

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2015

Tribal Administration Office/Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

### ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Quorum

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Chris Boyd, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

In Attendance: Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Wade Williams, Tribal Assistant Attorney, and Community members.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add: Encroachment on Tribal Property Discussion to "Executive Session" and move Resolution pertaining to the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan TTIP under "Community Concerns".

Chris Boyd moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried

Jeanne Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Leo LaFerner Jr.

### COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are hosting After Hour Sessions to the community on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Tribal Administration building between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Jeanne Gordon at 715.779.3700 or via email, to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins will also be accommodated.

Community member Leo LaFerner, Jr. brought the condition of the road in the New Housing on New Housing Road to the Council's attention. Jeff Benton stated that this location, in addition to another problem area at the junction of Blueberry Road and New Housing Road, are both a

part of the "North Pump House Project" site. Jeff anticipates the fix to occur in early June of this year.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN "TTIP" 2015-2018**

Jeff presented the Council with an updated list of current and projected transportation allocations for 2015 – 2018. Rose Soulier asked if Bishop Loop was included in this list. Jeff stated that it was not included in the list, in order to make room for additional projects. Marvin Defoe asked whether Bishop Loop and other areas should be included on the list to document a need. Jeff said it is an ongoing project and it cannot be removed until the project has been completed; it's just not listed on this document. He mentioned that it may be possible to include it onto this years' budget. Rose and Marvin both agree that the Bishop Loop should be incorporated into the official document.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Resolution **1/20/15A** pertaining to the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) 2015-2018. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Discussion: A question was asked about how far will the money go, and Jeff Benton had stated that everything listed in 2015 will get done. Motion carried.

**LETTER OF INQUIRY FOR FUNDING**

Ellen presented the Council with a Letter of Inquiry that she submitted to the Retirement Research Foundation for funding a Personal Assessment and Plan Program. The RRF accepted the inquiry and has requested a full proposal and budget by the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. The Personal Assessment and Plan Program aim is to evaluate Elder health, independent living, home maintenance, mental and social wellbeing needs. The assessment will enable service providers to establish concrete, individual goals and develop a plan that will ultimately improve Elder status. Another part of the program includes gathering baseline data on Elder needs to establish a foundation for further program development.

**GAMING COMMISSION REPORT**

Ray Defoe, Jr. presented instead of Rebecca Benton, who was unable to attend. Rose had a question regarding newly proposed licensing requirements for under-aged employees. Ray said that he intends to schedule a sit down conversation with Dave Ujke to discuss options.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to accept the Gaming Commission Report for the month of January 2015. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Ray Defoe Jr. will set up a meeting with Dave Ujke to discuss the WI State Compliance Audit findings. Dave suggested that the audit findings and other unresolved issues should remain standing items on the Gaming Commission agenda until they are resolved.

Steven Boyd moved to accept the Compliance Report for December 2014 and January 2015. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF CASH FLOW BUDGET FOR FEBRUARY 2015**

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Cash Flow Budget for February 2015 for Legendary Waters Resort and Casino. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

### **LEASES**

Wade Williams presented Jeremy Defoe's request for a Special Waiver accommodation of tribal law that prohibits tribal members with felony convictions related to controlled substances from obtaining or holding a residential land lease. Jeremy requires a special accommodation by the Council to overturn the automatic cancellation of his lease.

Dennis Soulier moved to table the Cancellation of Residential Lease for Jeremy Defoe until the February 2, 2015 meeting and to get all the paperwork from the Legal Department. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

### **TEMPORARY ACCESS TO THE MONTANO PROPERTY**

Marvin Defoe moved to temporary allow access to the Montano Property for Jamie Goodlet-King. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Discussion: at this point the temporary access is between the Tribe and Jamie Goodlet-King. Legal will give her a letter to give to the bank. Motion carried.

Chris Boyd moved to approve the selection of Option 1 for the deeding of the gravesite portion of the Montano property. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

### **APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD**

Dennis Soulier moved to appoint Eugena Mertig to the Library Board and to repost for two more members. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

### **APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE HEALTH BOARD**

Jeanne Gordon moved to appoint Nicole Boyd to the Health Board. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. (1 abstention: Steven Boyd). Motion carried.

### **OTHER**

Dennis Soulier moved to authorize Legal Counsel to request that the BIA initiate a trespass prosecution for encroachments on the tribal trust property by Living Adventures. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried

Laura J. Gordon moved to Table the Interim Library Supervisor position until the Quarterly Report Council meeting on Thursday January 22, 2015. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to hire Danielle Gordon with Kathleen Kae as the alternate for the Youth Activities Coordinator position. Seconded by Chris Boyd. (1 abstention: Dennis Soulier) Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to hire Angela Hernandez with Brian Boys as the alternate for the CoC Project Director position. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. (1 abstention: Chris Boyd). Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to hire Katherine Morrisseau for the CoC Family Engagement Coordinator position. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Steven Boyd moved to repost the CoC Youth Specialist position. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Marissa Balber  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council