

Regular Monthly Council Meeting

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August 2, 2010

6:00 p.m. Bingo Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Present
Marvin Defoe, Present
Laura Gordon, Present
Dennis Soulier, Present
Mike Gurnoe, Present

Larry Deragon, Present
Jeanne Gordon, Present
Ray DePerry, Absent
Jim Pete, Present
Quorum

In attendance: Randy Hella, Planner, Dave Ujke, Tribal Attorney and community members. Ray DePerry is out of town at a NASHDA Conference. There is no citizen of the month since no nominations were received.

AGENDA

Larry Deragon moved to approve. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony was performed by Frank Montano. A moment of silence was observed for the Tom Bear family.

MINUTES

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve minutes of July 5th, 2010. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve minutes of July 20th, 2010 as corrected. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruby Basina read a letter she prepared regarding the TANF program and the letter they received that they would be temporarily closed due to no funding. Families are going to be cut off by this. I needed glasses and couldn't get them at Red Cliff. I owe MMC 3,000 just for co-pays and can't afford it. For school this year you need to get this big long list of supplies and, I can't afford them. The education department can't supply them. This is a hardship on her, she only receives \$600 a month and she is surviving on poverty. A recommendation in the letter stated to go to the W2 program in Washburn. We have a Social Services Board what happened are they ignoring it? We are supposed to be self determined, if needy step up and do it; I will bring my bills to you. Need to take action.

Lynne Basina presented a concern regarding Elders being advocates for the court system, A letter was received which states, the elder can no longer be an advocate. This rule should be changed immediately; it's an insult to the elderly.

Our Tribal elders can advocate because of who they are. Don't take this as a personal matter. You cannot advocate unless you take a test for the bar? Whose rule is this? I don't know. Then a non Indian person should pass a culturally sensitivity test. You make the laws, appreciate it do something about it. Discussed.

Marvin Defoe received a call on Friday the main issue was advocacy and its role in Tribal Court. Brought up some good points and it warrants further discussion and research on it. The call was from an attorney asked the same question if have to pass the bar before you practice here.

Jim Pete asked for a determination on what is an elder, there are different ages mentioned for some things such as the casino its 50, elderly 55 or disabled etc.

Tribal Chairperson Rose Soulier read a memo from Camille Boyd due to lack of funding, review papers turned in no work participation. Recommend W2 in Bayfield County. We have been on the phone to the regional office and Washington DC for ARRA emergency funding, our request is on the appropriate desk for signature, and once approved we can access funds within 72 hours.

Carolyn Gouge' stated programs should collaborate with each other to meet the needs of individuals.

Lynne Basina also stated the Food Shelf has no food people can't get rides to get help they don't have a lot of money and can't pay for gas. Bayfield tells you go to Red Cliff. She did get a hold of someone who will check on it and is suppose to call back on Monday. There is a food program in Superior but we have to pay for it by the pound.

Dennis Soulier gave figures on the TANF program and how it has gone up especially the last three years. The TANF program started in 1996 funding has not gone up on it.

Laura Gordon stated her or Holly are available to get what food is there all you need to do is contact them. It is closed and needs to be restocked but there is some food there.

Curt Basina presented a concern about garbage he is tired of picking it up every time he goes out to Wolf camp, Eagle Bay, Raspberry. Whoever is doing this please pick up after yourself when using these places. The game wardens also carry bags for any garbage and pick it up. A notice will be posted on Channel 7 regarding this, fine for littering.

A thank you card was read from James and Linda Shelly thanking everyone for their hospitality with a place to stay at the campground and the food at the Gary Bonney funeral.

CHILD SUPPORT PRESENTATION/LISA SCHWARTZ

Lisa presented an outline of what has to be done to get this program. There is funding in the amount of \$500,000 for two years for startup can be used for comprehensive planning. Currently Lisa has a staff of nine people. Red Cliff would probably need six staff members depending upon cases. 45 CFR 309.6 lists the elements needed to get this program going during the start up phase. Red Cliff has some Codes of Law already even if they are not approved you have them in draft form and they can be worked on during the start up phase. Lisa is available to assist any time we need her.

