

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 16, 2013

8:00 a.m. at Legendary Waters Resort and Casino, Grand Ballroom

### QUARTERLY REPORTS

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 8:11 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Joanne Peterson, Present (absent 5:05 p.m.)

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Division Administrators and community members.

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

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

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

#### OPENING PRAYER

Opening prayer performed by Robert Bear. A moment of silence was observed for Gerri Graves.

#### QUARTERLY REPORTS:

##### CHAIRPERSON/ROSE SOULIER

During the last quarter a team composed of Nathan Gordon, Marvin Defoe, Bryan Bainbridge, Chad Abel and I met with Wayne Nelson regarding a permanent snowmobile trail access through his property. In return he wanted a 100 year easement through Tribal lands. A resolution has not been reached regarding this issue. Chair would like one person to lead it and explore options on this.

While in D.C. I and Henry Buffalo met with Assistant Secretary Washburn and Larry Robertson regarding litigation support for tax base. Also gave them an update on the mining and its impact to the Tribes. He sent a letter to Governor Walker stating that Tribes should be consulted on this issue.

Met with UW Vice Chancellor on the Aqua facility and what equitable benefits the Tribe receives from this facility.

Was in New Orleans for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Care conference the emphasis was supposed to be on mental health but was changed to focusing on diabetes prevention and care.

I and Nathan met with Patty, Diane and Rick on the Employee Assistance Program services offered through the insurance package. 100 employees were surveyed and no one knew about the service, only one employee used it. There will be another meeting and the Division heads will be getting education on this service so they can let the employees know it's there.

Participated in a conference call pertaining to the Cobell settlement. Attended the public hearing held on the construction design, status for the new Clinic and the Shakopee loan and grant.

Attended the Press conference held on the barrels in Lake Superior. These barrels are packed and still in the lake at this time. I would like to acknowledge the Committee and their dedication to this project, a lot of people have been involved. We will plan a recognition day for the Committee and the community on this.

Nathan and I were in Vegas for the National REZ Conference. This conference has been held for a number of years. Next year will send more people. This conference is larger than Annual NCAI conference and they have a lot of sessions and a trade show.

People have requested housing and services. Still need supportive services and additional housing units. The Annual Report was given to the membership by Vice Chair Nathan Gordon on my behalf. Other than that we have been busy handling local and staff issues.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve Chair's Report. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

#### **VICE CHAIRMAN/NATHAN GORDON**

Highlighted some of the meetings he has attended: Engineering Leaders Conference training in Tucson, AZ with Brian Boyd October 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Took in the MAST meeting in Oneida October 30<sup>th</sup> with Marvin Defoe. Met with Chairwoman Soulier and Jacob Maas regarding the Tribe's Mass Evacuation plan. Discussed collaborating with Red Cross in case major events were to ever hit this community. Attended the welcoming for the Wisconsin Tribal Housing Coalition meeting at LWRC with Red Cliff, Bad River and LCO Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Met with the Wis. UW Stevens Point Dean Christopher Cirimo and Greg Fishier regarding the Aqua facility December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Attended the Lac du Flambeau Economic Development Summit with Brian Goodwin on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at Shakopee Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> with SMSC Tribal officials and staff with Chairwoman Rose, Diane Peterson, and Marvin Defoe on behalf of the Tribe. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> attended the Taylor Woodstone pre-bid meeting with civil earthwork bidder. Also attended the Supportive Housing meeting at Red Cliff Housing. Met with Cottingham & Butler Health Insurance Company along

with Chairwomen Rose and Diane Peterson and Clinic staff. Phone call pertaining to the Baby Veronica case and the decision to support lies with the Governor who has until Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> to support or not. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> rescheduled meeting with Paulette Gordon, NATOW and Council at VFW. Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> Attended the Prescription Drug and Synthetics conference at LWEC set up by Chief Bill Mertig with many staff in attendance. Every week we meet with Law Enforcement, Executive Director of Gaming and LWRC's GM for updates and concerns.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve Vice Chair's Report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

### **PLANNING/RANDY HELLA**

Added the transit system, received word there is new and discretionary funds to apply for; we are eligible for discretionary funding. The transit system has proven to be very successful with ridership in April of 1541. Ridership includes rides from Sand Bay and the Settlement it's getting harder to respond to these services in a timely manner. We will have to explore options or get another bus etc. Discussed.

