

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

August 23, 2011

3:00 p.m. Legendary Waters Conference Center

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Joanne Peterson, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Jim Pete, Present

Robert Bear, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Quorum

In attendance: Mark Montano, Director Tribal Operations, David Ujke, Tribal Attorney and community members.

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

Robert Bear moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Jim Pete moved to offer the position of Human Services Administrator to Rebecca Benton. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Hand vote, 2 for, 5 opposed. Motion defeated.

Robert Bear moved to offer the position of Human Services Administrator to Deborah Morris. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. 2 opposed (Laura J. Gordon, Jim Pete). Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony performed by Frank Montano.

AGENDA

Under "other" add New Health Center project team discussion. Marvin Defoe moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Rose Soulier stated this is the first time ECC has received a perfect review, only 10 to 12 received this throughout the US. The staff did a good job, keep up the good work.

Indian Summer Festival in Milwaukee is being held from September 9th through the 11th. Tickets are available at the Tribal office. If interested please see Jeanne Gordon.

A concern was expressed regarding Blueberry Road being very dusty and there are a lot of individuals speeding. Chairperson Rose Soulier stated something will be done with the dust and the other concern will be given to the Red Cliff Police Department.

Do-it-yourself Home Funeral & Natural Burial Seminar, September 10th, 9 – 4 p.m. at the Tribal room at Legendary Waters Convention Hall. Pre register with Deacon Roger Cadotte at 715-234-5044x4401 or Jim Pete at 715-209-3859 by September 5th, 2011.

Grand Opening of the Legendary Waters is being held on September 16, 2011 with an opening prayer, speakers, etc. starting at 10 a.m.

Thank you card from Patty Peterson family for burial expenses and plant.

A concern was expressed regarding the holes in the road at Old Housing and how bad the playground looks there. The concern on playground will be forwarded to Joe Bresette and the roads department will be contacted to patch the holes.

Question asked if there will be a softball tournament and a concern was expressed regarding an old trailer by the big scoreboard being an eye sore and it should be removed. There will be a follow up with Tim Gordon on it. Legendary Waters is sponsoring a softball tournament on the 3rd and 4th of September. Still have openings for men's and co-ed teams, if interested please contact Rachael Lamkin at 715-779-9433.

TRIBAL INSURANCE/PETER WELLS

Peter is from the Cottingham & Butler Insurance Company and gave a presentation on self funding insurance by this company. They recommend implementing the Auxiant Insurance program, by moving to this product Red Cliff will save \$5,683 monthly. If Auxiant Insurance is approved it will go into effect September 1, 2011.

Jim Pete moved that the Tribe enter into a self funded insurance plan funded by 3rd party administration to take effect September 1, 2011. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

CASINO REPORT

The Isle Vista Casino/Legendary Waters financials will be available at the second meeting in September. Jeff had staff with him to answer any questions on the opening of the new casino. Met with 16 local vendors and Carolyn Hamilton had ordered products from all of them.

Chairperson Rose Soulier thanked the casino employees on behalf of the Council for all the hard work and hours that were put in the facility.

Question asked if selling cigarettes and are they tax free. Jeff stated they will be sold at the same price at Buffalo Bay and Petersons. They have to be taxed due to the Tribes agreement with the State.

Chris Livingston, Slots Manager gave a presentation regarding the machines and the problems with some of them and hopes to have 300 ready for the grand opening. He has a much larger staff at this facility compared to the old one.

Denise Carlson, Table Games Manager stated the table games felt work is awesome and they will be shown in a catalogue, we will get advertising from it also. The black jack chips are beautiful also with Legendary Waters logo on them. Denise is currently training individuals as dealers for the crap games. There was discussion on a situation with tables and a new dealer. Surveillance was not notified and only had one individual working that night. The situation was resolved immediately.

Bill DePerry, Hotel Manager stated that people love the new facility and he was giving tours of the hotel etc. Most of them stated they will be back. Question asked about the problem with the window in the bathroom, Bill stated it was taken care of.

The pool will be completed by the end of the month. Question asked if the pool and exercise room were for patrons only. Jeff Gordon stated yes due to a letter from the insurance company it is not for public use. Jeff will submit this letter from the Insurance Co. to the legal office and have Dave Ujke check the language in it.

Question asked if policies and procedures for slots and others were different with the move to the new facility. Slots are working on procedures with the change of the system. Majority of the departments will stay the same with exception of the craps game. Discussion on local arts and crafts. Message was received and local art will be in the gift shop.

Cindy Garrity suggested casino staff should have an appreciation day for all their hard work in getting the new casino up and running. Jeff has a 15 member management team he works with for any questions, comments etc. Larry Gordon, Manger on Duty stated the opening went well. We had a few bumps and bruises, but he talked to the customers and solved most of the problems. Larry suggested at the next Management meeting he is going to suggest a teen dance for our youth in the conference center.

