

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2010

11:00 a.m. Bingo Hall

Innovation and Opening Prayer performed by Rob Goslin.

Meeting called to order at 11:15 p.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Laura Gordon, Present

Larry Deragon, Present

Ray DePerry, Absent

Priscilla Williamson, Present

Quorum.

In attendance: Community members.

AGENDA

Add Kathy Hanson as Chair of Election Board for a report and Nathan Gordon with an Honor Song after comments. Dennis Soulier moved to approve amended agenda.

Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

ELECTION BOARD

Election Board results, we had a recount with numbers coming out the same on two individuals having votes that were close. Numbers were the same. We also had a challenge on the binding referendum. We have a membership of 4,321 members and for the referendum to be binding we needed 1,296 votes, therefore it did not pass.

WELCOME

Welcome given by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson. Welcome the elders and the community turn out for their support. Special thank you to Jeanne Gordon and Casino staff for organizing today's event. Welcome to the new Council members and Migwiitch to those going out. Migwiitch to Charlie Bresette for his years on the Council, he resigned a couple of months ago and Priscilla Williamson filled that position. The Council will be working together for the betterment of the community.

The Council recently went to Shakopee to meet with them and their membership they approved our loan for the new casino. We will be working in conjunction with Shakopee for a press release to come out regarding this.

JUDGE

Judge Don Gurnoe gave the Oath of Office to Marvin Defoe, Vice Chairman, Laura Gordon, Secretary and Jeanne Gordon, Jim Pete at large. Congratulations new Council members.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Laura Gordon: She looks forward to serving the community and making the best decisions for the Tribe.

Jim Pete: Honored to be here today and the privilege to serve for two years. He served as a member in 1982-1984 and there have been many changes but also some things are the same. He was present when the ceremonial pipe was presented to Red Cliff. This pipe was smoked by Chief Buffalo and the President of the United States. Jim asked that the community hold him accountable and also the others. We have an opportunity for the new casino and what it means for the future. The challenge on the referendum shows that change is needed for the constitution and we need numbers to do that. People need to come back and vote on issues.

Jeanne Gordon: Thank everyone for being Secretary the past five years. We have a challenge and a lot of work ahead for the future. Thank you for your support and I will do the best for you in the next two years.

Marvin Defoe: Acknowledge the community, elders here, children and staff. His mom and dad taught him to speak from the heart, live by the principles you can't go wrong. Rose indicated our announcement, I've seen the Council work together, communicate with each other. We had to talk to the community and tell Red Cliff's story. Marvin is grateful to serve as Vice Chairman and for our friend Philip Gordon who has done a lot for this tribe. Look forward to the next couple of years. Thank the community for their support, those who supported me and each Council member. There will be a feast and gathering to talk about the pipe Chief Buffalo smoked with the President. Migwiitch.

Mike Gurnoe: Congratulations everyone, had a good Council this year, there's excitement about the casino, housing with new project, and road construction. Congratulate everyone and know you will do your best.

HONOR SONG

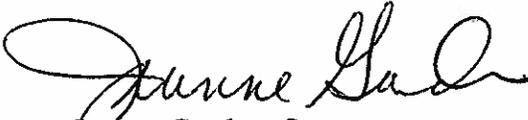
Honor song by Nathan Gordon.
Staff has the rest of the day off.

Dennis Soulier moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Pete. Adjourned: 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy Hanson
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Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Jeanne Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council