

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

Special Council Meeting

May 23, 2023

2:00p.m. Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Vice-Chairman Rick Peterson called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Christopher Boyd, Excused

Nicholas DePerry, Present

Richard Peterson, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Nora Cadotte, Present

Butch Bresette, Excused

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, Present

Scott Babineau, Present

Ernie Grooms, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Attorney, Jeff Benton, Planning, Chris Livingston, Accounting, Melissa Topping, Executive Secretary, Amarin Mello, Land Lease, Liz Boyd, RCCHA, Nicole Boyd, Planning, Diane Erickson, RCCHC, Rebecca Benton, F/H Services, Evan Cutler, IT, Marvin Defore, THPO, Shea S., Farm, Gretchen Morris, John Helms, Dusty Lafernier.

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony was performed by Nicholas DePerry.

AGENDA

Steve Boyd moved to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

REGULAR SESSION

Steve Boyd moved to return to Regular Session at 4:28 p.m. Seconded by Nick DePerry. Motion carried.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nora Cadotte moved to approve the ten (10) Clinic contracts discussed in executive session. Seconded by Nick DePerry. Motion carried.

Nora Cadotte moved to approve Legendary Waters Resort and Casino June 2023 budget in the amount of \$620,300. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Nora Cadotte moved to extend Resolution 2-21-23A for 90 days as discussed in executive session. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Discussion: Bring back conforming resolution. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES

April 13 & 14 2023 minutes. Stephanie Haskins moved to approve April 13 & 13 2023 minutes with corrections if needed. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR THE 2023-2026 TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TTIP)

Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP)- Jeff Benton. Seeking approval for resolution for TTIP 2023-2026 plan. There are suggested changes to the priority list in moving Blueberry Rd. to the number one spot. This would just shift the list to move down to the next number in priority list. BIA came back with rates, and it will not be enough to cover everything on the list. Blueberry road paving plans show that it will be redone and new blacktop to the dirt road out by raspberry. Discussion on starting the pavement job out by Little Sand Bay Road and working in towards Hwy 13. Agreement on moving Blueberry Road to the top of the list. HUD and other funding notices pending.

Stephanie Haskins moved to approve resolution for 2023-2026 TTIP. **Resolution # 5/23/23A.** Seconded by Nick DePerry. Motion carried.

Nora Cadotte moved to authorize the chair or authorized designee to sign the Retained Services Addendum for BIA to help with Blueberry Road, Bishop Loop and all other RC Rehab Projects. Seconded by Stephanie Haskins. Motion carried.

NATOW GRANT FOR 2023 POWWOW

Melissa Topping is seeking approval to apply for NATOW grant to assist with the Powwow budget. The grant is \$5,500.

Nick DePerry moved to approve the application for NATOW grant in the amount of \$5,500. Seconded by Scott. Babineau Motion carried.

HEALTH BOARD POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Nora Cadotte moved to table the Health Board Policies & Procedures. Seconded by Stephanie Haskins Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Gretchen Morris present as the Social Services Director for Northern Lights Nursing Home. She is seeking endorsement from the Tribe to apply for grants pertaining to incorporation of culture in the nursing home.

Steven Boyd moved to endorse the opportunity for grant submission for Northern Lights Nursing Home. Seconded by Nick DePerry. Motion carried.

Gretchen is still concerned about the Family/Human Services division and not being contacted about the investigation to her May 1, 2023, concerns. She is very concerned about the day-to-day operations, the programming meeting their requirements and servicing the community; specifically, the ICW department. She has not heard anything and is wondering about the procedure that the Council takes with community concerns. As the people in the community are the voices, they

should be notified of any outcomes and taken seriously. She suggested that there be a formal process and procedure for how community members can get their concerns addressed and notified of this process. There was discussion that there are internal investigations done and sometimes it is outsourced per the Vice-Chairman.

Christie Branagan would like to formally Thank every EMS, Firefighter and Tribal Employees that helped her when she was in a car accident.

Friday May 26, 2023, the ECC is having a Childhood Obesity Awareness Walk at the new Powwow grounds. 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Mental Health Awareness Prayer Walk with Project LAUNCH. May 26, 2023, starting at 5:00pm at the Nuzzo Office 88985 Nuzzo Rd.

RCCHC is hosting a Mental Health Awareness walk May 31, 2023, at 4:00pm. Registration from 4-4:45pm. The walk will be from the Red Cliff Community Health Center to Legendary Waters Casino parking lot and back. There will be refreshments and T-shirts available for participants.

Rick Peterson shared the Annual Memorial Day services and ceremonies in honor of the veterans that have not come home. They will start at the Belanger settlement cemetery at 8:00am and will then travel to St. Francis cemetery for services at 9:00am.

RESOLUTION FY-24 IHS AUTHORIZING SERVICES TO NON-BENEFICIARIES

This is part of the requirement for the renewal of the 638 contracts between RCCHC and Indian Health Services (IHS). This resolution would allow the clinic to service non-beneficiaries within the health system.

