

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Regular Council Meeting

April 3, 2023

2:00 p.m. Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Chairman Christopher Boyd called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Christopher Boyd, Present

Richard Peterson, Present

Nora Cadotte, Present

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, Present (Web-ex)

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, Amarin Mello, Land Department, Linda Nguyen, EPA, Marvin Defoe, THPO, Jeff Benton, Transportation Dept., and Community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Nicholas DePerry.

AGENDA

Butch Bresette moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nicholas DePerry moved to go into Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Rick Peterson moved to return to Regular Session at 4:50 p.m. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nora Cadotte moved to approve to have the Chairman sign off on the Bay Mills Community (line 5) request. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Certificate of Rehabilitation for the individual that was discussed in executive session. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried. **Resolution**

#4/3/23E

Butch Bresette moved to rescind the previous motion to have IHS come in and do an internal audit on the HIM department at the clinic. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Chairman asked for a hand count: Rick Peterson, abstain, Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, approved, Nora Cadotte, opposed, Steven Boyd, approved, Butch Bresette, approved, Nicholas DePerry, abstain, Scott Babineau, opposed, and Ernie Grooms opposed. There is 2-abstain and 3-opposed and 3-approved, Chairman breaks the tie and approved. Motion is carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ACCEPT TREASURERS BALANCE SHEET FOR JANUARY 2023 (TABLED ON 3/21/23)

Rick Peterson moved to accept the Treasurers Balance sheet for the month of January 2023. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura J. Gordon approached the council and stated that by letting the individual go that had resigned is wrong, with this individual gone it can lead up to hurting the clinic along with our community. Laura went into letting council know that she was asked back in 2017 to fill in the spot of the financial position at the clinic and stated it was a mess, the prior administrator had been spending money they should have never been touched totaling about 1.8 million. Laura had to work on a lot of issues to keep from not losing out on the IHS funding – then the new administrator was hired and took individual a while to get things back in order.

Laura also stated that council had opened up a can of worm about allowing individuals go straight to council instead of following the chain of command – in a letter that came from Bryon stating that this listening session was not a witch hunt or personal issues, but that is exactly what had happened. If you do it for one you need to do it for all and throw out the chain of command policies, get rid of it all and let employees go straight to council.

Laura also stated that the clinic has approximately 55 grants totaling about 28 million that came in the door with the help of this administrator. By rescinding this motion hopefully all will go back to normal. Laura thanked the council for listening to her.

Chairman stated to all, to get out there and vote tomorrow (4/4/23).

MINUTES

Steven Boyd moved to approve March 6, 2023, March 13, 2023, and March 21, 2023, minutes with corrections if needed. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

ACCEPT TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Butch Bresette moved to Table the Treasurers Balance Sheet for the month of February 2023, until the next meeting which is on Tuesday April 18, 2023. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. 1-Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GRANT SUBMISSION FOR THPO FY23

Marvin Defoe was there to present the grant submission. Marvin stated that there is an increase this year of \$30,108 from FY22.

Rick Peterson moved to approve the grant application for THPO FY23 for submission. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Discussion: the amount that is being applied for is \$104,439. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GRANT SUBMISSION FOR EPA SWIFR

Linda Nguyen the Environmental Director was there to present.

Linda stated that this grant will help out of Transfer Station. This project will increase staff capacity, purchase supplies and capital equipment, procure well and septic system, procure contractor to resurface with gravel, procure waste wizard subscription and procure a contractor for pricing feasibility study. Also looking at getting a new front-end loader for the Transfer Station.

Nora Cadotte moved to approve the EPA SWIFR (Solid Waste Infrastructure) grant application for submission in the amount of \$396,732. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN RCTC BART CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

Nora Cadotte moved to approve Resolution **4/3/23A** pertaining to authorizing the Chairman to sign off on the BART Charter Amendment with changes. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CODE CHANGE RCCL 18.8.2 LAND LEASE REGULATIONS

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve Resolution **4/3/23B** pertaining to the proposed code change to RCCL section 18.8.2 Land Lease Regulations. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Discussion: there were no comments. Motion carried.

LEASES

Steven Boyd moved to approve Resolution **4/3/23C** pertaining to Voluntary Cancellation of her short-term Residential Lease application for Kathryn Urich (a.k.a. Kay Topping), located at Bradum Subdivision Lot 144. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried.

Rick Peterson moved to approve Resolution **4/3/23D** pertaining to short-term Residential Lease Renewal for Scott A. Bear, site located at 32370 Ridge Road. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Discussion: why is there a letter from Christopher Bear in there – Amorin explain that he submitted that and was ok with taking his name off the lease, Amorin stated it didn't matter due to the lease had expired. Motion carried.

APPOINT ELECTION BOARD

Secretary Cadotte asked Council on how they wanted to proceed to appoint this board. Butch had asked if they are in order by date and was told they are.

Nicholas DePerry moved to appoint Cindy Garrity, Shenna Garrity, Carol Newago, Chris Hillert, Alexandria Butterfield, Jennifer Defoe, and Debra Newago Proulx with Tanya Wachsmuth as the 1st alternate. Seconded by Scott Babineau. 1-Abstention (Nora Cadotte). Motion carried.

Nicholas DePerry moved to appoint Cindy Garrity as the Election Board Chair. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

OTHER

No other business.

ADJOURN

Steven Boyd moved to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Recording Secretary



Nora Cadotte, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council