

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 30, 2013

8:30 p.m. at the Red Cliff VFW

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rose Soulier at 8:30 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

Rose Soulier, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Absent

Marvin Defoe, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Steven Boyd, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Tim Kane, UW-Extension Office, Facilitator, Division Administrators, Diane Peterson, Red Cliff CFO, Dave Ujke, Red Cliff Attorney, Kevin Lien, Legendary Waters GM, Randy Hella, Red Cliff Tribal Planner

### AGENDA

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

### REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF 2013 TRIBAL PRIORITIES

Tim Kane talked a bit about when he was here two (2) years ago, he mentioned that almost the same people here today as back two (2) years ago.

Marvin Defoe brought up in discussion about setting some short term goals.

### Review and Discussion of 2013 Tribal Priorities with Division Administrators

Bayfield County UW-Extension educator Tim Kane facilitated a review and discussion of the Red Cliff Tribe's 2013 top seven priorities. Comments made and questions raised during the review of each priority are noted below.

#### 1. Poverty – Economic Development, Jobs Support and Direction for the Red Cliff

##### Business Board.

- How to measure economic development progress?
- Develop a data collection system for Red Cliff reservation.
- Collect data on unemployment, poverty level, number of persons on food stamps, etc.
- Also track growth of businesses on the Red Cliff reservation.
- Short term goal to develop a data collection system for the Red Cliff reservation.

#### 2. Space Needs – Heath Center, Library, Community Center, Early Childhood, ECC Child Care and Administration Space.

- Construction of new Community Health Center underway.

- Will free up office space in old Community Health Center building.
- Need for doing an office space needs assessment and setting priorities.
- Determine both present and future space needs.
- Public Works Department has a facility management plan for infrastructure and buildings.
- New consultant has been retained to prepare a business plan/fundraising plan for a new community center/library building.

### **3. Substance Abuse – Serious Drug/Crime Problem, Prescription Drug Problem and Alcohol Substance Abuse Problem.**

- Alcohol and drug-related crime has declined on the Red Cliff reservation in recent years.
- Need a crime statistics tracking system to measure trends and significance of crime on the Red Cliff reservation. Are things improving, staying the same or getting worse over time? Is progress being made?
- Synthetic drug use was mentioned as a growing problem.
- J.C. Moon store in Ashland was cited as an outlet for synthetic drugs.
- The Red Cliff Tribe has adopted an ordinance outlawing and making these synthetic substances illegal on the Red Cliff reservation.
- Need to publicize and promote awareness of the Red Cliff Tribe's ordinance outlawing synthetic drugs on the reservation.
- Need for cooperation between the Divisions to deal comprehensively with the substance abuse issue.
- Developing an action plan to address the problem was cited.
- Need for additional mental health and AODA counseling and treatment resources.
- Importance of training on structured family intervention.
- Value of peer education on historical trauma.
- Finding things for kids to do.

### **4. Land Base – Need to Increase Land Base for New Housing.**

- Need to increase land base on the Red Cliff reservation, not just for new housing.
- Acquisition of commercial parcel of land on the Lake Superior shoreline.
- Frog Bay land acquisition was cited.
- Seeking 1,000 acres of Bayfield County Forest land within the reservation boundaries.
- Looking at some off reservation lands too.

### **5. Educational Funding – More Educational Funding for Training Tribal Members, Including K-12, Post Secondary, Training Future Leaders.**

- Suggestion to broaden the priority to "Education," and not just limiting to "Educational Funding."
- Experiencing education program funding cuts.

- Federal sequestration cuts have resulted in layoffs in the Education Division.
- Need voice advocating for Federal education funding.
- Grant funding and ECC program.
- Putting set asides for educational scholarships from Divisions.
- Having requirements that persons taking training commit to stay with a Division and/or tribal government employment; agreements for this; develop a tribal policy.
- Native Employment Works (NEW) grant program could include an education component.
- Look at the overall educational needs in the Red Cliff community.
- Conduct a comprehensive education needs assessment. (This was already done.)

**6. Debt Service – Develop Financial plan for Debt Service Reduction.**

- Update the debt service management plan.
- Current debt service is financing: USDA-loan funded water and sewer, the casino/convention center/hotel and the new community health center clinic.
- The new casino is not currently generating a profit to provide a revenue source for the Tribe.
- Plans to make the casino profitable with a new general manager, new marketing manager, and new food and beverage manager.

**7. Capacity Building – Sufficient Staff, Funding, Space, Time, Equipment and Training to Provide Services to the Tribal Membership.**

- Elderly Center expansion.
- Reentry Program grant.
- Office of Violence Against Women grant.
- Both the above grants have a cultural component.
- Red Cliff will have its own Child Support Agency with 5 or 6 employees.
- Targeted Case Management permitting billing for services.
- Coordinated Community Services Program includes Native approaches.
- Title 4E children in need of case management services.
- Rehabilitating existing housing.
- New four-plex apartment being constructed.
- 47 new housing building sites will be available.
- New pump house.
- Parenting project funded through the Apostle Islands Community Grant Fund.
- Red Cliff wellness curriculum will be used.
- Growing own food efforts through household and community gardens.
- Community kitchen project.
- Red Cliff Dollar Bus transportation service.
- Housing needs/demand.
- Supportive Housing effort to help meet housing needs.
- Review the education and training needs assessment that was previously conducted.

### **2014 Priorities**

The Tribal Council member were asked if these seven 2013 priorities were still priorities for 2014, and they agreed with the following modifications. Changing priorities number 5 and 6 as follows:

#### **5. Education – Comprehensive Look at the Education and Training Needs in the Red Cliff Community.**

- Including support for increased educational funding.
- Need to define education.
- Review the education and training needs assessment that was previously conducted.

#### **6. Long Range Financial Plan – Develop a Long Range Financial Plan for the Red Cliff Tribe.**

- Including debt service management.

### **Short Term Goals**

The following six **short term goals** (to be accomplished within one year) were also developed and approved by the Red Cliff Tribal Council.

- 1) Develop a data collection system on employment and other economic health-related measures for the Red Cliff reservation.
- 2) Annually conduct a local population Census for the Red Cliff reservation.
- 3) Division Administrators and the Tribal Council will hold a join meeting on the substance issue on the reservation with plans for holding a community forum on the issue to follow.
- 4) Broadcast and promote the Red Cliff Tribal ordinance banning synthetic drugs on the reservation.
- 5) Conduct a needs assessment of tribal office space needs and set priorities.
- 6) Relocate the FEMA house trailers now on the old Isle Vista Casino site to housing sites.

Bryan Bainbridge moved to adopt the 2014 top Priorities. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

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

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the **Resolution 7/30/13A** pertaining to approving the Execution, Delivery and Performance of documents in connection with a loan from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Limited waiver of Sovereign Immunity; Adoption of an Arbitration Law applying to the loan; and Other Matters. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to reduce the Indirect Cost Staff to 32 hours a week until September 30, 2013. Discussion this is due to the under recovery and other items in the IDC budget. Seconded by Steven Boyd. Motion carried

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Conforming Resolution **7/30/13B** pertaining to the Synthetic Drug. Discussion Dave Ujke will put one together and then it will be sent out to all Council Members and the Division Administrator for input. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to add Mining Issues to the 2014 Priority List. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to have Diane Peterson to continue on overseeing Legendary Waters Resort and Casino Accounting Department. Seconded by Steve Boyd. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

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

Adjourn at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Laura J. Gordon  
Red Cliff Tribal Council Secretary