located at 37460 Water Tower Road. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Steven Boyd moved to approve Resolution **4/19/22B** pertaining to short-term Residential Lease Renewal for Karen M. Keith and Jeffrey S. Keith, located at 33740 Blueberry Road. Seconded by Butch Bresette. 1-Abstention (Nicholas DePerry). Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF WIS DOT LOW OR NO EMISSIONS GRANT AGREEMENT**

Jeff Benton stated the grant application includes the purchase of two electric buses and charging stations.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the WIS DOT Low or No Emissions Grant Agreement. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FROM LARRY DERAGON FROM THE RED CLIFF POLICE COMMISSION**

Nathan Gordon moved to accept the resignation letter from Larry Deragon from the Red Cliff Police Commission. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Discussion: a letter to be sent out to Larry thanking him for his service on the commission. 1-Abstention (Nicholas DePerry). Motion carried.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FROM ERNIE GROOMS FROM THE RED CLIFF POLICE COMMISSION**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to accept the resignation from Ernie Grooms from the Red Cliff Police Commission. Seconded by Chris Hicks. Discussion: a letter to be sent out to Ernie thanking him for his service on the commission. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VERIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**Tribal Vice Chairman Candidates:**

Nathan Gordon  
Mercie Gordon  
Christopher Hicks  
Richard "Rick" Peterson  
Stephanie Defoe-Haskins

**Tribal Secretary Candidates:**

Shauneah J. Gordon  
Joseph Montano Sr.  
Jeff Benton  
Nora Cadotte

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the listed candidates for the 2022 Primary Election. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. 4-Abstentions (Steven Boyd, Nathan Gordon, Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, and Christopher Hicks) Motion carried.

**RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE WISCONSIN HUNGER TASK FORCE GRANT APPLICATION**

Steven Boyd moved to ratify the Council poll. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. 1-Abstention (Nicholas DePerry) Motion carried.

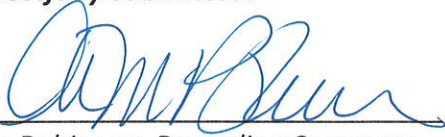
**OTHER**

Christopher Hicks noted that he had been in contact with the Women's League of Voters and a candidate forum is in the works. He hoped that the candidates participate.

**ADJOURN**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

**Respectfully Submitted:**



*Alana Babineau, Recording Secretary*

**ATTEST:**



*Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council*