

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 12, 2011

12 p.m. Legendary Waters Buffalo Bay Ballroom

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Rose Gurnoe, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Laura Gordon, Present

Jim Pete, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Joanne Peterson, Absent at Roll Call

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Robert Bear, Present, left at 4:30 p.m.

Quorum

In attendance: Mark Montano, Director Tribal Operations, Randy Hella, Planner, David Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Jeff Gordon, General Manager with Dan Hebert Accountant Manager.

AGENDA

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Frank Montano.

Jeanne Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Purpose is to discuss Waterfall/Casino, Board for Casino/Clinic, Membership/ Constitution Committee, Pow-Wow Grounds, Tax payments/General Fund, Donations. Also met with Division Administrators: Lynne Basina, Deb Morris, Chad Abel, Ed Sindelar, Dee Gokee-Rindal, Bill Mertig and Patty Navarro.

Jim Pete moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Robert Bear. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Housing Board/Maxine Babineau

Joe Bresette is out of town. The FEMA trailers have been moved and set up. ARRA funding came in at \$200,000 for the general fund and \$700,000 for rehab work. Discussed the waiting list still has approximately 100 applicants on it for 2 and 3 bedrooms. Not many applicants for a 1 bedroom or 5 bedrooms. Question asked on housing inspections, what is expected, in old housing they call first, then take photo's, inspect the yard, storage rooms, damages etc. Question asked about planting some tree's to make it look nice. The playground needs to be

repaired it is in bad shape. The Bus stop gets a lot of graffiti, and it is painted a couple times year.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Housing Report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Planning

Clinic, we are ready to have a meeting with the Council to explain the financing package, have a power point to show the Council. A copy has been given to Council to review before the meeting. We will be meeting with Tom Ranfranz and will go through it with him, also meeting with Joe Dean, then with USDA. Randy Hella had a discussion with the Wells Fargo bank regarding the tax credit program and will explain this at the meeting once it is scheduled,

Question was asked about transportation State Hwy. 13 Scenic Byway Designation. Randy stated that they are waiting on State approval of applications, things are looking positive.

Looking for funds to fix the Youth Center and ECC, need to get some numbers on those yet, spending some time with the Administrators of those programs. Staffing: we are looking at a LTE position to address capacity issues and managing Transit issues and grant funds. Brian Goodwin has been working on the communication side of it. Jeff Benton submitted for a grant to support the activities and equipment of the fire department.

Blueberry road and housing road look nice, both have been repaved.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Planning Report. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

Chairperson

Apologize for the lateness of this at the retreat we supported the Secretary's time lines of reports being in on time.

July - we had elections, some time off, swearing in, two day retreat along with Tim Kane. We had some good discussions out of it. Council felt need to meet on a quarterly basis.

Attended meeting with staff and Fond Du Lac college officials pertaining to the possibility of classes here in Red Cliff. Met with President Miller of Northland College and Tribal leaders to improve relationships. He wants to see native student's numbers increase for enrollment. As of today the enrollment is at its lowest.

August - met with Scottie Sandstrom, Executive Director of the Bayfield County Economic Development Corporation this was an introduction meeting also sharing program information regarding WHEDA and coordinating a meeting with the Tribe and WHEDA.

Other meetings: with Jim Weber, State Tribal liaison on the income maintenance program. Staff, Executive Committee met with an insurance agent to learn about the new partial self funded insurance program. Family Services staff and Stephanie Bresette regarding after school proposal she is working on involving artist and students. Tom Ranfranz regarding the resort and grant issues. Madeline Karwoski and Planner regarding the Apostle Island grant funds and whether we were compliant with all requirements. Tribal Chair also met with Congressman Sean Duffy along with other Council members and Legendary Waters staff on issues that affect the Tribe and also the budget process. I met with the Housing Executive Director and members of the Board with their attorney Joe Martel. I participated in conference call with OMB Ex. Director on the budgets.

September – I met with Zach Harris from CDC regarding our smoking policy in public buildings and business's. Busy with preparing for the grand opening and spoke at the gathering. Mediation session with DOJ Bayfield County and Bayfield School with Tribal administration and staff, these are held once a month. I participated in a White House briefing call with the President on his Jobs Bill. I attended a meeting with WHEDA and BCEDC Executive Director and our representative Rick Peterson. I met with Louise Robbins from UW Madison to prepare a presentation for the Council meeting on the library project. Gave welcome for the Northwest Regional Planning commission first meeting at the conference center. Met with USDA officials Cora Schultz, Area Director and Donna Huebner,, Native American Coordinator regarding USDA loans and the need to present a plan to replenish the reserve accounts and what projects the Tribe had in the hopper and if could use any of their programs. Went to Frog Bay met with NOAA, Bayfield Regional Conservancy, State Coastal Management and Major MacDonald for a site visit and are close to closing on it. Small celebration to be held October 28th will keep everyone informed.

