

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 27, 2015

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

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Absent

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Quorum

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Chris Boyd, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Also in attendance: Dave Ujke, Red Cliff Attorney, Rob Goslin, Division Administrator Manager, Division Administrators, and Community members.

AGENDA

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Carolyn Gouge.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Chairperson Report

Chairperson Rose Soulier read her report. She spoke of various meeting she attended. She mentioned the listening sessions that she has sat in on and thinks that they are very helpful for herself and the community.

Chairperson Soulier also mentioned her concern for the substance issues on the reservation. She stated that they need to find ways to try and overcome this issue. Anyone with any questions or concerns may contact her.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the report. Seconded by Chris Boyd. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Report

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

Planner Report

Ellen Kwiatkowski presented the report and mentioned a few highlights.

Ellen introduced herself to the community. Ellen mentioned her past experience and her goals for the Tribe.

The transit system has continued to have success. Ridership has rebounded from the significant drop from the beginning of the year.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Chief Financial Officer Report

Rick Petersen spoke of his time which is now mainly office time since his removal and involvement from the casino management team.

Rick mentioned that the audit done by Midwest Professionals is good. They will be here once all the necessary paperwork is complete to present to the Council.

Rick also mentioned that the Indirect Cost Rate Proposal was submitted to the Interior Business Center. Will be 4-5 months before they will begin to review this.

Laura J. Gordon asked Rick about the possibility of training all departments on the proper way of filling forms out for the Property & Procurement department. Rick believes this would be a good idea. Rick will look into this.

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

Division Administrator Manager Report

Rob Goslin spoke of the changes made to the Human Resources' policy which no longer has the Tribal Council approving all new hires.

Rob mentioned the continued financial support to the elders. He mentioned that they have served 48 elders this quarter.

Rob also mentioned his numerous meeting that he attended and the many interviews that he sat in on.

Looking ahead, Rob will continue to provide the day to day guidance for the divisions as any challenges arise and continue with attending meetings when he is needed.

Bill Mertig mentioned to the Council the possible addition of a K-9 Officer to the department. He believes that this addition would benefit the community and the Bat area.

Bill mentioned that he and 4 others went to training for Federal Background Investigations. This training will benefit the Tribe in helping with the background checks that are being mandated by many of the funding sources.

Lorna Gamble mentioned the Child Support Agency is running smoothly.

She also mentioned The Brighter Futures Initiative was approved. This initiative will focus on children aged 8-18. The group will focus on AODA Reduction, teen pregnancy reduction and anti-bullying.

Pat Deragon-Navarro spoke of the issues at the Health Clinic and the meetings that she has attended.

Nicole Boyd was presenting the report for Dee Gokee-Rindal. Nicole mentioned that 40 scholarships have been given to clients. This makes a total of 114 for the school year 2014-2015.

Sugar bush was a great success with 19 gallons of syrup being collected by the students.

Attendance is still a major issue for the Early Childhood Center. Working with parents on getting children to school.

Nicole mentioned that the Wisconsin SHARES program has moved from ECC Child Care Department to the Family Services Department. This is due to the new state regulations calling for separation of duties for folks that determine eligibility, issue authorization and certify child care providers.

Robert Powless said that the pump house is just about complete. They just need to work on a few glitches.

The meter project is 40-50% complete.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Division Administrator Manager report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Utilities Commission

Marvin Defoe moved to table. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to proceed with the termination based on conditions not being met. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. (1-abstention: Marvin Defoe). Motion carried.

OTHER

ADJOURN

Adjourned 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Cheri M. Defoe
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council