

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 19, 2013

1:00 p.m. at Legendary Waters Resort and Casino, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Nathan Gordon at 1:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present @ 4:30 p.m.

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Joanne Peterson, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Quorum

In attendance: David Ujke, Tribal Attorney, Mark Montano, Director of Tribal Operations, Diane Peterson, Tribal Interim CFO, Cecil Peterson, Kurt Basina and Community members.

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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. 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 Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony was performed by Frank Montano

### CHILD SUPPORT UPDATE/PRESENTATION – BETTY KERR, LISA SCHWARTZ AND DAVID ARMSTRONG

Betty Kerr gave an update on the Child Support Program. The birthing cost information has been posted for the community. It has already saved Tribal members \$100,000. Tribal members must be informed the county that they are enrolled to avoid being charged birthing costs. The program is on target with the timeline. A focus group and survey will be conducted next month.

Wisconsin Judicare has been contracted from the program to evaluate and develop Red Cliff codes as well as make recommendations to help meet the programs goals. They will be giving a presentation to the community in July 2013 on the Child Support Program.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jim Pete spoke of the current events happening at Northland College.

On March 1, 2013, Navajo code talker Chester Nez will be giving a presentation. He is the last surviving code talker. Fifty to sixty veteran organizations will be attending. On March 2, 2013, a meet and greet book signing with Mr. Nez will be held at Legendary Waters Resort and Casino at 10:00 a.m.

On March 13, 2013, the Tribal Council is invited to a flag ceremony at Northland College.

On March 23, 2013, Northland College is hosting their annual Pow-Wow.

Sandra Nevela expressed concerns over the Tribal Council's visibility at mining meetings and events. She would like to see the Chairperson at meetings more often. Rose Soulier added that the Tribal Council had passed a resolution in the past that should be re-posted for the community. There is also an informational event happening on March 28, 2013. The Tribal Council has also set aside funds for the mining committee for travel.

Gretchen Morris voiced her concerns over the ECC language implementation. She doesn't agree with the methods. She also would like to see the community put more of an effort into preserving culture and language. These gatherings on Madeline Island on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. She will bring more information to the next meeting.

On February 20, 2013, the Constitution Committee will hold a public hearing at Legendary Waters on the proposed changes to the constitution. This hearing is for Tribal members only. There will be two sessions one at 1:00 p.m. and then at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

## **SLOT MACHINE CONTRACTS**

Jeanne Gordon motioned to approve the two Spielo contracts. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Joanne Peterson motioned to table the Aristocrat contract pending General Manager Review. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Tribal Chair asked that the casino look into acquiring used Shakopee machines. The slot department will email the Tribal Council information on these machines.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GAMING COMMISSION**

A few points were highlighted in the report. Laura J. Gordon asked that Tom Jeffords include the Gaming financials in future reports.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Executive Director of Gaming Commission monthly report from January 2013 through February 2013. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

### **COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Discussion was had on limiting player club card replacements. Up to 300 cards are destroyed per week, cards that are left unclaimed need to be destroyed.

Joanne Peterson moved to approve the Compliance report from January 2013 through February 2013. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

### **GAMING COMMISSION REPORT**

Chris Boyd is out of town, he will have a full report at the next meeting.

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Dennis Soulier moved to table the Gaming Commission report. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

### **BUSINESS PERMIT ISSUE**

Jeff Benton has sent a letter to Troy Gordon from the PAC committee regarding additional requirements. Troy Gordon also gave a copy of his Business Plan to the Tribal Council. Tribal Chair asks Jeff Benton to send a copy of the letter to Council.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Resolution **02/19/13A**, pertaining to placing the Sutton parcel into trust with corrections. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Joanne Peterson moved to approve the Resolution **02/19/13B**, pertaining to applying for the Apostle Island Grant Fund for Mino Bimaadiziwin Gitigaaning (Return to the Good Life). Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Resolution **02/19/13C**, pertaining to the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Application 2013-2014. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

### **ECC COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

A few corrections need to be made to the report.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the ECC Community Assessment. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

**ECC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2013-2014**

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Early Childhood Goals and Objectives. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**ECC TRAINING PLAN 2013-2014**

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Early Childhood Training Plan for 2013-2014. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

**HEADSTART / EARLY HEADSTART BUDGET 2013-2014**

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Head Start and Early Head Start Budget for 2013-2014. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH XCEL ENERGY FOR NORTH PUMPHOUSE FUNDING**

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Xcel Energy contract for the North Pumphouse in the amount of \$21,048.96. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH XCEL ENERGY FOR HUD ICDBG GRANT 5466 FUNDING**

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Xcel Energy contract for HUD ICDBG grant in the amount of \$74,078.56. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF LIFE QUEST SERVICES FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR BANKING REQUEST**

Dennis Soulier asked to have an additional line be inserted for additional signature.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Life Quest services with corrections. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO DISCONTINUE SERVICES TO PHARMACY ONLY PATIENTS WHO RESIDE OUTSIDE OF ASHLAND AND BAYFIELD COUNTIES**

A recommendation was made from the Health Board to discontinue services to “pharmacy only” patients who reside outside of Ashland and Bayfield Counties. There was a concern that they are unable to counsel patients on new prescriptions. There is also rising costs for prescriptions for these patients. This will not affect people living in Bayfield County. The Tribal Council asked Patty to investigate if individuals are insured and to explore other options for patients outside of area.

**APPROVAL OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribal member Medical Emergency Financial Assistance Overview with changes that were discussed. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION FROM KATHY BARRI FOR THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE**

Bryan Bainbridge moved to accept the resignation from Kathy Barri. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION FROM SUSIE GURNOE FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE**

Marvin Defoe moved to accept the resignation from Susie Gurnoe. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier suggested that a letter to be sent to Kathy Barri and Susie Gurnoe thanking them for their services with working with the Children's Christmas Program.

**APPROVAL OF RESIGNATION FROM MARK J. DUFFY FROM THE GAMING COMMISSION**

Joanne Peterson moved to accept the resignation from Mark J. Duffy. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

**OTHER**

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

Adjourned: 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Alana Babineau  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council