

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Regular Council Meeting

June 5, 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

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., Charlie Bresette, Compliance, Division Administrators and Community members.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony was performed by Scott Babineau.

AGENDA

Ernie Grooms moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

REGULAR SESSION

Ernie Grooms moved to return to Regular Session at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action from Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS

COMPLIANCE REPORT (TABLED ON 5/23/23)

Charlie Bresette went through and touched on a few items in his report.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Compliance report for the month of April 2023. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

HEALTH BOARD BY-LAWS (TABLED ON 5/23/23)

Rick Peterson moved to approve the Health Board By-Laws to reduce the composition of the board from seven (7) to five (5) members. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR APRIL 2023 (TABLED ON 5/23/23)

A few questions were asked on the Human Services page, but the administrator was not present to answer the questions.

Nora Cadotte moved to Table the Treasurers report for April 2023. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Discussion: this report will come back to the June 20, 2023, meeting. 1-Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Edwina Buffalo-Reyes had a concern on what was the discussion in executive session “Memorial Day Weekend”. Edwina talked about the Fish Camp down on Allen Road, that was held from May 26th through May 29th. There were Elders, Fisherman that came to visit the camp and talked to the kids about fishing, treaty rights and how to set and lift nets. There were 35 visitors of all ages on Saturday – talking about the different species of fish and how to dress the fish.

There was a visit from the RCPD and the Bayfield County Sheriff’s department, the RCPD officer stated that he was given instructions to have them leave this camp and Edwina did let them know that they will not leave this camp because they had net set out. RCPD stated that he received these instructions from the Chief Warden. The Chief Warden did stop by Edwina’s office to apologize to her.

Secretary Cadotte read a letter from a member of the Junior Tribal Council, and it stated in letter that she is a tribal member and 16 years old. She mentioned that she was disappointed with our RCPD and Wardens and her experience of what had happened at this camp.

Chairman Boyd mentioned that maybe we need to have a meet and greet with our community and our RCPD.

Skylar Basina, Keith Newago, Marvin Defoe, George Newago, and Misty Nordin had all expressed concerns on what had happened that these are our treaty rights and there should have been no law enforcement officers down there. Talked about how this experience has traumatized our kids. The Park Service is within our boundaries, we are not in theirs. Marvin Defoe mentioned that he called Lynn from the Nation Park Service, and she was not aware of

what had happened, and Lynn is open to sit down and have a meeting with them. We need to believe in our treaties.

Charlie Bresette asked a question about the debt ceiling being signed this week and is it going to affect the Casino. Chairman Boyd stated that it will not affect our funds, it will affect the state coppers.

Joe Montano stated that RCPD needs to be seen more in the community and it should be looked into. There are language classes held every Monday and they don't even stop by to say hello.

Dave Curran talked about when he was a warden for GLIFWC – he respected the community and started to have our officers get out there, reach out and get to know one another.

Scott Babineau moved to have Law Enforcement and the Red Cliff Wardens set up a meet and greet with the community and tribal youth to introduce themselves, provide information of their duties and roles, and establish a good healthy working relationship. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. Discussion: All the Law Enforcement officers don't live around here, but they should go into our housings to visit and get to know our people/children and show them that they are here to help not hurt them. Butch Bresette mentioned that the summer food program is set up in each housing at the parks, they could go meet with them there also. Motion carried.

Keith Newago invited the Council to go visit the language camp from July 4th through the 7th.

RESEARCH PROJECT

Steven Boyd moved to approve the request to conduct a research project by Nicholas Sawyer, a Doctoral Candidate at Capella University, which consists of is of volunteers in the public sector. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

BUSINES PERMIT FOR GEORGE P. NEWAGO

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins moved to approve the Business Permit for George P. Newago, for "Newago Fireworks" at the Red Cliff Storage Unit #23, 36950 Highway 13 North, Bayfield WI 54814, commencing June 23, 2023, through July 5, 2023, and to provide proof of insurance during the time of sales. Seconded by Butch Bresette. 1-Abstention (Nora Cadotte). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WISCONSIN DOT/BIA FUNDING AGREEMENT

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the Wisconsin DOT/BIA Funding Agreement. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve Resolution **6/5/23A** pertaining to Federal Highway Administration – Tribal High priority projects (HPP) program funding for improvements on Blueberry Road. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FISH PLANT TRUCK PROCUREMENT