Rachael Lamkin, Marketing Manager is making sure by advertisings etc. that we are Red Cliff not Bayfield. Rachael also stated that they will set up charters or whatever their patrons need; a list is available at the front desk. Later there will be a stationary place for all information.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Carol Cameron stated they had problems with emails for a bit. The move was larger than expected. The MOD's (Managers on Duty) were a great help and everyone pulled their share. Carol Gordon and Dale Nelson assisted Carol in testing all the gaming boards. Carol Cameron would like Susan Lockette and NIGC invited to the grand opening. Carol is to see Jeanne with address's etc. Invitation was extended to the Council to check out the new Surveillance room. There is a need for training on both sides. Everyone came together as team and it was awesome.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Compliance Report. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT

Thomas Jeffords is not available. Carol Gordon had a letter for discussion in Executive Session at next meeting. Marvin Defoe moved to table the Gaming Commission Report and hear the concern in Executive Session. Seconded by Robert Bear. Amend motion to read table the Gaming Commission report and bring this concern back to the next meeting. Second concurs. Discussed, Gaming Management would like a copy of the letter. It will be shared with Jeff. Motion carried.

CASINO/HOTEL UPDATE

Ron Jack presented an overview of the budget it is not final yet until all bills are in. We are staying within the budget and have not had to ask Shakopee for any extra funding. The punch list and wish list are being worked on. This will be on going for a month and half yet.

Doug Niesen from Taylor Woodstone stated they appreciated the honor of building this casino for Red Cliff in such a short time. Employment for locals was kept at 72% and Joe Gordon is an asset to the community and that they appreciated him working with their company. Close out was on August 10, 2011 and the warranty will starts for one year from this date. In one year they will come back and do a walk through for any repairs. The pool will be completed by the 30th of August. A concern was expressed regarding the driveway and how cars with boats coming in and out, the way its set up its dangerous. Doug suggested getting a traffic engineer to look at it and make recommendations for any changes. It was built the way it appeared on paper.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter 17 Changes

Dave Ujke went through the last round of revisions on Chapter 17 with the Tribal Council and there were some discussion. Marvin Defoe moved to accept recommendations. Seconded by Robert Bear. Motion carried.

Reconciliation Pow-Wow Funds

Demetri and Marvin Morris were in attendance representing the Pow-Wow Committee. Chairperson Rose Soulier stated there was a balance of \$1733.38 in their account after all bills were paid. Demetri stated community members and the Committee would like the pow-wow kept where it is and that it is good business for the casino. It was suggested a meeting be set up with the Pow-Wow Committee, Church, Tribal Council and Casino Management to discuss this issue. Demetri to set this up and let Marvin know.

Marvin Defoe moved to accept the Pow-Wow Report. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LEASES

Joanne Peterson moved to approve the Resolution **8/23/11A** for voluntary cancellation of residential lease of Charles L. and Zelma Mitchell at Little Sand Bay. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Resolution **8/23/11B** for residential lease of Lynna Gurnoe at Little Sand Bay. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. 1 abstention (Mike Gurnoe). Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Resolution **8/23/11C** for residential lease of Jennifer L. and Gary Krueger on Acorn road. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Resolution **8/23/11D** pertaining to the Tribal Historic Preservation Program. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/IHS

Joanne Peterson moved to approve the Resolution **8/23/11E** pertaining to participation in Section 813 of the Indian Health Care improvement Act, through the IHS contract. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/NCAI

Joanne Peterson moved to approve the Resolution **8/23/11F** pertaining to NCAI membership with Delegate Rose Soulier or alternate Marvin Defoe attending. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

NAT'L PARK MAINTENANCE FACILITIES

Brian Goodwin and Jeff Benton presented a proposal from the National Park Services for options on developing the maintenance facility. Discussed. An assessment study will be done first and brought back to the Council for options. Robert Bear moved to go ahead and move forward with the assessment. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Committee is looking for direction on how to proceed with the Constitution. Consensus is to go through it section by section and to leave this as a standing item on the agenda. Laura J. Gordon is the Council representative on this Committee.

NEW HOUSING ROAD PROJECT

Jeff explained they received two bids: Angelo Luppino Inc. at \$120,805.97 and Northwoods Paving at \$122,566.26. Marvin Defoe moved to go with the lowest bidder of Angelo Luppino in the amount of \$120,805.97. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL

Jeanne Gordon moved to ratify the Council poll of **8/8/11** waiving primary residence for the last FEMA trailer home. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

RATIFY COUNCIL POLL

Marvin Defoe moved to ratify the Council poll of **8/1/11** pertaining to a grant proposal for Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

ETHICS POLICY

Consensus was to put this on the agenda for the next meeting, Council to review and forward questions or comments to David Ujke.

OTHER

Chairperson Rose Soulier stated we need 5 members to serve on a project team for the new Health Center. Bring back to the next Council meeting.

Linda Lamoreaux asked if Jim Pete gave the Council a summary on the elderly meeting. Yes they received memo on it and it will be followed up.

Robert Bear moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

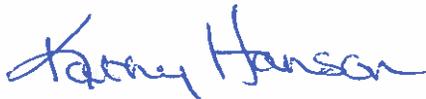
Mike Gurnoe moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to go with Ed Sindelar for the position of Public Works Administrator. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kathy Hanson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council