Submitted an application for the Community Farm of \$34,195 and were awarded \$20,000. Other funding through ICDBG for the farm is pending and will hear something in the fall. The health clinic has \$750,000 appropriated, \$12 million loan from SMDC and a potential award of up to \$300,000 from IHS and \$75,000 from Otto Bremer for additional dental equipment. We submitted and received \$39,500 JEM grant from the State Dept. of Tourism as a result of the Scenic Byway, also Wis. Coastal Mgmt. for \$7,500 to \$10,000 for the same initiative.

Negotiations are being worked on with the Town of Russell and Bad River to accomplish getting a tower in Red Cliff. Brian was contacted by a Bad River rep regarding a potential joint venture which could construct a tower for service. Who would pay for it?

Klas Robinson completed Phase I of the analysis and Phase II needs to be conducted after analysis by the Tribe and Business Boar regarding the old IVC area. The Board will be having a meeting the end of the month on what it looks like and discuss options such as a gas and C-store. Checked out a floating gas facility online that is self-contained for the marina, the only thing is the ice in winter how to keep it from being crushed. Also looked at pumping at the marina and the cost. Discussed the fishing dock and cost, a decision can be made later; the Fishing Committee will go through all of the options etc.

Working on expenditures on the monies from Shakopee regarding pow-wow grounds etc. there are approximately \$133,024.12 funds remaining. The 2012 SMSC grant has been initiated with funds left to spend on the community center/library and youth center. The Tribe was recently awarded another \$750,000 funding for projects affecting the casino.

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

## **CFO/DIANE PETERSON**

This is the last day of her first year here and she has been busy in the accounting with retraining of the staff for transition of duties from her being Sr. Accountant to CFO in Nov. and doing performance reviews for all staff. She has been working on migrating work from her computer to the CFO office computer. The audit of 2005 had an audit finding and due to that they are assigning new numbers each year for easier tracking of program accounts. Traveled to Lac du Flambeau to conduct a fiscal review of GLIFWC as a sub grantee. Reconciled ending Tribal Balance from FY2011 audit after meeting with auditors. Coordinated financial review with Mark Ehlers to analyze current state of casino audits. Reverted to QuickBooks until migration plans are better planned. Attends Division meetings and others, also monthly reporting to Council on finances.

## **DIRECTOR OF TRIBAL OPERATIONS**

### *Health Clinic/Patty Deragon-Navarro:*

Patty has been busy with construction meetings, FFE's etc. Signing of contracts, site visits by Bemidji on Health audit, HIPPA, making recommendations on policy and procedures etc. Carolyn Gouge' handled the contract health audit. Last Quarter reported for the Annual Report and attended, meet and greet of new people. Working on awareness of cancer in women and later will be including a men's program.

### *Human Services/Deb Morris*

The Food Distribution and parking lot was redone in October. Received \$70,000 from Otto Bremer in Dec. and private funding of \$45,000 monies were split. Started a Food Share Program which is done monthly. The Food Shelf has a kitchen and finished plumbing with hot water also has a toilet. Angie Defoe started in March and her hours have been expanded to Wednesday and Thursdays from 10 - 1 pm. It's a challenge to keep it filled with food; we are putting in a walk in cooler and a gas range along with a new floor. The TANF program is using a new program which is proving very helpful in reporting time on case management, tracking etc. One of the challenges right now is with non-medical transportation, the contract with the Dept. of Health ended in February for transportation. DHS policy change in Sept. affects fall and winter months no local traffic for hospitals and lodging in Duluth and elsewhere for dental and special cases. Affordable care act concerns on changes on the community feel the impact with different health care on Medicaid changes in the system will see what the State has in store. Statewide and Tribal communities need help where to go and qualify, need a Tribal navigator for the Tribes- Income Maintenance etc. to meet reservation basics.

### *Family Service Division/Betty Kerr for Lynne Basina*

The Richard Gurnoe Villa has a potluck occurring monthly as a social event on the first Wednesday of each month. Child Support staff facilitated a survey to elders on child support program at the elderly feeding and assisted elderly in filling out the survey for code development. All staff attended the Annual report and used this time to provide program information and receive community input through surveys to identify community needs. Title 4E plan on foster care targeted case management for third party billing. A meeting was held with the State Division and GLITC to do that and will start shortly when in place. Title 4D Child

