

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

Regular Council Meeting

August 7, 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

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Richard Peterson, Present

Butch Bresette, Present

Nora Cadotte, Present

Scott Babineau, Present

Laura Gordon, Present

Ernie Grooms, Present

David Curran, Present

QUORUM

Others present: Dave Ujke, Attorney, Amarin Mello, Land Lease, Ashley Huinker, TNR, Bruan Smith, TNR intern, Elliot Newago, TNR inter, Mark Duffy, Warden, Jeff Benton, Roads, Liz Boyd, RCCHA, Heidi Bresette, HR, Marvin Defoe, THPO, Ashley Peterson, Accounting, Rebecca Benton, F/H Services.

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony was performed by Keith Newago.

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

Bryan Bainbridge moved to table Treasurer's May 2023 balance sheet to 8/22/2023 meeting. Seconded by Scott Babineau. 1 abstention, Laura Gordon. Motion carried.

ACHIEVEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cree Defoe, Brooke Defoe, Jayden Defoe all competed in the Native American Indigenous Games in Nova Scotia. They all stated they had a fun and cool experience and would go back again!

They competed in cross country 1200M, 2000M, 800M, 4x1, 4x4 relay, long jump, discus, and 80M. It was a once in a lifetime experience and exciting to compete with other indigenous people. Quintin Bresette participated in 16U basketball at the NAIG. It was fun and there were a lot of people.

George Newago spoke about how the next games will be in 4 years and now is the time to start planning to get kids to the next tryouts. Someone needs to take the lead and follow through with coordinating things. Connect with PR and get the word out. Chris Defoe graciously took the lead this year and he stated it was great to meet people from all over Turtle Island. Chris Hicks was recognized for his Wisconsin Heavyweight Boxing Championship.

TREATY NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH INTERNS PRESENTATION

Ashley Huinker present with Braun Smith and Elliot Newago. KJ Andrews was not present. They had power point presentations on their experience this summer as interns. Elliot had a great time. They experienced filleting fish at NADF and took water quality samples. Elliot researched brook trout growth. The Fish Hatchery raises brook trout, and stocks them (when they reach a certain age). Braun shared that his experience was very fun. He liked wolf tracking and stocking the fish. They participated in digging at the Raspberry campground archeological site and he found a piece that could be over 500 years old! He measured walleye over the weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

TREASURER'S JUNE 2023 REPORT

Rick Peterson moved to approve June 2023 Treasurer's report. Seconded by Butch Bresette. 2 abstentions, Laura Gordon, and Nora Cadotte. Motion carried.

NEW LEASE APPROVAL

1. New residential lease approval for Rachel Fischer located at 38325 Bishop Loop. Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve a new lease application for Rachel Fischer. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/7/23A.**
2. Laura Gordon moved to approve special permission for Rachel Fischer. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Denise Carlson presented an idea to do a memorial in honor of Chief Buffalo. Like the Sandy Lake memorial. She would like to see a canoe ceremony, departing from the mainland to the point of Madline Island. She thinks that Treaty Day September 30th would be perfect. She is seeking Tribal Council support so she can start planning for next year (2024) and wants to invite all the bands. Rick Peterson asks about safety, but thinks it is a good idea. Scott Babineau concurs that it is a great idea.

Carolyn Gouge asks how we can help our people? Thinking about substance use and what other ceremonies take place in other reservations. Spirit bundles-constantly picking up tools. Ogimaa Bizhikii's Pawegan—cannot do that, need to look elsewhere for healing. She has called some of her Jingle Dress Dancers to come together. Planning to have a healing dance at the powwow grounds Wednesday August 16th at 5pm. She has invited elders to speak about the dance and healing.

Anne Sullivan states that she had put in an application for a lease in March 2023. She is concerned about land lease code stating that she has to have the lease as her primary residence. She is helping her niece with purchasing a home. Anne is the signer for the loan and Muskadee Montano will be

residing in the home. She called Native Loan fund and explained the situation, and she found out that they do require Muskadee to be on the loan, but Anne will need to be on the lease as a co-lease. Amarin stated that BIA told him that the loan and lease names need to match. The residence is located at 36668 Daley Road and the new lease application was submitted today with Muskadee Montano. The council suggested getting this in writing and sending it to Nora Cadotte for a poll vote to expedite the process.