Steven Boyd moved to approve Resolution for FY-24 contract renewal to authorize services to non-beneficiaries. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. **Resolution number 5/23/23B**. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FY-24 IHS AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Diane Erickson present requesting required resolution for 638 contract renewal for health services. Ernie Grooms moved to approve resolution for FY24 authorizing contract renewal for health services. Seconded by Stephanie Haskins. **Resolution number 5/23/23C**. Motion carried.

RED CLIFF 45TH ANNUAL POWWOW BUDGET

Marvin Defoe present requesting approval of the 45th annual powwow budget. Provided a document showing 2022 budget and the proposed 2023 budget. 2022 budget was \$69,413 and the proposed budget is \$74,620. There have been some changes to the budget in adding host drums (covid prevented this last year) and putting in additional dollars into the moccasin games and giveaway. Provided a projected revenue budget of \$79,770.

Nick DePerry moved to approve the 45th annual powwow budget in the amount of \$74,620. Stephanie Haskins seconded. Motion carried.

APPOINT 1 MEMBER TO MEMBERSHP COMMITTEE

Nora Cadotte moved to appoint Julie Barstad to the Membership Committee. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE 2023 CENSUS BIG WATER- WI DOA FUNDING

Nicole Boyd requesting authorization of contracting with Big Water Consulting for the upcoming Census. They have worked with the Tribe for the 2019-2020 census. The requests: 1. Procure the contract non-competitively as Big Water is familiar with the community and is a preferred company that can do the work. 2. Request to waive the procurement policy of sealed bids due to the amount being over \$100,000. 3. Authorize the remaining balance of the WI DOA funds (\$100,000) to use towards the

contract before the June deadline. The remaining balance (\$54, 150.73) is being discussed at administrative meetings to see where funds may be allowed and allocated.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the contracting with Big Water Consulting non-competitive procurement and waive the sealed bid policy. Authorize the use of WI DOA funds to be allocated to the project. Seconded by Stephanie Haskins. Motion carried.

CULTURAL CENTER GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Cultural Center RFP posted April 20-May 11, 2023. Received 3 sealed bids; opened 3 bids with Property and Procurement. Niles Fetter and Nicole Boyd are recommending to go with Black Wolf Construction, LLC as they are the company that came in under budget. The project will start Fall 2023 and finish spring/summer of 2024. Request to approve contract with Black Wolf Construction in the amount of \$2,664,481.

Nick DePerry moved to approve awarding the contract with Black Wolf Construction, LLC in the amount of \$2,664,481. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Discussion: Steven Boyd wanted to know the difference between charging construction tax or not. Nicole Boyd referred him to review the Bid Comparison sheet. Motion carried.

NATIVE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FUND (NAAF) GRANT SUBMISSION

Request to submit application for grant opportunity with NAAF. This grant amount will help with the proposed pole barn that will be constructed at the Farm.

Ernie Grooms moved to approve grant submission to NAAF in the amount of \$100,000. Seconded by Stephanie Haskins. Motion carried.

LEASE REQUESTS

Amorin Mello and Liz Boyd requesting Lease transfer resolution from Red Cliff Housing Authority (RCHA) to Shyanna Cadotte located at 90400 Moccasin Road on Bradum Subdivision Lot 6. This is the 9th home approved per Liz Boyd.

Stephanie Haskins moved to approve lease transfer resolution from RCHA to Shyanna Cadotte located at 90400 Moccasin Road. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. **Resolution number 5/23/23D.** Motion carried.

Request for lease transfer resolution from RCHA to Jacob Mertig located at 90480 Moccasin Road on Bradum Subdivision Lot 3.

Nora Cadotte moved to approve a lease transfer resolution from RCHA to Jacob Mertig located at 90480 Moccasin Road. Seconded by Stephanie Haskins. **Resolution number 5/23/23E.** Motion carried.

Short -term residential lease renewal request for Tami LaGrew and Jason Hood located at 36460 Aiken Road.

Stephanie Haskins moved to approve resolution for land lease renewal for Tami LaGrew and Jason Hood located at 36460 Aiken Road. Seconded by Steven Boyd. **Resolution number 5/23/23F.** Motion carried.

AUDIO EQUIPMENT QUOTES

Evan Cutler presented copies of 3 quotes for the Tribal Council to review for purchase of new audio equipment. Recommendation to go with Savvy for longevity and reliability.

Steven Boyd moved to approve purchase of new audio equipment with Savvy in the amount of \$38,532.48. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Nora Cadotte moved to table April Treasurers report until June 5, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Steven Boyd. 1 abstention (Stephanie). motion carried.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT

Chris Livingston requesting to table April 2023 gaming commission report.
Ernie Grooms moved to table gaming commission report. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. Discussion: to bring to the June 20th meeting. Motion carried.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Nora Cadotte moved to table April 2023 compliance report. Seconded by Stephanie Haskins. Bring to June 5, 2023, regular meeting. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Steven Boyd moved to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. Seconded by Stephanie Haskins. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



*Recording Secretary:
Johanna Wilson*

ATTEST:



*Nora Cadotte, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council*