

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## Regular Council Meeting

July 4, 2022

9:00 a.m. Legendary Waters Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

Chairman Christopher Boyd called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Christopher Boyd, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Excused

Steven Boyd, Present

Butch Bresette, Present

Chris Hicks, Present (WebEx)

### QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Bryon Daley, TAL, and Community members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Chairman asked for a moment of silence for all that is happening with ongoing issues with mental health within this pandemic that directly effects Indian country.

### AGENDA

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

### REGULAR SESSION

### OLD BUSINESS

#### APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT FOR MAY 2022 (TABLED ON 6/21/22)

There were no questions.

A comment from Laura J. Gordon to ask the Division to make sure that if anything comes up and is concerning within the FSR (grants) to please make sure that you let the Council know. This report is important for Council.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the Treasurers report for May 2022. Seconded by Butch Bresette. 1-Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins). Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF GAMING COMMISSION REPORT (TABLED ON 6/21/21)

No one was present for the report.

Nathan Gordon moved to Table the Gaming Commission report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ELECTION 2022 OPPORTUNITIES AND COLLABORATION**

Dee Sweet was there to present.

Dee mentioned that there was an increase of voters within tribal communities in the 2020 election this was inspiring and showed the power of collaboration between tribal governments, community groups, and Wisconsin Native Vote.

Dee also talked about hiring and train a regional organizer to assist the Red Cliff Tribal Community in voter registration, voter education and get-out-the-vote activities. They are looking at hiring 5 additional organizers to work within the state, deadline will be on August 1, 2022.

Dee mentioned that the Little Cedar Libraries will be installed this summer in Red Cliff up by the library. This will be dedicated to the memory of Grandma Jenny Goslin.

Steven Boyd moved to support the collaboration activities of the Wisconsin Native Voters. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nathan Gordon wanted to say Chi-Miigwetch for everyone that helped out at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual pow-wow it was a great success.

Red Cliff General Election will be held on Tuesday July 5, 2022, at Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Anishinaabemowin Gabeshiwin – language Camp will be from July 5, 2022, to July 8, 2022, out at the Raspberry Campgrounds. If you have any questions, you can call the THPO office at 715-779-3761.

Tribal Elder Food Box Program will be held on Friday July 15, 2022, at the Red Cliff Food Distribution Building. If you have any questions, please call Butch Bresette at 715-779-3740.

Chairman would like to wish all the candidate good luck tomorrow – will be saying goodbye to some long-term council members at the swearing in ceremony that will be held on Saturday July 16, 2022.

## **MINUTES**

Nathan Gordon moved to approve June 6, 2022, June 8, 2022, and June 23, 2022, meeting minutes with changes if needed. Seconded by Butch Bresette. 1-Abstention (Laura J. Gordon). Motion carried.

### **ACCEPT TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR MAY 2022**

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins thanked Dennis Soulier for his work on the balance sheet and adding the extra column. Dennis Soulier commented that he is in the process of getting the daily bank reports set up and sent back out to council.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to accept the Treasurers Balance Sheet for the month of May 2022. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE WI DEPT. OF HEALTH SERVICES EMS FLEX GRANT**

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the submission of the WI Dept. of Health Services EMS flex grant application. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT FOR TRIBAL COURTHOUSE/ELECTRIC**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the service line agreement for the Tribal Courthouse for electric. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

### **ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM RANDY SOULIER AS PRESIDENT FROM THE BDC BOARD**

Steven Boys moved to accept the resignation from Randy Soulier as the President of the Red Cliff BDC Board. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Discussion: does he still sit on the board – yes, he is, but not as the president. The President position will need to be voted on by the board. Motion carried.

### **RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO APPROVING FIREWORKS LICENSE FOR GEORGE AND CAROL NEWAGO**

Butch Bresette moved to ratify council poll. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

### **RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO AMENDING OF RED CLIFF BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA GOVERNMENT 401(K) PLAN**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to ratify council poll. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Discussion: Bryan had asked if there was an update on his question which was about the employer contribution rate to be raised – Chairman stated that HR is looking into this to see what is comparable. Motion carried.

### **RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL INSURANCE POLICIEIS FOR THE RED CLIFF TRIBE**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to ratify council poll. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

**RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO APPROVING THE RED CLIFF TRIBE'S FY21  
GOVERNMENTAL AUDIT**

Dennis Soulier stated that everything was submitted on time, and it was accepted, and that Chris Livingston received confirmation. There were no findings, and the CARES funding was included in this audit.

Laura J. Gordon had some concerns as to why this was not submitted to council first it is like we are going backwards – These audits are important especially for new council members to learn how to read them and know what they are really about. Would like to see these audits come to council at least 30 days before they are submitted and technically, they are supposed to be due to council by the end of March, we need to get back to that.

Laura J. Gordon moved to ratify council poll. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

**OTHER**

No other business.

**ADJOURN**

Laura J. Gordon moved to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

***Respectfully Submitted:***



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council