Support received verification in January from the WI Bureau of Child Support to all Counties that Red Cliff Tribal members no longer are charged birthing costs. Alternative types of custody arrangement from different State and Tribes. Anticipate final draft of Codes in July to the Council. The Youth Dept. with Tribal Law Enforcement hosted Street ball Live Tour at the Bayfield School, they presented an AODA and gang prevention lyceum to the school, played a game with Red Cliff and other activities. Brought Tribal youth to the Northland College for the annual pow-wow. Hosted an Activities Day with Mole Lake, Red Cliff at the center on 28<sup>th</sup> of March. Worked in collaboration with the Health center, held the Easter Extravaganza at the Youth Center. The Violence Against Women Act finally passed the House of Representatives this bill impacts Indian women. Assisted clients with resources for rent, security deposits, disconnect notices, helped clients sign up for classes from LCO. The program has Red Cliff transit passes available. We are having parenting classes. The Makwa House will undergo renovation to meet requirements of security and compliance with IRS and SS rules, estimate has to be in by Friday. The Division continues to provide Family Pool passes coordinated by the Youth Dept. Working with MOU with the New Day Shelter and it was sent to legal. Program had a concern with the lack of funding available for ICW with the closing of the CIA grant which supported the program. Title IVB plans are to set up respite options for the community and perhaps pay for a family therapist or case aids. We will be hiring a DV legal/victim advocate and implement a multidisciplinary CCR team.

#### *Law Enforcement/Bill Mertig*

The Ambulance and Fire Departments need volunteers, training is expensive, has to be a dedicated and committed person to be a Volunteer. Law Enforcement First quarter went well. Linda Barnes has assisted with applying for a CTAS grant for funding. Second quarter had 370 calls 16% less than last year. This is due to the support of the Council and the community coming forward which is a huge step for Law Enforcement. Officers have completed several trainings that include radar certification, death investigation, child interview techniques and advanced building entries. Red Cliff has joined a Special Resource Team (SRT) created by the Native American Drug and Gang Initiative, the team consists of Officers from all the Tribal Police departments and is used when requested. Red Cliff already responded to assist St. Croix in a methamphetamine search. We should hear something in mid Sept. on the CTAS grant if funded for a three year program. I assisted the Red Cliff Little League with the purchase of uniforms for 3 teams. Discussed the MOCK Crash that was recently held, people were unaware it was a training event. Discussion on Housing calls, it has improved by Housing actions and the community coming forward to Law Enforcement.

#### *Housing/Mike Babineau*

We've been busy with tenant issues, complaints, misc. activities, maintenance problems and snow plowing. Provided tax assistance to 146 families and brought in \$248,394 to members. Lot of them caught up on their rent etc. Staff is worked on our tax credit and updating information from last year to resubmit rehab tax credit application. I attended many meetings even in Madison on tax credit information. Dennis and I met with Don Richards from Richards Mgmt. Co. from Ironwood Michigan to discuss having them manage our 4 unit apt. buildings. It would be better having them manage it than Housing and they are willing to train our staff.

There was discussion on rehab of housing units and expense.

*Treaty Natural Resources/Chad Abel*

The American Pine Martin were here in the 1920's and 1930's but disappeared when logging began. Chad has taken some photos of the American Martin out at Point Detour which has a lot of cedar and hemlock, that's their habitat. It's being researched. The Fisheries put 27,000 brook trout into Lake Superior. The guys had ice training on the lake this winter. Larry Balber, Tribal Historical office working on cultural ground development on Madeline Island. Economic Air Quality, all reports in the packet. There is kids fishing (ECC) tomorrow at 10:00 am, poles will be provided.

Deb Morris stated the Food Share in on Saturday starting 10am; volunteers should be there by 8 am to unload the truck. They will have meats such as chicken, hamburger etc. this time.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve all Reports. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

**POLICE COMMISSION**

Joe Gustafson and Carl Butterfield were present to explain the problem they have getting a quorum for their meetings. They hold meetings every other month and still have a problem. There is a vacancy for alternate for the Commission, they also need a Secretary. Discussed. Laura J. Gordon will follow up on the vacancy and email Joe. They haven't received any complaints from the community.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve Report. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

**UTILITIES COMMISSION/ROBERT BEAR**

The Commission has 5 members and 1 alternate and has been having meetings. The Ordinance needs to be updated. Discussion followed on the problems with water and sewer, meters, maintenance, utility building and costs, rates etc. and who is responsible for all these things. WIS CAP is helping the Commission and they have a lot of expertise and experience in working with Tribes. Discussed payments, who are responsible for paying the Tribes bill, they are behind as are other individuals. Tribal Chairperson will check on this tomorrow. Bob is looking into the history of water and sewer, how rates were determined etc. who approved it, but has found no documentation on it.

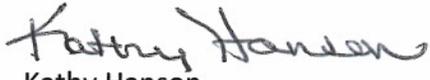
Dennis Soulier moved to approve Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to proceed to move forward with the New Clinic project and to also install a temporarily road. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

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

Adjourned: 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Kathy Hanson  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council