

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

Special Council Meeting

October 17, 2023

1:00 p.m. Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Chairwoman Nicole Boyd called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Nicole Boyd, Present

Richard Peterson, Present, 4:56pm

Nora Cadotte, Present

Laura Gordon, Present

David Curran, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present, 4:38pm

Butch Bresette, Excused

Scott Babineau, Excused

Ernie Grooms, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Attorney, Amarin Mellow, Land Lease, Becky Benton, F/H Services, Diane Erickson, Health Services, Lamont Larkins, FM, Charlie Bresette, Compliance, Heather Deragon, Courts, Alana Babineau, TAL, Jared Blanche, Education.

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony was performed by Kiana Bear.

AGENDA

Rick Peterson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Laura Gordon moved to go into Executive Session at 1:08 p.m. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Scott Babineau moved to return to Regular Session at 4:29 p.m. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nora Cadotte moved to offer the Education Division Administrator to the individual discussed in executive session. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

Nora Cadotte moved to approve the cash flow budget for Legendary Waters for November 2023 in the amount of \$656,000.00. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

Nora Cadotte moved to approve the Resolution of Rehabilitation to the individual discussed in executive session. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/2023A**

David Curran moved to approve the FY 24 General Fund Budget. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. 1 abstention (Laura Gordon). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ACHIEVEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Honored Don Gordon Sr. and Barb DePerry for their many years of service delivering meals for the elderly.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachel Topping present to provide a letter from her cousin Sam regarding Greg Topping's funeral services. Nicole Boyd stated that they will not address any personnel issues and those will need to be heard at the Tribal Administration building to hear personnel grievances. Rachel shared what transpired over the days of Greg Topping's traditional funeral services. The family is disappointed, angry, and frustrated with the way they were treated. Greg was very clear in his wishes for his services and did not want the family to spend a lot of money. He did not want to be embalmed and return to the earth in his pure form. The family respected this wish and took necessary precautions to ensure that his body was preserved and did not decompose. His casket on the inside was wrapped with two heavy duty tarps, his body was wrapped in a heavy-duty tarp along with a nonpermeable body bag, and they took precautions by keeping his body cold with block ice and crushed ice. The ice did not touch his body at all. The totes that were dumped in the front lawn of the elderly was the crushed ice that was not used and left there to dry out. The services were traditional for four days and the family feasted with him on his journey.

Red Cliff Trunk or Treat October 27, 2023, 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. There should be a flyer and a map of all the participating programs coming out soon.

2023 Baby Welcome scheduled for October 28, 2023, 12p.m. until 3:00p.m. at the Nuzzo Rd. office. Open to the Public.

Domestic Violence awareness walk/run October 25, 2023. 11:00a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

The Early Childhood Center has a couple of grants that may need to be cleaned up and closed: CCDF.

Education: Jared Blanche available letting council know that he worked with accounting today to clean up his budgets and not reflected in report.

Family/Hunam Services: DV grant has money that will go back due to lack of staff (around 64K). Child Support has a similar issue with money going back due to staff shortage (105K). BFI: vacant position but could request to match the amount for RCCHA request on match for playground equipment.

TANF/GA: can help with GED, utility bills, school clothing, work clothing but must be on TANF for 6 months. On the job training and provide half the wages for employment at the casino?

Bryan Bainbridge noted that the document is not being used to its fullest because there is a place to document any money going back on the far right.

Health Services: State grants you cannot carryover, but they did a good job at spending down what they could. Very little going back, less than \$1,000. RC TREE program did not get approval for a no cost extension. The health center was able to absorb those positions in different departments. The large population of AODA in RC TREE proposal was not allowed after award and that is what accounted for the large amount of money not spent.

TNR: Nicole Boyd questions if the numbers reported are accurate?

Protective Services: Understaffed much of the year but now fully staffed and will be on track with

spending.

Public Works: FM in the negative. It is based on the programming expenses. Expenses determine the amount to be collected.

Administration: IDC budget way over spent. How can we rectify expenses vs. collection?

Courts: Just need to clean up and zero out some grants.

Nora Cadotte moved to approve September 2023 Treasurer's report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. 1 abstention (Laura Gordon). Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the September 19 and September 28, 2023, minutes with corrections if needed. Seconded David Curran. Motion carried.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT

Charlie Bresette requesting to table the report and bring back the second meeting in November. Their recording secretary has some personal things going on and has not gotten minutes done.