Joanne Peterson moved to approve the Chairperson Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman

Attached are meetings attended. Meet on weekly basis with Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement has kept us updated on activities that are going on in the community. One concern is space shortage and it needs to be addressed.

Had Legendary Waters numbers here today, bottom line proud of the accomplishments and the task collectively to assure success.

The Tribal farm is run by a group of volunteers, Jeanne Gordon is on it. There is a Tribal Harvest Dinner at the elderly on Friday night at 6:00 p.m. with proceeds from the garden.

The Business Board will be meeting here on Friday at 8 a.m. for breakfast and a meeting starting at 9 a.m. Council members are invited to attend.

Marvin Defoe assisted in coordinating with casino staff and Tribal staff to put our TANF and GA people to work. We were successful and have 14 individuals employed out of 18.

Marvin Defoe has been attending meetings with the Fishing Committee on their concerns and issues. One concern needs to be addressed is the old dock, it's falling apart. Randy Hella indicated earlier a grant proposal in the amount of \$50,000 will be used for the dock. This proposal is in the works.

Marvin Defoe has been looking at conditions at ECC and the Youth Center with a health and safety assessment done by Dick Reese for the safety of our children and the public. The goal is to develop estimates to correct the deficiencies with time lines to bring them up to standard. Once this is completed the information will be shared with the Council.

Marvin Defoe has been actively involved on the issue of property taxes within the reservation.

Marvin Defoe has been attending all Commission and Voigt meetings along with Council member Bryan Bainbridge. Agenda's and minutes are shared with the Council. Michigan does not want moose hunting on their reservations. Mining is a big issue and concern of the Tribes.

The next winter meeting for MAST is scheduled at the Sac & Fox Tribe in Iowa of the Meskwaki Nation. If any council members would like to attend let Marvin Defoe know.

Chad Abel mentioned that there are four fishermen who use the old dock and are maintaining it by raising funds.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Vice Chair's Report. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Director of Tribal Operations

The Division Administrators gave their reports on the standard format we established for reports. Mark Montano's focus was on the retreat and moving into the new fiscal year. Council likes the format.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Director Tribal Operations Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Police Commission/Bill Mertig & Joe Gustafson

Bill gave a brief synopsis on the police department. They had 534 complaints with a total of 1477 for the year. Incident reports were up with a total of 407, had more than last year. Kyle Cadotte just started; he will be an asset to this community. The Agreement with the Sheriff's office has been approved with the funds coming to Red Cliff and an increase of \$6,000 which will be used for upgrading the case management system. The agreement is for \$72,000, \$12,000 shy of last year's amount.

Bill has been working with other Police Chiefs and BIA to deputize officers in Wisconsin. Next year training will be here instead of having to go to New Mexico. The department could use more staff, we have four full time officers and when one takes off for training, vacation etc. we have no one to fill in. Need part time staff and have to wait for the budget and see where we are at.

The biggest concern is their space, have four full time officers and an Administrative Assistant working in a 12 X 20 ft. office, they are using one bathroom for storage. There is no privacy or confidentiality.

Mark Montano stated the Police Commission would like the supervisory status returned to them, Chair stated it needs to be evaluated and come back to the Council at the next regular meeting regarding this. Joe Gustafson stated they are having a problem with getting a quorum. They lost their alternate who resigned and would like someone appointed to this position. Bill stated on the Police Commission it needs three with police background and the other two are optional. Administration will look at this.

Jim Pete moved to approve the Police Commission Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Discussed the graffiti incidents. Bill stated they have been checking into it this along with the bus stop. The kids are still gathering there. Motion carried.

Utilities

Robert Bear had to participate in a training session; Ed Sindelar will be giving the report. The Commission met yesterday, financially things are improving, and people are paying on their old bills to catch up. The Commission has discussed not allowing a moratorium for people who haven't paid their bills and how will this disseminated to the community. Legal will have to check on this.

The Casino paid their water bill for August 2011 if was over \$4,000. The Commission is looking at doing a rate study in November 2011 to evaluate residential home services. In the near future there will be more revenues coming in from the Utilities Department.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Utilities Commission Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to appoint Lorna Gamble as the temporary Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Director. Seconded by Jim Pete. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kathy Hanson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council
