

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2011

6:00 p.m. Bingo Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Marvin Defoe, Vice Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Absent

Marvin Defoe, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Larry Deragon, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Ray DePerry, Present

Jim Pete, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Mark Montano, Director of Tribal Operations, David Ujke, Tribal Attorney and community members. Chairperson Rose Soulier is ill and will not be here this evening.

AGENDA

#7 (Treasurer's Report) and #9 (Northwoods Paving Contract) table until the next meeting. Larry Deragon moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Frank Montano.

CITIZEN OF MONTH

Citizen for the month of January 2011 is Veronica "Babe" Newago. She received a plaque and gift certificates.

MINUTES

Ray DePerry moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2010. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion Carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2010 with corrections. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the minutes of December 21st, 2010 with corrections. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon move to approve the minutes of December 29th, 2010. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Red Cliff Elderly Program along with the Red Cliff Isle Vista Casino will be providing a lunch of soup and sandwiches starting on January 7th at Noon followed by bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. for elderly participants. This will be offered every other Friday and transportation is available if needed. Any questions contact Bruce Topping or Jim Bard.

The Red Cliff Elderly will have a 50/50 bingo January 14th, 6:00 p.m. at the bingo hall; funds will be used for the 2011 elderly polar express.

The Red Cliff Elderly program will have 50/50 bingo on January 22nd, 12:30 p.m. at the bingo hall. Funds will be used for the transportation program.

CASINO/HOTEL UPDATE – RON JACK

Ron gave a short summary of project completions at the new casino grounds. The Interior Design Committee will be meeting and Jeanne has contacted all committee members to set up a date. Discussed hiring of Tribal members and others, Joe Gordon submits a report weekly of all employees working at the site. The Casino will be at its peak in March to April and there will probably be at least 75 people working. The number of rooms in the hotel will be 48 due to two executive suites.

The Council would like a list of names of people working in Ron's next report. Taylor Woodstone will be available at the next meeting for a presentation and to answer any questions.

QUARTELY REPORTS

Chairman

Dennis Soulier moved to approve report. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Request from Council for a list of topics concerns from the Listening Sessions in reports. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman

In meeting with the State, the Governor will continue with Executive Order 3, agencies are to consult with Tribes. Also requested the Governor to meet with Tribal leaders every three months. The Governor is interested in creating jobs up north. He will also include a list of topics concerns from his Listening Sessions.

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

Financial Manager

No one in position. An interview needs to be set up on this, Rick will keep Council updated.

Planner

HRSA-NAP project for the clinic, application is pending. This program is for non natives and families who can't pay for medical care under this program in the amount of \$650,000.

The Tribe has received two new ambulances from GSA they are stored at the fire hall. Discussed what is to be done with old ambulances. It hasn't been decided on what to do with them yet.

Waiting to hear from Shakopee regarding funding for the pow-wow grounds and marina. Question asked what are the options in the event no funds come from them? Randy is looking at grants etc. which takes time.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve Planner's Report. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried. Cell tower, Chairperson has scheduled a meeting on January 11, 2011 to discuss cell tower issues with other agencies.

Director of Tribal Operations

The Annual Tribal Report has been tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Red Cliff Bingo Hall. They are in the final stages of putting a booklet together for the community members.

Congress has approved a continuing resolution for FY11, which is effective through March 4, 2011.

Operational Updates: CFO transactions, looking at revising policies and procedures. Question asked if office space is an issue, it is on the radar screen. Council would like to see statistics, numbers, dates in reports because it is useful information and helps answer questions by the community (such as the waiting list for ECC etc). Mark gets the Division reports and can provide a summary of it.

An update on Tribal license will be given at the next Regular Council meeting.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the DTO Report. Seconded by Ray DePerry. Motion carried.

Housing

The APR (Annual Performance Report) was sent in last week and was posted for comments, received none. There is going to be a new format for the Indian Housing Plan and Performance Report for next years plan. Training will be scheduled some time in July of this year.

Tax services will be offered by Housing. If interested in being a volunteer, contact Pam at the office to get the training manual.

Phase II continues to move forward.

We had Tom Landgraf and Shreebar of WHEDA provide the tax credit project training to the Board on December 17th. A one hour sessions was held with the Board to go over general areas of work and concerns. A training session is scheduled January 11th by NAIHC (National American Indian Housing Council), regarding roles and responsibilities and NAHASDA requirements.

A couple of Board members were invited to attend two (2) upcoming national meetings. The NAIHC meeting will be held on February 15 – 17th in Washington, DC. HUD is sponsoring a national assessment of housing needs in Indian country and is scheduled February 23-24, 2011 in Florida.

We continue in service sessions with Tribal organizations to discuss how housing can work together when families need assistance. Other agencies include Family Services, Health Services, Human Services and Tribal Administration.

The tax credit project requires a separate audit that will be bid out.

We are working on report formats. Kurt has assisted housing to develop a more understandable financial report.

The Red Cliff Housing will be working on amending the IHP (Indian Housing Plan) from Oct. 10 through Sept. 11 to reconfigure spending targets impacted by ARRA funds which must be spent by April of this year. Changes will be presented to the Board in January of 2011 and then to Council in February for approval.

February is the next tax credit application period and we will not be submitting for a project. We need time to digest all the information and make it clear to the Board so they understand it.

Question asked about Old Housing. The past plan wasn't accepted and we will have to work on a new plan with the new Red Cliff Housing Board.

Larry Deragon moved to approve the Red Cliff Housing Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Police Commission

Jim Pete moved to table until the first meeting of the month. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Discussed. Council is looking for a year summary for the Annual report. Motion carried.

Utilities Commission

Larry Deragon moved to table the report to the first meeting of the month. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. 5 for 2 opposed (Ray DePerry, Mike Gurnoe). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT

Recommendation to authorize Chair to sign Amendment presented to Council recognizing the changes. Larry Deragon moved to approve as presented. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Dave will send Council a Final copy of the new version. Motion carried.

OTHER

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Ray DePerry. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to go with the recommendation of Lori Cannon with Stephanie Anderson as alternate for the MCH Nurse/Honoring Our Children on Site Coordinator. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

Ray DePerry moved to deny the big boat license for Mr. Bainbridge. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Ray DePerry moved to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kathy Hanson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council