

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

Special Council Meeting

August 22, 2023

2:00p.m. Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Chairwoman Nicole Boyd called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Nicole Boyd, Present

Richard Peterson, Excused

Nora Cadotte, Present

Laura Gordon, Present

David Curran, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Butch Bresette, Present

Scott Babineau, Present

Ernie Grooms, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Attorney, Amarin Mello, Land Lease, Liz Boyd, RCCHA, Heidi Bresette, HR, Diane Erickson, Clinic, Bryon Daley, TAL, Heather Deragon, Court, Jennifer Leask, ECC, Jenny Meierotto, Childcare, Rebecca Benton, F/H Services.

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony was performed by Kianna Bear.

AGENDA

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Laura Gordon.
Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nora Cadotte moved to go into Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. Seconded by David Curran.
Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

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

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Butch Bresette moved to approve September 2023 cash flow budget for Legendary Waters in the amount of \$748,000. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

Butch Bresette moved to approve the request to allocate up to \$900,000 from the ARPA funds for the Red Cliff Clinic's electronic health record system. Seconded by Laura Gordon. Motion carried.

Butch Bresette moved to hire Ashley Peterson as the Finance Manager and to include the terms as discussed in executive session. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

David Curran moved to accept May 2023 Treasurer's Balance Sheet. Seconded by Scott Babineau. 1 abstention, Laura Gordon. Motion carried.

David Curran moved to approve all requests as presented in executive session regarding wages and stipends. Seconded by Scott Babineau. 2 abstentions, Laura Gordon and Nora Cadotte. Motion carried.

Butch Bresette moved to post Chapter 40 proposed amendment (adding Tribal Members) for 30 days. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

Butch Bresette moved to table the Madeline Island discussion and have legal provide information regarding this matter. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Butch Bresette notified the community of upcoming Elder Food Box Giveaway, August 25th and will have approximately 300 boxes.

TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2023

Laura Gordon reviewed FSR, asks Council if they have any questions. Bryan Bainbridge asks Laura about taking a deep review into the financials. Did you see anything that is concerning or good? There were no concerning questions, but there are accounts that can be closed and JV's that need to be done. There are some funds that may have to go back, but it is not a lot.

Nicole strongly recommended that the encumbrances be cleared up and cleaned up. There are 100s of them just sitting out there. They need to cancel the PO's and take care of the balance. Consensus that it needs to be cleaned up and up-to-date numbers. With all the carryover, it doesn't show that we have a true need. Accountants will be meeting with departments monthly. Program Directors have access to MIP to do requisitions but may not have access to run reports; need to check on level of access.

Ernie Grooms moved to approve July 2023 Treasurer's report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Discussion: What is the status of the childcare facility? Jenn L. & Jenny M. state they have 3 staff and would need about 8 more staff to be fully staffed and functional. They are in the process of getting the state license finalized. Plan is to open one room with a mixed age group (not infants with older toddlers). They are reviewing eligibility and they will be adding additional eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures already approved by legal. 1 abstention, Laura Gordon. Motion carried.

GAMING COMISSION REPORT/COMPLIANCE REPORT

Butch Bresette moved to table the Gaming Commission Report and Compliance Report. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BAYFIELD UPDATES

Butch Bresette moved to table school district updates. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

FARM AID GRANT SUBMISSION

Small grant that helps with supporting their weekly produce boxes.

Nora moved to approve Farm Aid grant submission. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY CHANGE

Policy change to severe weather. It is more specific to how hours are accrued for employees; especially, those who have flex hours. It will be for the missed hours worked; supplement to the 8-hour shifts. Bryan Bainbridge suggested sending out a memo to all supervisors because the policy changes are a little confusing. Supervisors will need to have clear direction and understanding of the policy; make changes on time where necessary. Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the changes to the severe weather policy. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

RED CLIFF/BAYFIELD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE INVESTIGATIONS MOU

Ernie Grooms moved to approve the Red Cliff/Bayfield County Child Welfare Investigations MOU. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/22/23A**

OFF RESERVATION CONSERVATION CODE AMENDMENTS

Dave Ujke said they are making some headway on this matter. The Tribe can elect to extend the deer hunting season until the end of January or opt out. Tribal members can now use state park fee areas for free. They can get hanging tags from GLIFWC or present their tribal ID at the park office. Butch Bresette moved to approve amendment with extension of deer season to January 31. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/22/23B.**

LEASES

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve removal of Muskadee Montano from short-term residential lease no. 4352005391323. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Discussion: How is she on two different leases? This was done before Amorin's time and prior to the comprehensive revisions to Chapter 18. Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/22/23C.**

Butch Bresette moved to approve removal of Muskadee Montano from short-term Agricultural lease no. 4351005401323. Seconded by David Curran. Discussion: Does Michael Montano Sr. still get to be holder of both leases? When they leases expire later this year, he will only be able to renew one(1) plot for lease. Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/22/23D.**

Request for RCCHA lease transfer to Anne Sullivan and Muskadee Montano located at 3668 Daley Rd. Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve lease transfer RCCHA to Anne Sullivan and Muskadee Montano. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/22/23E.**

Request for new short-term lease for Lane Gokee located at 88790 Blueberry Rd. Butch Bresette moved to approve a new lease application for Lane Gokee. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Discussion: the home is currently partially on fee parcels that meet the private land. Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/22/23F.**

OTHER

WI DPI Language Revitalization Grant submission. Ernie Grooms moved to approve submission of WI DPI grant for up to \$35,000. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. Motion carried. .

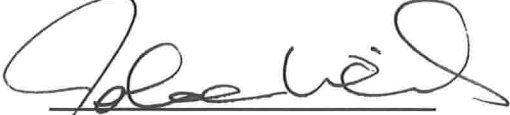
ADJOURN

Butch Bresette moved to adjourn at 5:23p.m. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Nora Cadotte, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council



Johanna Wilson
Recording Secretary