Steven Boyd moved to approve sole source procurement for the purchase of a refrigerated truck for the Red Cliff Fish Company, through Boyer Trucks in the amount of \$185,279, funds will also be supplemented with NOAA grant. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Discussion: question was asked how much money is left in the VW Settlement – there is about 102,000 left. Also, to make sure Andrew, TNR Administrator, is included in these discussions. 1-Abstention (Nicholas DePerry). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EPA CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT SUBMISSION

Ernie Grooms moved to approve the Grant Submission of the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction in the amount of \$70,119.84. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WI DCF FUNDS GRANT SUBMISSION

Nicholas DePerry moved to approve the submission of the grant application to the State of Wisconsin Department of children and Families Bureau of Permanence and Out-of-Home Care, Wisconsin Act 260 Foster Parent grant up to \$60,000. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OVC TRIBAL VICTIM SET ASIDE COURTHOUSE PARKING GRANT SUBMISSION

Nora Cadotte moved to approve the application submission of the OVC Tribal Victim Set Aside for the Courthouse Parking Lot Expansion in the amount of \$257,025. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION LEASE RESUBMIT RCCHA LEASE TRANSFER TO ALLISON BASINA

Butch Bresette moved to approve Resolution **6/5/23B** pertaining to authorizing the lease transfer from Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority to Allison Basina, located on Bradum Subdivision Lot 8 at 90340 Moccasin Road. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR LEASE RENEWAL FOR RANDALL BRESETTE

Rick Peterson moved to approve Resolution **6/5/23C** pertaining to short-term lease renewal for Randall J. Bresette, located at 88180 Bresette Road. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe- Haskins. Motion carried.

RED CLIFF DAYS DISCUSSION

Nicholas DePerry moved to send the Red Cliff Cultural Days to Legendary Waters to evaluate and present recommendations on activities, dates, and budget for proposed Red Cliff Days. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Discussion: Question came up on how this became the Council’s plan, Steven Boyd mentioned that at the very 1st meeting the prior council put this event together to draw in more tourists to the area. 1-Abstention (Steven Boyd). Motion carried.

MERCHANT PROPERTY USE REQUEST

Butch Bresette moved to approve the use of Merchant Property by the “Volunteers in Mission Group” during the week of June 18th through June 24, 2023. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry.

Discussion: who will make sure this is up and running for them – FM will make sure it is ready for them. Motion carried.

APPROVE FUNDING FOR WIRELESS CONFERENCE EQUIPMENT

Ernie Grooms moved to Table the Wireless Conference Equipment and to bring back a funding source to purchase. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

APPOINT ONE (1) TO THE GAMING COMMISSION

Nicholas DePerry moved to appoint Elizabeth King to the Red Cliff Gaming Commission. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TEN (10) AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

Ernie Grooms moved to approve the Ten (10) Automatic Membership applicants:

CHILD

Emilla Leanne Galvez
Riley Lynn Grooms
Beau Richard Madsen
Vance Michael Benton
Havana Rose McVay
Journi Lee Montano
Holden James Newago
Enika Rain Lynn Ione Zohimsky
Halo TQuan John Maki-Moore
Bo LaPointe Ursin

PARENT(S)

Halee M. Gordon
Melissa L. & Daniel A. Grooms
Megan E. Novak
Ross M. Benton
Vanessa R. Schulte
Shaleena M. Montano
Bronson K. Newago
Todd A. Zohimsky
TQuan C. Moore
Natalie D. LaPointe

Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

RED CLIFF TRIBAL PROPERTIES SURVEY RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Nicole Boyd was present to give an update on the Tribal Properties.

Nicole stated that there were 72 responses from the survey, from ages 18 to 65+. Nicole gave an update on the Merchant Property, Merchant House, Former Jim Pete House, Former Cheers Bar site, Duplex on Hwy 13, House on Nuzzo road, Buffalo Bay Store and Former Living Adventures Kayak business site.

No action was taken on this.

MINUTES

Rick Peterson moved to approve the minutes from May 1, 2023, and May 23, 2023, with corrections if needed. Seconded by Nicholas DePerry. Motion carried.

ACCEPT TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET FOR APRIL 2023

Rick Peterson moved to accept the Treasurers Balance sheet for the month of April 2023. Seconded by Butch Bresette. 1-Abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins). Motion carried.

OTHER

No other business.

ADJOURN

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins moved to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Laura J. Gordon, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Nora Cadotte, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council