

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 9, 2013

3:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Wade Williams, Contract Legal Analyst and community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added "Housing Board appointments discussion" to Other.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Jim Pete.

CHARETTE/GOODWIN EASEMENT DISCUSSION

Legal department has reviewed all the documents. The family is requesting a utility easement so that they may acquire power to their home. There were two possible routes both running through either tribal fee land or trust land. Both routes cross Wayne Nelson's land. The PAC is still reviewing the application. There was a large concern from the Council that Nelson may access power via the easement. Many concerns were expressed from friends and family. Xcel had given the homeowners deadline of October 15 or additional charges will be charged to them. Jon Lamoreaux and other neighbors asked why they were not notified and asked how their property will be affected. It was explained by Wade Williams that impacts won't be known until Xcel creates a project design and the route is chosen. He also informed them that by law land owners will need to be in agreement before any work is done. There was a suggestion made by a community member to see what agreements were made in the past with Davidson (Roy's Point) and Bishop Lane land owners. Many tasks need to be fulfilled before the PAC approves the application including BIA permits to clear timber. The family could be fined if done without this permit. The project will also need THPO clearance. To expedite the process, a suggestion was made to grant easement that includes language stating easement is terminated if utility is accessed by anyone other than the Goodwins.

Steven Boyd moved to approve a conforming resolution to grant an easement that includes a stipulation that the easement is terminated if utility is accessed by Wayne Nelson than the Goodwin family. Discussion: This easement should be done as soon as possible. Seconded by Marvin. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to waive BIA permit requirement to clear timber. Discussion: BIA is currently closed due to federal shutdown. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Suggestion made by Marvin Defoe for a Tribal Administration representative call Xcel to extend deadline or notify them of situation.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG POLICY AND DOCUMENTS PRESENTATION

The newly developed Red Cliff Community Health Center Controlled Substance Policy was presented by Jennifer Bouley, Anna Carlson and Patricia Deragon-Navarro. Each section of the policy was presented and explained by staff. This policy is an effort to reduce prescription drug abuse and “doctor shopping” as part of a state-wide initiative. Red Cliff and Lac Courte Oreilles are the first health centers in the state to have MOU with the State of Wisconsin. RCCHC has created an Interdisciplinary Review Board (IRB) that will work on all cases. The policy will affect all clients receiving scheduled drugs. If a patient is prescribed a medication for more than 28 days they need to sign the agreement. Annual pill counts and urine screenings will be done. When selected, patients have one business day to reply. The State of Wisconsin does not require dental or mental providers to participate but RCCHC will require them. If abuse is determined, the patient will be tapered off drug. In all situations, patients will be given help. Pill counts are already being done and urine screenings will begin in January.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the Controlled Substance Policy with recommended changes. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Discussion: Red Cliff Community Health Center to bring this back when changes are complete. Motion carried.

AODA EVALUATION UPDATE

An overview was given by AODA staff of the evaluation and recommendations made by White Pine. The program has purchased a new curriculum and most of the signage has been improved on the property. There are now three licensed counselors employed. Billy Jo Johnson had made contact at the Bayfield School regarding the need for AODA education at the school. They sent a request to increase the rates for DOC clients, unsure of the amount as of yet. Marvin Defoe asked questions regarding the amount of Red Cliff tribal members being served by program. Martin Gordon explained that Mishomis House always has a free bed reserved for tribal members. He has not seen much interest by tribal members wanting services. There was discussion on different funding sources.

APPROVAL OF MEDICARE PART D SPONSORSHIP

Nathan Gordon moved to approve. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF HIPPA SANCTION POLICY

Marvin Defoe moved to approve. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Discussion: This should be included as an addendum to the Employee Handbook. Motion carried.

HOUSING BOARD APPOINTMENTS DISCUSSION

Brian Boyd had a concern on how the Housing Board appointment was done at the last meeting. He felt there was a conflict of interest on some who had voted on this. Discussion on the ethics policy.

Laura J. Gordon moved to rescind the motion that was made on **10/07/13** Housing Board appointment. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Re-vote by secret ballot.

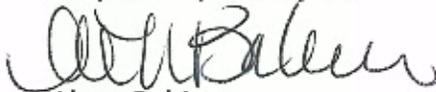
Nathan Gordon moved to appoint Susie Gurnoe and Brian Boyd to the Housing Board. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. (3-abstentions: Dennis Soulier, Mike Gurnoe and Steven Boyd). Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council