

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

Regular Council Meeting

July 3, 2023

2:00p.m. Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

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

ROLL CALL:

Christopher Boyd, Present

Nicholas DePerry, Excused

Richard Peterson, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Nora Cadotte, Present

Scott Babineau, Present

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins, Present

Ernie Grooms, Present

Butch Bresette, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Attorney, Amarin Mello, Land Lease, Nicole Boyd, Planning, Rebecca Benton, F/H Services, Shauneah Gordon, FM, Linda Nguyen, EPA, Jared Blanche, Education, Dusty Lafernier B&G's Club.

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony was performed by Scott Babineau.

AGENDA

Butch Bresette moved to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Scott Babineau.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ernie Grooms moved to go into Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

Steven Boyd moved to return to Regular Session at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Scott Babineau.

Motion carried.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nora Cadotte moved to release IT data, addresses and location for network design to Norvado for where fiber is going. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

Nora Cadotte moved to approve the Administrative Order with final compliance date of 12/31/2024 for Public Works and to authorize Chair to sign. Seconded by Scott Babineau. 1 abstention (Ernie Grooms) Motion carried.

Nora Cadotte moved to authorize up to \$350,000 from ARPA SLFRF funds to support West Water Main Loop completion for Public Works. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. 1 abstention (Ernie Grooms). Motion carried.

Rick Peterson moved to authorize and update resolution number 6/04/18B Emergency Declaration Opioid to include fentanyl. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

Rick moved to allocate \$500,000 ARPA funds to the drug epidemic. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

Nora Cadotte moved to have legal review Chapter 40 as discussed in executive session and submit draft with recommendations to Council by next week. Proposed posting date to be submitted to Council at the Special Meeting July 18, 2023, of code change for 30 days. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Carolyn Gouge present to talk about drug use. She is a mom who has lost her children. She has family members that are currently using drugs. She has reviewed the TAP and Strategic Plan for the Tribe and has questions about the timeline of implementation for certain things. She recently had to call the cops on her niece who was using drugs in her home. The cops did not do anything because she did not have it on her personally, even though Carolyn had pictures of the substance and needle. She feels like we (the Tribe) has set themselves up for failure and have barriers. As a sovereign nation, how can we strengthen our law enforcement code of laws? We need to take a closer look at what we have and breakdown the barriers.

Shelley and Charlie Gordon here to request the Tribal Council to review and make necessary changes to the code; specifically, Chapter 40. Request to treat it as a urgent matter and not wait until the next Council meeting, to do a poll vote for the recommended changes. The Tribal Council should expedite the process. The proposed changes could give Law Enforcement the leniency to prove probable cause. They are afraid that it could be a 5-year-old or 10-year-old dying from an overdose instead of a 22-year-old young woman. This request is for the community and not for just one person. The Tribe as a community needs to handle and deal with the drug dealers by making the necessary changes to Chapter 40 because it does not currently have anything on drug use.

Ernie Grooms responded by saying the Council can pass laws and change policy, but that can only help to a degree. He asks for the Community to come help, stand up and say no more! Testify against people even if it is your family. Unite together and start reporting it and be a witness.

Shelly Gordon states that she knows that some of it (substance use) contributes to generational trauma but with the right resources and tools in place to help people, more people may come forward. Implement and strengthen resources to hold up those who need help.

Rick Peterson states that it is going to take ALL of us—The community and Tribal Operations and Organizations.

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins sends her condolences to the family. In 2016 she lost her mother to an overdose. She agrees and stands with Shelley and Charlie on addressing the drug epidemic.

Richard Lafernier was present to ask about the services and resources for those who are in recovery. What is available for aftercare, when completing treatment and coming back home. The whole process needs to be looked at, housing, employment, transportation, mental health treatment and ongoing substance use recovery treatment. Chris Boyd stated that CCS works with individuals to come up with an individualized plan to help address Richard's concerns.

Richard Lafernier requested to use one of the COVID campers for the powwow in Baraga. Nora Cadotte asked if Richard would be responsible for insuring it while using the camper. Dave Ujke notifies Council that Richard would have to be eligible to be put on the Tribe's insurance. It will be investigated further, and the Council will get back to Richard.

