

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 12, 2012

Legendary Waters Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Joanne Peterson, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Robert Bear, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Mark Montano, Director Tribal Operations, David Ujke, Tribal Attorney and Randy Hella, Tribal Planner.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Robert Bear.

AGENDA

Marvin Defoe moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to go back to Regular Session. Seconded by Robert Bear. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to appoint Laura Belanger as the Red Cliff Tribal Prosecutor and Heather Deragon as the Red Cliff Tribal Court Clerk according to Tribal Law. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to change the meeting minutes from August 24, 2010, that word "approved" be stricken. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

There was Council consensus on the Raspberry River Watershed Project which applies to 114 acres of WDNR land returned to Red Cliff Tribe under the draft Consent Decree.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON

Rose Soulier read her quarterly report. She attended numerous meetings. A new agenda item will be the Council's endeavor of acquiring lands both within the boundaries and off the reservation. Busy with day to day operations. Joanne Peterson moved to approve the Chairperson's report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

VICE CHAIRPERSON

Marvin Defoe read his quarterly report. He addressed the current mining issue meetings. Marvin attended a meeting with WI tribes and the governor regarding the effects on Indian country and within ceded territory. On December 16th, the Council met with the Business Board and is in the beginning stages of developing a tribal business enterprise which would be a foundation for this community to create full-time positions for members.

Marvin also attended the Tribal County Relations Committee, which would like to honor Leo LaFernier at the next meeting for his many years of serving on the committee.

Marvin attended the NCAI Conference along with 560 nations. This gives tribal leadership opportunity to network with tribes, business, to discuss and address Indigenous issues at the National level.

Marvin met with President Obama, and Key Secretary Cabinet, to address collectively with them about Tribal leadership on numerous issues effecting tribal people. Marvin explained our garden is Lake Superior and our farmers are fishermen in an attempt to gain resources from Dept of Agriculture.

Marvin talked about the Frog Bay National Park Service; it is 88 acres of land that is back into tribal ownership. It will be preserved for our future generations. Jeanne Gordon moved to approve Vice Chairperson's report. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion Carried.

PLANNER

Randy had to leave early. Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Tribal Planner's report. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR OF TRIBAL OPERATIONS

Mark Montano read his Tribal Operations report. Mark stated the Council would not hear a reply regarding the Indirect Cost Proposal for another six months. Mark gave an update on 2012 Tribal Priorities. Six priorities were presented, Poverty, Space Needs, Substance Abuse, Land Base, Educational Funding, and Debt Service. Included in the Tribal Operations report was every divisions report. Deb Morris explained the averages of data received from Second Harvest. Deb Morris explained how the data shows the great effect of food drives to sustain the food bank for the community and the data reflected the needs of the families. There was discussion regarding income maintenance and how the state is attempting to consolidate funds. The more the state raises the poverty level the greater the need becomes among communities. Mark noted that Jim Meyer's (MIS Supervisor) report was also included.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the Director of Tribal Operations report. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

POLICE COMMISSION

William Mertig read the Police Commission report and explained the data analysis of tracking calls and new tracking procedures. The Commission is seeking more members that can be on the Police Commission board. There was a suggestion by Joe Gustafson about having Larry Deragon becoming a fulltime member and would appoint the current full time member to the alternate position. The Commission will meet on this and come up with some recommendations to the Council. Also possibly having the Police Commission meets quarterly instead of monthly, and will keep Council posted.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Police Commission report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

UTILITIES COMMISSION

Robert Bear read the Utility Commission report. Robert had mentioned that Ed Sindelar is a tremendous asset in the organization, and thanked him.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Utility Commission report. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe.

Discussion: Septic services with water and sewer could become potential for revenue. Ed Sindelar suggested looking into becoming a sanitary District. Motion carried.

HOUSING REPORT

Joe Bresette went through the Red Cliff Housing report. Joe presented the meetings he attended, major activities, and issues he is currently facing at the Red Cliff Housing.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Red Cliff Housing report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge.

Discussion: Council wanted to know if housing was seeking to fill any positions. Joe stated housing can handle it for now. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to adjourn. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jeannie Balber
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council