

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 2011

4:30 p.m. Bingo Hall

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

### ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Jim Pete, Absent

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Joanne Peterson, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Robert Bear, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Mark Montano, Director of Tribal Operations, David Ujke, Tribal Attorney and community members. Jim Pete is out of town for the week. And a welcome was given to the new Council members.

### OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Frank Montano.

### AGENDA

Take #9) Accounting policies and procedures off the agenda. Add under Other: Update on TANF program. Marvin Defoe moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

### COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

George Newago announced there were 5 of the 11 kids who got medals at the Indigenous games in Milwaukee and they plan to have a small celebration for them soon. He will let everyone know when it is.

### CASINO REPORT

Jeff introduced Mike Malone who is working with the casino and marketing on advertising. Rachel Lamarkin is the new Marketing Director. They gave a presentation on what they are doing for the casino. Mike gave a presentation on what his firm is working on for the casino with billboards, brochures and directional signs. Rachel is working closely with the Bayfield Chamber of Commerce and the Bayfield businesses. Also a branding iron with LW (Legendary Waters) on it was passed around and this will be used on steaks served in the new restaurant.

Marvin Defoe moved to go into Executive Session for the Casino Financial Report with Tribal members. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Casino report and financials. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

### **COMPLIANCE REPORT**

In her report is the closing procedures for the current facility and opening procedures for the new casino. Carol attended a meeting with the casino management going over things, discussed checklists and things that were overlooked, financials up to date from accounting with breakdowns etc. The facility license was signed and approved by the Gaming Commission for a three year term. Attached are the Forensic procedures with forms in the event there is a malfunction on the floor of a jackpot and hope that it is never used. A phone call was received from Fond-du-luth, they have the same system we use and want to buy it when we move to the new casino. The auditor approved was Roe and Meyer who will perform the audit for IVC (Isle Vista Casino) in one and half months of the new casino, also looking at a three year contract. Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Compliance report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

### **GAMING COMMISSION**

The audit finding has been taken care of. The Commission plans to meet bi-weekly until everything is settled down with the move to the new casino. Someone should be on site part time to handle daily activities that Carol should not handle etc. There will be a new key system installed in the new casino, where if a person walks out of the casino with the key, an alarm will go off.

Laura J. Gordon moved to approve the Gaming report. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

### **CASINO HOTEL UPDATE**

The budget is on soft costs only, the conference center is close to being finished, the pool won't be finished. The marina shop will not be done until next year. Costs spent on the pow-wow grounds was \$31,000, the fencing and other stuff was taken off the \$71,000 figure. Ron invited the new Council members to stop by and see him with any questions. Discussed the dock, the dredging, rocks, dock repair was finished. Question asked about the excursion boat stopping at the marina for new casino. Ron stated they should come see him. An updated presentation was presented on the new casino with a video and pictures by Taylor Woodstone. Discussion if anything breaks down, under warranty for the first year, call whoever installed it. Books will be left on equipment also will be doing some training to the maintenance staff.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **AUDITOR RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation from CFO Charlie Eaglestar was to contract with the firm PTI. Auditors should be changed every 3 to 4 years; Mid West Professionals have been here for 13 years.

Marvin Defoe moved to rescind the motion hiring Mid West Professionals for the audit. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to go with the CFO's recommendation for PTI for 1 year with the option for extension of the contract. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

#### **CAMPGROUND RIGHT OF WAY**

George Newago stated there are monies to do the Campground right of way and it needs to get it done. Discussed the back section this will not affect it. The work is being done according to the BIA survey.

Brian Bainbridge moved to table Resolution and discuss at the retreat. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

#### ***NEW BUSINESS***

#### **TENANT ASSOCIATION**

Linda Lamoreaux stated the last meeting was cancelled but they do intend to have one this Sunday July 24, 2011.

#### **BINGO HALL PROPOSALS**

The Business Board proposes to act as an agent and provide input to the Council the best reuse of the current site.

Proposal for use by William Mertig from the Police Department, they need more space and it was a finding by the BIA.

A proposal from Carmen VanderVenter from the Education Department for a college outreach and a community meeting space.

A proposal from Carol Cameron for Surveillance Compliance, Police and casino to use the space.

Jeff Gordon stated they will need space for storage, slot and surveillance labs. Discussed. Robert Bear moved to leave the bingo hall to the casino and the casino will determine who utilizes it. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried. Jeff stated they will work on a plan.

Marvin Defoe moved to accept the Business Boards proposal to look at a plan. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

#### **CHAPTER 11**

Discussed the proposed changes and charging \$50 for burning. Marvin Defoe moved to approve posting Chapter 11 for 30 days minus the \$50 fee. Seconded by Brian Bainbridge. Motion carried.

## **CHAPTER 12**

Changes are for Land Use process which is replaced in Chapter 37. Jeanne Gordon moved to post Chapter 12 for 30 days. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

## **CHAPTER 37**

Implement for posting. Marvin Defoe moved to approve Chapter 37 for posting for 30 days. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL POLL OF 7/8/11**

Marvin Defoe moved to ratify Council poll of July 8<sup>th</sup> regarding roads purchasing a tractor. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL POLL OF 7/11/11**

Mike Gurnoe moved to ratify Council poll of July 11<sup>th</sup> regarding assisting the Butch Kruse family. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL POLL OF 7/13/11**

Jeanne Gordon moved to ratify Council poll of July 13<sup>th</sup> rearing USHPS/Indian Health Service MOA Project BE-11-G34. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

## **DESTROY BALLOTS**

Joanne Peterson moved to destroy the 2011 Primary Election ballots. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

## **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Rick went over the changes to the Employee Handbook with the Council. Mike Gurnoe moved to approve recommendations, eliminate the section following lists and correction. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

## **MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT**

George Newago stated the present Agreement has expired and he had talked to legal on it, needs a new Agreement. Mike Gurnoe moved to waive the Procurement policies on bidding and posting. Seconded by Brian Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Joanne Peterson moved to enter into a new Agreement. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

## **OTHER**

## **TANF UPDATE**

There will be a shortfall in September of 2011; discussions have been with Bayfield County and the off reservation people living in Bayfield County can apply. With the new casino opening

hopefully people on TANF will be hired there. The TANF program will be for people living on the reservation only.

Laura J. Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Joanne Peterson moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to deny the Certificate of Rehabilitation for Joe Wilburn. Seconded by Brian Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Robert Bear moved to draft a letter of reprimand to the Gaming Commission and that they understand their responsibilities. Seconded by Brian Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Marin Defoe moved to hire Des Livingston with Tamara Deragon as alternate for the position of General Ledger Accountant. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. 1 abstention (Brian Bainbridge). Motion carried.

Brian Bainbridge moved to hire Dale Nelson for the position of Compliance Officer. Seconded by Robert Bear. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to hire Daniel Blake for the position of Residential Treatment Coordinator. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

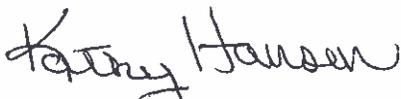
Jeanne Gordon moved to hire Sheena Poch for the position of Child Care Teacher. Seconded by Robert Bear. 1 abstention (Laura J. Gordon). Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to hire Eugena Mertig for the position of Home Base Teacher. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to hire Beth Dahl for the position of Early Childhood Teacher. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried. Adjourned: 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kathy Hanson  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary  
Red Cliff Tribal Council