Reminder to Community that Voting for General Election will take place July 4, 2023, from 8:00am-8:00pm at the Legendary Waters Resort and Casino Event Center.

MINUTES

Steven Boyd moved to approve June 5, 2023, and June 20, 2023, council meeting minutes with corrections if needed. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET JUNE 2023

Nora Cadotte moved to table the Treasurer's June 2023 Balance Sheet. Seconded by Rick Peterson. 1 abstention (Stephanie Defoe-Haskins). Motion carried.

SOLE SOURCE WAIVER, PUBLIC WORKS

Rick Peterson moved to approve Public Works request to waive sole source requirements. Request to sole source with Copper Creek Roofing, LLC in the amount of \$10,164.00. Seconded by Stephanie Defoe-Haskins. Discussion: Is this within the budget. Yes, it is part of capital improvements budget. 1 abstention (Ernie Grooms). Motion carried.

APPOINTE JOM COMMITTEE MEMBER

Nora Cadotte moved to appoint Tamara Montano to the JOM Committee. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Discussion: Does this make it a full board? Yes. Motion Carried.

GRANT SUBMISSION PHEP BP5 BIO TERRORISM/BIO TERRORISM PHEP BP4 1901

Grant will help partially fund the Environmental Specialist position in EPA, allowing for expanded capacity in public health preparedness.

Nora Cadotte moved to approve submission of grant Bio Terrorism PHEP BP4 1901 for \$25,831.00. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

GRANT SUBMISSION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Department request to participate in an application for an Energy Improvements in Rural of Remote Areas grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. It will support the renewable energy project partnership between Red Cliff, the State of WI, and Bayfield County. The project includes funding for solar microgrids, batter energy storage systems, electric vehicle charging stations, and a 4 year full-time position for a dedicated Clean Energy Specialist in the Environmental Department.

Steven Boyd moved to approve grant submission to the U.S. Department of Energy in the amount of \$2,188,044.00. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried.

GRANT SUBMISSION/RESOLUTION FOR TRIBAL SOLAR GAP FUNDING

Environmental Department requesting approval to apply for Tribal Solar Gap Funding grant; up to \$250,000. This grant will be used to offset the 20% cost share in the Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas federal grant.

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins moved to approved grant submission for Tribal Solar Gap Funding in the amount of up to \$250,000. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried. **Resolution number 7/3/23A**

LEASES

Request for new short-term lease for Danielle Jolly and Eric Sickich located along Allen Road near the corner of Little Sand Bay Road.

Nora Cadotte asks if individuals are married? What are the stipulations of a tribal member married to a non-tribal member? What happens to the lease if they are not married, and something were to happen? Further clarification is needed, verify if they are married and look at ordinance; it will be brought back at the next council meeting.

Nora Cadotte moved to table and brought back next meeting after verification of marriage and information about tribal members and non-tribal members holding a lease together. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

Request for new short-term lease for Rachel Fischer located at 38325 Bishop Loop. Questions about why new leases are being processed when the previous lease holder's lease is not fully executed of termination. Dave Ujke states that they are processed because why let the lot go to waste. Has Amorin followed up with BIA on the involuntary cancellation? He has reached out and has not received an answer.

Nora Cadotte moved to table the lease request for further clarification. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Discussion: They do have a trailer and are waiting for land. Ernie Grooms states that it is a safety concern with the debris still on the lot. Bring the request back at the next council meeting. Motion carried.

RELINQUISHMENT REQUEUSTS

Scott Babineau moved to approve 5 Relinquishments: Elizabeth Judith Gurnoe, Brayden Michael Morris, Matehya Alyxandra Morris, Emile Ahanu Miller, and Nigel Hendrix Miller. Seconded by Rick Peterson. 1 abstention (Stephanie Haskins). Motion carried. **Resolution number 7/3/23B**

DESTRUCTION OF 2023 PRIMARY BALLOTS

Butch Bresette moved to approved to destroy of 2023 Primary election ballots. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Stephanie Defoe-Haskins moved to adjourn at 5:26p.m. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:


Nora Cadotte, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council


Johanna Wilson
Recording Secretary