TREASURER MONTHLY REPORT/DENNIS SOULIER

Discussed various parts of the report. The Tribe has a total budget of \$39,435,871.23 (programs, third party monies, grants etc.). Question asked if education monies have been set aside for students starting school. This will be checked on.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve Treasurer Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON

Report is for the months of April, May and June and will touch on the summary. We received the news that the Prescription Drug Monitoring bill passed and other bills we supported were the Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance bill and the Mascot/logo bill. Provided testimony at the DNR public hearing opposing the new dock application located within the reservation, we have not received a decision on this. Meeting with Great Lakes regarding fee trust issues, the agency is making changes to make the process more effective.

Rose participated in a conference call with State Officials regarding the Medicaid transportation change to a broker. We also sent a letter to the governor asking that we be exempt from the new system and be allowed to continue as we are. We have not received a response. This will be in effect starting in April.

Rose participated in a site visit of the Frog Bay land with the Bayfield Regional Conservancy, our staff, Mike Follis Wisconsin Coastal Mgmt. program official and other State officials. The application has been sent to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency for funding consideration and we will hear by November.

Listening sessions for April and May, didn't schedule for June due to schedule difficulties. We are getting more participation.

Haven't had meetings of the Education Collaboration Steering Committee. The School board appointed members when they reorganized after their election. When Charlie resigned, Chair asked Larry Deragon to sit on the Committee. Intent is to get back on track.

Also attended meetings with Tom Ranfranz, Ron Erickson etc. in meeting with Shakopee leadership on our loan request.

Participated in conference call regarding our Library, the contents were inventoried and everything will be boxed and stored. Future plans are to reopen when adequate space is found.

Rose also had meetings with Wisconsin Ojibwe leaders on issues in common and wants to get the Ojibwe Tribes together in the future. A meeting will be held Thursday at 10:00. Meeting with Business Board and a company called Comprehensive Computer Consulting and want to explore a relationship with Tribe for securing federal contracts under section 8(a) program.

Jim Pete moved to approve Chair's Report. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Apologized his report was not in the packet. Attended several gang meetings with Bayfield County, Court, Law Enforcement, and School to address these issues in the community, August 7th is the next meeting, in service training on September 7th in the County on gang issues.

Coordinated the Business Boards first meeting set on July 23rd with a full Board. An agenda is being developed for the next meeting. A discussion will be held at the retreat on August 13th on which projects Council would like us to work on.

Update on pow-wow grounds across the street, looking for funding to move it.

4th meeting attended of the leaders, Thursday, 10 am at the Courthouse.

GLITC Meeting at Bad River to discuss the Asian Carp in Michigan. Attended GLIFWC and Voigt Task Force meetings the next one is in Bay Mills in July.

Question asked about Chief Buffalo pipe. Tentative date is set for September 30th for community.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve Vice Chairman's Report. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MANAGER REPORT

Chair informed everyone Jean Behr is no longer here in Red Cliff, not here to answer any questions. Jim Pete stated he liked her format it was easy to understand.

PLANNER

Press release went out today to Channels 10 and Fox 21, from the Shakopee wire services others will pull it like Ashland Press etc.

We are losing a good worker, Don Corbine he will be leaving with his wife for she has new employment at Fort Snelling. He is going to go back to school.

Mark and I have been working on creating a public works department incorporating functions under it, still in development.

Jeff has been working on IHS and we are closer to getting two ambulances with four wheel drive etc.

