

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2016

4:30 p.m. at Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bryan Bainbridge at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present @ 4:31 p.m.

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Krystle Topping, Present

Quorum

Marvin Defoe, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present @ 4:41 p.m.

Steven Boyd, Present

Chris Boyd, Present

Daniel Duffy, Present @ 4:33 p.m.

Also in attendance: Dave Ujke, Red Cliff Attorney, Wade Williams, Red Cliff Assistant Attorney, Division Administrators and Community members.

AGENDA

Chris Boyd moved to approve the agenda to add "Opening Ceremony" after Approval of agenda. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Marvin Defoe.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Chairman

Chairman Bainbridge expressed condolences on behalf of himself and the Council, to the families that have recently lost loved ones.

Chairman Bainbridge thanked the membership for being able to be in the position that he is in. He also thanked the Vice-Chair, Nathan Gordon; Executive Secretary, Jeanne Gordon; Tribal Council and Tribal Staff.

In the month of October, Chairman Bainbridge met with Jerry Crowshoe from Intensive TTA through SAMHA to find a culturally based programming for suicide prevention and other preventions by looking at a traditional approach.

In November met with the Bayfield School Administration to discuss the communication issues and the curriculum. Looking to find a more positive way of dealing with the kids at school.

Also, met with Randy Wagner from DSGW to discuss the idea of a Tribal school. Looking at fund raising ideas and trying to get this to become a reality.

Chairman Bainbridge mentioned that the Tribal Council made history when they held a meeting with the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors. He mentioned that it was very important to have this meeting so that they were able to discuss the Tribe and also having a clear understanding of each government.

Chairman Bainbridge also met with the newly elected Chairpersons of the Bad River Tribe and Stockbridge to discuss what the happenings are.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Chairman's report. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman

Vice-Chairman Gordon started off by thanking the community for allowing him to be in the position that he is holding.

Vice-Chairman Gordon mentioned traveling to the White House for the Tribal Nations Conference. This was a huge honor for him to represent the Tribe.

Mentioned the many meetings he attended in the office building and away from the office.

He also attended the CST Event on Human Trafficking at Legendary Waters. This was a great event and the attendance for this event was over 25 people.

He also attended the Red Cliff Christmas events for the children on December 18 and the event for the smaller children on December 20, 2015. He would like to thank Susie Gurnoe and Jeanne Gordon for coordinating the event. The turnout for both events was great.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Vice Chairman's report. Seconded by Chris Boyd. (1 abstention: Nathan Gordon). Motion carried.

Tribal Planner

Ellen Kwiatkowski was here to present her report. She mentioned that Red Cliffs project was not awarded for the TIGER grant.

She mentioned the hiring of 2 new staff; Beth Paap and Marilyn Miller. Both have started and are doing great.

Ellen mentioned that an award was issued to Larson Construction for the Rowley Road Bridge project and the Right-Of-Way was completed for the Blueberry Culvert project.

Ellen mentioned that she held a Strategic Planning meeting with the Council. Still need to schedule 2 more sessions.

The Road Maintenance crew was able to work on the roads well into November to prepare for the ice and snow. Also, Road Maintenance is suffering from funding issues. The monies have not been received yet for FY15 but should be here late February or early March.

Marvin Defoe asked Ellen about the BLOCK grant for the Supportive Housing Application. Ellen mentioned that Mike Babineau said if the grant is not awarded the Housing Authority will have money to cover the cost. Ellen explained that she was informed that the monies from the BLOCK grant, was the Tribal contribution to the Supportive Housing.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Tribal Planner's report. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Dennis Soulier was here to give the report for Lisa Bissell. Dennis mentioned that they had an exit interview with Kurt Tucker for the Audit on January 22, 2016. Kurt was very impressed with the outcome and they believe that they should have everything done by the March 31, 2016 deadline.

Dennis mentioned that the Line of Credit with Chippewa Valley Bank was paid and they now need to do a new Resolution because of the change in signers.

The Council approved the Financial Action Plan (Zero Deficit) on December 7, 2015. Chairman Bainbridge would like to thank the Council for identifying problems with the cash flow to adopt this plan.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the Chief Financial Officer's report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Division Administrator Manager

Patty Deragon-Navarro went over her report. She talked about the many things that happened in Marketing. The Clinic had a float in the Apple Fest Parade; staff participated in the Women's expo; and the Clinic sponsored 3 hours of Christmas music on the radio station this past year.

The annual Health Fair was held in October and it was Halloween themed. Over 230 people registered and making the even a great success!

Received word that the Gramma Gen grant was awarded to the Clinic and they will be looking for an elder to come and sit in the waiting room to bead and converse with the patients. This grant is in the amount of \$5,000.

Dee Gokee-Rindal presented her report to the Council. She mentioned that there are currently 119 children enrolled at ECC. There are 20 families on the waiting list. The Education Department sent out their scholarships for individuals. There were 30 applicants going for an Associate Degree and 88 applicants for Higher Education.