Laura Gordon moved to table the August and September 2023, Gaming Commission reports. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Discussion: August, September, and October Gaming Commission Reports will be presented at the November 21, 2023, Special Council meeting. Motion carried.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Casino trac software and working with Tony on the preparation of coming online December 2023. Staff need training for this. David Curran asks where the SOPs are at, and Charlie notifies him that they are with Legal. Dave Ujke informs Charlie that they are good to go and can be brought forth to the council. The council would like a copy of the building and maintenance report.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the September 2023 Compliance Report. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

MOU, TRIBE-HOUSING-USDA

Nora Cadotte moved to approve the MOU with the Red Cliff Tribe, Red Cliff Chippewa Housing and USDA. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

TRIBAL CENSUS 2023

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve resolution for 2023 Tribal Census with changing 2019 date. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23B**

WETLAND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Grant submission would keep the wetland program running for 2 years for restoration and protection.

Ernie Grooms moved to approve submission of the USEP Wetland Program Development grant in the amount of \$170,339.16. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

RE-INSTATEMENT OF RCCL CHAPTER 42

Ernie Grooms moved to Re-instate Red Cliff Code of Laws Chapter 42-Law Enforcement. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23C**

RCCL CHAPTER 42 AMENDMENTS

Ernie Grooms moved to amend Red Cliff code of Laws Chapter 42-Law Enforcement Sections 42.5.2, 42.5.3 and 42.7.1. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23D**

RED CLIFF MODEL OFF RESERVATION CONSERVATION CODE CHANGES

Nora Cadotte moved to approve resolution to ratify, Implement, and Enact Off-Reservation Conservation Code Amendments for the La Courte Oreilles v. Wisconsin Case. Seconded by Bryan

Bainbridge. Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23E**

RCCL CHAPTER 18 LAND LEASE AMENDMENTS

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve resolution pertaining to RCCL Chapter 18 (Land Leases) see attachment. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23F**

LAND LEASE

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve voluntary cancellation of short-term residential lease off Ridge Rd. for Kenneth Belanger. Seconded by Laura Gordon. Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23G**

David Curran moved to approve a new short-term residential lease to Todd Belanger located off Ridge Road. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23H**

Laura Gordon moved to approve short-term residential lease modification to Victoria Gordon requesting to have Lisa Burrell added as co-lessee located at 88465 Pike Rd. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. 1 abstention (Scott Babineau) Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23I**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve short-term residential lease modification to Elizabeth Hudson and Dennis Hudson requesting to have Brandon Hudson added as co-lessee located at 90500 Blueberry Rd. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23J**

ELECTRIC SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT FOR CULTURAL CENTER

David Curran moved to approve an electrical service line agreement with Bayfield Electric. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Discussion: thought Xcel Energy was going to be servicing the electricity. Xcel will be installing natural gas and Bayfield Electric will do the electricity because of the split parcel. Motion carried.

AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

Nora Cadotte moved to approved 8 automatic membership applicants:

1. Cooper Joseph LaBorde
2. Chloe Josephine Seitz
3. Kellen Eugene Perniola
4. Faollan Adare Linehan
5. Koda Jean Lamoreaux
6. Hannah Faith Chastain
7. Timothy Albert Topping Jr.
8. Harper Deanne Juchemich-Morrin

Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TRIBAL MEMBER ENROLLMENT RELINQUISHMENT

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve tribal member relinquishment for Ayla Jaydn Koszalinski. Seconded by Laura Gordon. Discussion: ongoing ICWA case. Does the committee notify people about losing benefits. 1 abstention (Nora Cadotte). Motion carried. **Resolution no. 10/17/23K**

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Bryan Bainbridge moved to accept the resignation of Misty Nordin from the cemetery committee and to post for the vacant position. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried. Discussion-Miigwech to Misty for her time served on the committee.

POLICE COMMISSION MEMBERS APPOINTMENT

Bryan Bainbridge moved to appoint Kyle Cadotte, Adam Leask Jr., and Jon Gary as police commission members. Lawrence Deragon Sr. selected as alternate. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Discussion: Will

have background check after appointment. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Scott Babineau moved to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. Seconded by Laura Gordon. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Nora Cadotte, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council



Johanna Wilson
Recording Secretary