Clinic design has been completed, presentation at Council level on August 17th, it will take some time. The budget is approximately 10 million. Community will be informed on the 16th notices will go out on this. Need to find more funding.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve Planner's Report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR OF TRIBAL OPERATIONS

Larry Deragon moved to approve Report. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

HOUSING REPORT

Larry Deragon moved to table Report until the retreat. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

POLICE COMMISSION REPORT

Interim Police Chief Mark Pope and Ray Defoe have resigned. Hired Matt Earls as an LTE Officer He has 10 years experience working in DC, and has background with intercity youth and problems. Tom plans to resign from the Commission and will stay on as an investigator/Administrator, feels it would be a conflict of interest. Held interviews for Chief of Police on July 30th. Person recommended to be hired has 18 years experience, and lots of connections with other agencies. Posted for two full time Officers and will keep Earls on and hire another, with the Chief that's three full time and two part time officers.

Planning a community gathering to introduce our Officers, will invite the Sheriff's and the DA office. Swearing in for Matt, Tom will be done by the Chairman of the Police Commission.

BIA did a thorough investigation of the department from the top to the bottom and will report in 3 weeks. Tom is working on updating policies and procedures, and will use the BIA's for compliance. Tom intends to get cameras from Surveillance and put as many as they can up, especially around the Elderly building. Tom will bring something back at the next meeting on this. When Mark was in DC, he found a one time funding for anything we need for \$100,000 that could be used for investigation vehicle with everything including crime scene software. On deaths the county steps in, until we become self sufficient the county will back us up.

Question asked about an alternate on the Commission. Ben Gordon was an alternate and he resigned. Do have a couple can check with, would like to use someone like Dick Williamson with all his experience but can't due to the Code. Regarding changes on Chapter 42, Tom will check on it, Mark and Nicky were working on it.

Tom sent memo out to Officers to get out of vehicles to check buildings, doors, windows. Found the Tribal office door was not shut completely. Tom thanked the Council for their faith in his ability to run the department and he enjoys what he is doing and it's headed in the right direction.

Jim Pete moved to approve Report. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

Tom showed a plaque to the Council from the State Patrol regarding the click it or ticket program.

OLD BUSINESS

REVISE RESOLUTION 6/7/10A/DENNIS

Worked on transferring some accounts have three 3rd party accounts for Fishing, Fire and Cemetery they have an option to stay with the Tribe or take over their own accounts. They can no longer use the Tribes tax ID number. Everything will be in effect by October 1st.

Larry Deragon moved to approve Resolution 8/2/2010A pertaining to banking needs of the Tribe. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

LEASES

Dennis Soulier moved to approve Resolution 8/2/2010B voluntary cancellation for Krystle A. Topping residential lease on Pike Road. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve Resolution 8/2/2010C voluntary cancellation for Timothy L. Hanson Sr. residential lease on Bresette Road. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Motion carried.

Larry Deragon moved to approve Resolution **8/2/2010D** application of Richard Topping Jr. for short term residential lease on Pike road. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried

Dennis Soulier moved to approve Resolution **8/2/2010E** application for Dustin Hanson and Thomas G. Hanson Sr. for short term residential lease on Bresette Road. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

MORATORIUM

Dennis Soulier moved to approve Resolution **8/2/2010F** Second by Marvin Defoe imposing a Moratorium on parcel of land previously leased by Father Kevin Gordon. Change wording in the last Further Be it Resolved and add for specific uses at their discretion. Motion amended, second concurs. Motion carried.

2001 BLUEBIRD BUS

No bids were received, ECC would like to contact companies that purchase busses and keep the price at \$4,000. Dennis Soulier moved to approve request. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

INSURANCE FEMA TRAILERS

Coverage is kept until they are moved off of Tribal property. Four trailers are left that belong to Mike Gokee, Sam LaGrew, Robert Poch, and Junior Gurnoe. They are working on their land so they can get their trailers moved.

DESTROY PRIMARY BALLOTS

Jeanne Gordon moved to destroy ballots. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

OTHER

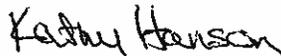
Larry Deragon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Laura Gordon moved to approve William Mertig as Chief of Police. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

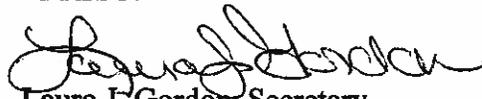
Dennis Soulier moved to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kathy Hanson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council