

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

## SPECIAL MEETING

Red Cliff Tribal Council Inauguration

July 18, 2014

11:00 a.m. at Legendary Waters Grand Ballroom

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 11:00 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Quorum

### OPENING PRAYER

Opening prayer and words by Carolyn Gouge.

### WELCOME

Chairperson Rose Soulier welcomed the community to the ceremony and asked Cindy Garrity, Election Board Chairperson to give the official results of the General Election.

Cindy thanked the Election Board for their hard work and dedication to the process. She also recognized the work of Kathy Hanson. Two of the candidates had asked for a recount and the recount was completed on July 11, 2014. The official results of the recount were:

#### *Vice Chairperson:*

Nathan W. Gordon, 216

Bryan Bainbridge, 224

#### *Secretary:*

Mercie A. Gordon, 186

Laura Gordon: 255

#### *At-Large Members:*

Lawrence "Larry" Deragon Sr., 95

Jeanne Gordon, 158

Misty Nordin, 74

Marvin Defoe Jr., 154

William J. Basina, 28  
Christopher D. Boyd, 152  
Ruby Basina, 46  
Anthony (Antone) Basina, 133

Cindy also encouraged community members to sign up to be on the election board in the future.

Rose Soulier recognized Nathan Gordon for his work the past two years as Vice-Chairman and presented him with a gift. She asked if he would like to make one last motion before he exits his position.

Nathan Gordon moved to designate the day of the Swearing-In ceremony is held a tribal holiday, allowing staff the day off, to include Clinic staff. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Bryan Bainbridge asked the Council to accept his resignation as At-Large member.

Marvin Defoe moved to accept Bryan Bainbridge's resignation. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. (1-abstention Bryan Bainbridge) Motion carried.

Joanne Peterson was eligible for appointment to the vacant At-Large seat but had declined.

Dennis Soulier moved to accept Joanne Peterson's declination. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to order a Special Election in light of the fact that Joanne Peterson has declined the appointment and the constitution does not make provision for a successor, ordering a Special Election and immediately soliciting candidates for the At-Large position. Also, setting the date for the Special Election for Friday August 15, 2014 and setting the deadline for candidates for Friday August 1, 2014, with posting on Tuesday August 5, 2014, and temporarily suspending RCCL sec. 32.8 (a). Seconded by Steven Boyd. (1-Contrary Marvin Defoe), (1- Abstention Nathan Gordon). Motion carried.

#### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Judge Don Gurnoe and the newly elected Tribal Council members Jeanne Gordon, Laura J. Gordon, Bryan Bainbridge and Marvin Defoe recited the Oath of Office. Each new Council member signed their oath. Time was reserved for photos and comments.

#### **COMMENTS BY NEW COUNCIL**

Laura J. Gordon and Jeanne Gordon thanked the community for their support and are willing to help community members in any way they can.

Marvin Defoe acknowledged the other candidates and wished Nathan the best of luck in his future endeavors. He also congratulated the newly elected Council members. During this term he would like to focus on bettering life for the elders of the community.

Bryan Bainbridge thanked Nathan for his service and his hard work. He promises to try his best to make changes to benefit the community. He also thanked his family for their support.

**HONOR SONG**

Rob Goslin sang an honor song for the new Council.

Dennis Soulier moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

A feast was provided to the community.

Respectfully Submitted:



Alana Babineau  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council