Betsy Hudson is concerned about the process for authorizing and approving business permits. She had to wait a long time to get her original permit approved and just recently had to submit her renewal. She is still waiting for her renewal permit. She believes that Wade is too busy and may need an assistant. Demolishment permits, that process is way too long. She would like the Council to address the concern of timeliness with the Legal Office. She is also concerned with how a board or committee is formed and do they need to get Tribal Council approval? The Elderly Steering Committee is being re-established and they have by-laws that makes them a voting board. Nicole Boyd states she would need to investigate and review the by-laws. Nora Cadotte is heading it and there has been flyers posted to gather interest of the Elders. The Elderly Director asked for them to be an advisory board and there is already an advisory board, the family/human services board. Betsy states that at the next meeting they are electing officers, and she thinks that they need to get Tribal Council approval to re-establish this committee. GLINEA fundraising was the focus and that is one of the main focuses this time.

MINUTES

Rick Peterson moved to approve July 3, 2023, July 15, 2023, and July 18, 2023, council meeting minutes with corrections if needed. Seconded by Ernie Grooms. Motion carried.

TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION ACT (TFPA)

Tribal Forest Protection Act grant submission. This will focus on how we can better use forest lands in our treaty rights. This grant would hire a project manager to move forward with the ideas. They would work closely with GLIFWC as a liaison to help move the ideas forward that are talked about in VOIGHT task force meetings. Day Lake and Birch Grove are two areas that are being talked about being enhanced and utilized by tribal members. Bryan Bainbridge suggests not to be so detailed on actual locations. He suggests calling it a Treaty Rights Educator and wonders if this has been consulted with THPO? This position and grant would complement the programming that is already happening. Nicole Boyd asks what their contingency plan is if they cannot hire someone. They do not have one. Strong input to emphasize the education piece. Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the grant submission for Tribal Forest Protection grant for \$300,000 for 3 years. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried.

GRANT RESOLUTION BIA LLGP FUNDS

Office of Indian Education Living Languages Grants. This is a 3-year project for up to \$300,000 annually. It would support the language teachers and keep those positions for 3 more years. Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve grant submission for BIA LLGP funds for a total of \$900,000. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/7/23B.**

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY

The non-competitive grant will help with construction but their current renewable energy project. The previous submittal did not meet the specific engineering criteria. This is changing the scope of work.

Need to reaffirm resolution number 3/21/23A. Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve grant submission for Tribal Transportation Facility and reaffirm resolution 3/21/23A with change in scope of work. Seconded by Nora Cadotte. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK POLICY CHANGE

Policy change to the hiring selection process. Remove the Tribal Administrative Liaison (TAL) and Tribal Council Member from the Personnel Selection Committee. It will speed up the process. With the LTE positions there will be no formal interview process. Nora Cadotte moved to approve the Employee Handbook selection process policy changes. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

LEASES

Request for RCCHA lease transfer to Donald A. Gordon III & Alycia Gordon located at 90240 Acorn R. Scott Babineau moved to approve lease transfer RCCHA to Donald A. and Alycia Gordon III. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/7/23C.**

Request for new short-term lease for Michael Gustafson located in Bradum Subdivision Lot 144 on Bradum Rd. Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve a new lease application for Michael Gustafson. Seconded by Laura Gordon. Discussion: is applicant aware that there is no water and sewer and utilities? Motion carried. **Resolution number 8/7/23D.**

FM COST ALLOCATION AMENDMENT

Nora Cadotte moved to amend FM cost allocation plan from 10.56% to 6.09%. Seconded by Scott Babineau. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION F/HS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nora Cadotte moved to accept Angie Emrich's resignation from the family/human services advisory board and to post vacancy. Seconded by David Curran. Motion carried.

APPROVE REMOVAL OF HOUSING BOARD MEMBER AND TO POST VACANCY

Butch Bresette moved to remove Katrina Heggie from the Housing Board and post vacancy. Seconded by Scott Babineau. 1 abstention, Nora Cadotte. Motion carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF RED CLIFF HEALTH CENTER BOARD

Bryan Bainbridge moved to accept Red Cliff Community Health Center member Nicole Boyd and post the vacancy. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

LAND LEASE CODE CHANGES

Chapter 18 land lease regulations. Proposed changes to the code for posting. Can a co-lease hold more than one lease?

Bryan Bainbridge moved to post proposed changes to Red Cliff Code of Laws Chapter 18 Land Lease Regulations. Seconded by Rick Peterson. Motion carried.

OTHER

Bryan Bainbridge sent out Madeline Island documents. Laura Gordon requests to discuss further with the Council at the August 22nd meeting.

They would like to discuss Aquaculture (NADF) as well.

ADJOURN

Scott Babineau moved to adjourn at 6:48p.m. Seconded by Butch Bresette. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nora Cadotte

Nora Cadotte, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council

Johanna Wilson

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Recording Secretary