

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 2013

4:30 p.m. at the Red Cliff VFW

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 4:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

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: Kurt Tucker, Midwest Professionals; Diane Peterson, Red Cliff Tribal CFO, Accounting Staff and Larry Balber.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Marvin Defoe.

AGENDA

Jeanne Gordon motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

RED CLIFF TRIBAL AUDIT

Kurt Tucker from Midwest professionals presented the FY 2012 audit report.

Less than a dozen audit adjustments were found, which was described as a great improvement. In previous years, there had been up to 150 findings. All FY 2011 findings have been fully resolved.

There was only one reportable finding. A small remodeling contract with Bayfield Construction was in violation of the Davis Bacon Act. This act requires that all businesses pay local prevailing wages on public works projects. The accounting department tried its best to get this resolved. Bayfield Construction could not provide the required documents. Kurt described this as a "less than material finding" and this audit still qualifies as a clean audit. To prevent this in the future, all contracts will include a stipulation regarding the Davis Bacon Act.

The Salazar land claims settlement was a great boost to deficit and allowed the Tribe to be "in the black" for the first time since the 1990s.

The Tribe is eligible to apply for "self-governance" funds thru BIA after having 3 clean audits, this year can be counted as year one.

The Red Cliff Pharmacy was described as one of the best for their record keeping and inventory.

Kurt recommended that the Tribe monitor budgets regularly, lower spending and find ways to reduce loss from In-direct Cost.

Diane Peterson credits this successful audit to the hard work of Desiree Livingston and Lisa Bissell-Farrell.

A short discussion was had on the TERO tax and tribal sales tax as potential revenue. The Tribal Constitution does not allow taxation of Tribal members. If a sales tax is ever considered, it should not affect tribal members.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas Audited Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2012. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

BAYFIELD SCHOOL DISCUSSION

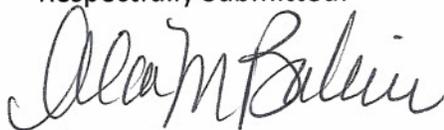
Rose Soulier asked that a community listening session be scheduled regarding the school issues as soon as possible. The meeting will be held at Legendary Waters on either June 21st or 27th. We will need 3 moderators, Larry Balber agreed to help. Rose asked the Council to email her tomorrow regarding the date and names of potential moderators. Marvin suggested that clear rules be stated to those attending. The chosen moderators will decide on the format of the meeting.

The Bayfield School Board would like to meet with the Tribal Council but it was decided that a meeting will take place after the community listening session.

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

Adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council