

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## Regular Council Meeting

March 6, 2023

3:00 p.m. Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Chairman Christopher Boyd called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Christopher Boyd, Present

Richard Peterson, Present

Nora Cadotte, Present

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Butch Bresette, Present

Scott Babineau, Present

Ernie Grooms, Present

### QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams, Assistant Attorney, Calvin Hartwig, THPO, Jessie Hall, RCPD, Amorin Mello, Land Department and Community members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Nicholas DePerry.

### AGENDA

Rick Peterson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nicholas DePerry moved to go into Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

### REGULAR SESSION

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

### ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action from Executive Session.

### OLD BUSINESS

### APPROVAL OF GAMING COMMISSION REPORT (TABLED ON 2/21/23)

This item will remain tabled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jim Pete was there to talk about what had happened on why he withdrawn his application from Red Cliff Housing Authority to purchase the Mary Duffy house. He explained that he could not purchase it because he had a lease still in his name, that has been sitting with BIA for over 3 years and he also stated that BIA stated that he owes them 20.00 for his past 2 years, he stated he is not paying it due to the Tribe's owns this site.

Vice Chairman stated that this has been a struggle with BIA and been a battle for quite some years, they have one excuse after another. Rick also talked about the HEARTH ACT where tribes can control their own leases and take it away from the BIA, of course there is a significant cost to it but it will be worth it to get this up and going. But we do need to fix this one way or another.

Dee Sweet manager and organizer for Wisconsin Native Vote was present. Dee mentioned that there will be a dinner tomorrow March 7, 2023, at LW hosted by Wisconsin Native Vote, Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and Red Cliff Band. There will be discussion on how the WI Supreme Court impact Native People does, what challenges do Natives voters face and how will the April 4 election impact Indian Country. There will also be door prizes, raffle drawings, a special surprise, and a bingo. There will also be speakers from NARF and others.

Dee thanked the Council members for encouraging tribal member to get out there and vote. The Town of Russell has had an increase of 3% more voters. Chairman always welcomes her support.

Butch Bresette stated that Red Cliff unfortunately will not be conducting a food box giveaway this month. We are expected to receive only 200 boxes each month until the grant is completed. With that said, Red Cliff will ensure that our elder population and the homebound individuals will receive a food box. Butch stated the Hunger Task Force (HTF) is schedule to end June of 2023.

### **MINUTES**

Steven Boyd moved to approve February 6, 2023, and February 21, 2023, minutes with corrections if needed. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

### **ACCEPT TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR JANUARY 2023**

Butch Bresette moved to Table the Treasurers Balance Sheet for the month of January 2023, due to it was not in your packet. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. 1-Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins). Motion carried.

### **FARM FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ADVISORY GROUP**

Allissa Stutte and Shea Schachameyer were present to give the update.

They want to put together a food sovereignty advisory group which consists of four to six member and will meet once a month. This group will be volunteer based, and members will be self-selected and/or recruited and will represent a variety of ages and experiences.

The goal of this group is to increase community engagement in and feedback of Farm operations. To be a sounding board for ideas on strengthening the Farm's existing food sovereignty efforts. To recommend ways in which the Farm can continue to support Red Cliff Tribal program, community members, and the food system of Red Cliff.

**OVERVIEW OF MOU BETWEEN RCPD AND BAYFIELD CO ELDER ADULT/ADULT ST RISK PROTECTIVE SERVICES DISCUSSION**

Jessie Hall was there from Red Cliff Law Enforcement to present.

She had stated that role in the Law Enforcement in responding to reports of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, financial exploitation of adults at risk includes safety agency workers when responding to a report, respond to interference by guardian, caregiver or family member that may impede the agency worker contacting the adult at risk.

The role of the EA/AAR agency in responding to reports of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, financial exploitation of adults at risk includes Consultation and/or accompaniment with Law Enforcement during contact with an adult at risk. Decide within 24 hours of receiving a referral whether legal intervention, emergency protective placement, guardianship petitions, or other actions are appropriate.

Chairman stated that our community is hemorrhaging at abuse, the numbers keep going up and would like to encourage individuals to seek help before it is too late. This MOU has been thru legal. Those are some of the highlights of this MOU. Looking for no action.

**APPROVAL OF JESSIE HALL TO BECOME A WASHBURN AREA PFLAG BOARD MEMBER**

Jessie Hall stated that she was looking for permission to sit on this board as a member at large for Washburn Area PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Marvin Defoe was there to support Jessie Hall and encouraged Council to appoint Jessie to this.

Steven Boyd moved to appoint Jessie Hall to the Washburn Area PFLAG board. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION/RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO CTAS PA 3 & 4 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Rick Peterson moved to approve Resolution **3/6/23A** pertaining to Authorization to apply to the US Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant Opportunity O-BJA-2023 for Purpose Area #3 Tribal Justice Systems program (BJA) and Purpose Area #4 Tribal Justice System Infrastructure program (BJA). Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

## **LEASES**

Rick Peterson moved to approve Resolution **3/6/23B** pertaining to Voluntary Cancellation from Mary Duffy and Elle Benton for Short Term Residential Lease located at 90240 Acorn Road, Lot 88. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

Rick Peterson moved to approve Resolution **3/6/23C** pertaining to new application from Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority Long-Term Residential Lease located at 90240 Acorn Road, Lot 88. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. 1-Abstention (Steven Boyd). Motion carried.

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins moved to approve Resolution **3/6/23D** pertaining to new Short-Term Residential Lease for Renee A. VanderVenter and Anna Danielson, located at 94735 Raspberry Shore Drive. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO EASEMENT FOR RED CLIFF PUBLIC WORKS**

Nora Cadotte moved to approve Resolution **3/6/23E** pertaining to application from Red Cliff Public Works for perpetual access to repair Bear Paw Road water line and PRV vault without BIA approval. Seconded by Rick Peterson. 1-Abstention (Ernie Grooms). Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO APPLYING FOR THE WIS DOT TAP GRANT**

Steven Boyd moved to approve Resolution **3/6/23F** pertaining to applying for grant funds through Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) safe routes to school (SRTS) transportation alternatives programs (TAP) 2022-2026 award cycle. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF THE RED CLIFF FIBER OPTIC INSTALLATION PROJECT MANAGER**

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the bid with ZIVARO as the Red Cliff Fiber Optic Installation Project Manager, in the amount of \$240,280. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

## **RATIFY COUNCIL POLL PERTAINING TO THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH KATHRYN A STOLP**

Rick Peterson moved to ratify Council Poll. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

## **OTHER**

### **OJIBWE LANGUAGE SHORT FILM PROJECT PRESENTATION CONTRIBUTION REQUEST**

Kalvin Hartwig was there to present – he gave a brief presentation on what this all entails.

Rick Peterson moved to contribute \$1,000 for the Ojibwe Language short film project, which would have the Red Cliff Tribal logo named in the film's credits, also to have the Tribal Treasurer identify which funds to be used. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURN**

Butch Bresette moved to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
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Laura J. Gordon, Recording Secretary

**ATTEST:**

  
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Nora Cadotte, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council