Dee mentioned that the time clock was installed at ECC. Some of the employees are not too happy with the time clock.

Dee mentioned that she had a meeting with a DSGW Architect to create preliminary plans for the education center. This space could also hold LCO College as an example.

Dee mentioned that the ECC is looking for a Bus Driver since they only have 1 now. Nathan Gordon thanked Dee and her staff, for assisting the families in getting their children to school when they only have the 1 bus.

Robert Powless talked about the meter project and they are still working on this. He also mentioned that the EPA office has changed out all their light bulbs to try and save on the energy use in the office.

Chairman Bainbridge asked if they are applying for funds to make all the buildings energy efficient. Robert mentioned that they are looking at all the options to try and get this.

He spoke about the Mishomis House and the cleanup that is ongoing. They are 60 to 70% done with the cleanup. He did mention that the boilers need to be replaced and they still need to fix things from the vandalism that occurred there.

Dan Duffy thanked Robert and his crew for helping out at Legendary Waters with the plowing. Legendary Waters only has 1 plow truck and with the help of the Maintenance crew they are able to keep up with the snow.

Chad Abel gave a brief summary of his report. He told the Council that there is money in the Climate Change line item that could be possibly used to make other buildings energy efficient. He also mentioned that the Treaty Natural Resources are looking to purchase a vehicle that would be better and more fuel efficient.

Bill Mertig offered his condolences to the LaGrew family for their loss.

Bill mentioned that all the current EMTs are certified and have a valid license.

Bill mentioned that the Fire Department will be hosting their annual Pancake Feed on March 6, 2016 at Legendary Waters. They are trying to raise money for upgrading their Turn Out Gear. This is a huge cost and they are doing fundraising.

Bill mentioned that the Police Department made 115 arrests in 2015 and they referred 108 cases for criminal charges. This shows that the RCPD handles the same amount of calls as the as the 3 other Police Departments in Bayfield County.

Bill mentioned that the big meth bust that happened recently was initiated by Officer Cadotte and he has worked on the case to the end.

The RCPD was awarded the COPS Grant in the amount of \$125,000 and it will be used for officer wages.

Vice-Chairman Gordon asked about the K-9 Unit. Bill mentioned that there is \$6,600 in the fund and they intend to move forward. He is hoping by the summer they have enough for the officer and dog training.

Laura J. Gordon highlighted her report for the month of December. She recently took over the job of Interim Family/Human Services Administrator. Things have been going good and she has been meeting with staff on a daily basis.

Laura also mentioned that she has met with quite a few ICW clients. Laura has been busy dealing with these types of problems on a daily basis.

Laura mentioned some of the challenges that she faces in this job. There is a lack of space but Bill Mertig has offered some space for them downstairs to meet with clients. Another challenge is the time clock. Some employees are still doing most of their time by manual punch. Laura asked Theron to set up a few more training sessions.

Dan Duffy thanked Laura for taking on the position.

Nathan Gordon moved to approve the Division Administrator Manager's report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. (1 abstention: Laura J. Gordon). Motion carried.

Utilities Commission

Bob Bear mentioned that the meter project is ongoing. They are 15 meters away from completion. All the meters would have an electronic signal so that the person scanning could do so from a distance. All the information would then be entered into a computer base for processing. The benefits of the meter are to conserve the water use. This will allow the measurement for each household and business.

Bob also talked about the arrears that clients still have for Water & Sewer. The best way to get caught up on the arrears would be to do payroll deductions if you are a tribal employee. They are still working on other ways to collect the arrears.

Steven Boyd moved to approve the Utilities Commission report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Legal

Dave Ujke presented his report. He apologized to Council because he has been a little under the weather.

Dave mentioned working on numerous items. He is continually working on the Lake Superior Management Agreement Negotiations. He has begun discussions with Bad River and the WDNR on a long term agreement. The next meeting is March 23 and 24, 2016.

Dave mentioned giving a presentation to the Bayfield County Board. He will also be presenting this to the Bayfield School in February.

Dave is continuing to work on the SOPs for Legendary Waters. This is a lengthy process and he is working through them as fast and efficiently as possible.

Wade Williams spoke of his duties for the quarter. He reviewed 50 contracts this quarter and received 2 PAC applications.

Wade talked about the acquisition of the Merchant property. Closing for this is schedule for March 8, 2016.

Wade mentioned that CenturyLink was interested in serving the Bradum Subdivision but they are not willing to apply for a Tribal Land Use Permit and unwilling to follow with the Right-Of-Way application. Dave and Wade will look into this subject more to see what can be done.

Marvin Defoe asked if the Child Support Attorney is under Dave's supervision. Dave agreed that she is under his supervision. Chairman Bainbridge stated that she works only in the Child Support office and deals only with that. Jeanne Gordon mentioned that the Child Support Attorney's report is under the Child Support.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Legal Departments report. Seconded by Krystle Topping. Motion carried.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Marvin Defoe moved to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

Adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Cheri Defoe
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council