

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING RETREAT

October 18, 2012

8:30 a.m. at Legendary Waters, Buffalo Bay Grand Ballroom

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

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Present

Nathan Gordon, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Quorum

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Bryan Bainbridge, Present

Joanne Peterson, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Marvin Defoe, Present

In attendance: Mark Montano, Director of Tribal Operations, Division Administrators and community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bryan Bainbridge moved to approve the agenda to add Randy Hella at 11:30 a.m. in open Session to discuss the Shakopee Grant Proposal. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to amend the agenda to add three (3) Resolutions for approval. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening ceremony was performed by Marvin Defoe.

Nathan Gordon moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to go back into Regular Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON SIOUX COMMUNITY 2013 REQUEST

Randy Hella went through the proposal with the Council. Council had discussion on the request and will be taking some items out of the Casino part of the request and will be adding a request on Land Purchasing.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community 2013 request with the changes that were discussed. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve Resolution **10/18/12A** pertaining to authorizing the conducting of business with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Special Trustees. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve Resolution **10/18/12B** pertaining to authorizing the release of proceeds of Labor and Judgment Funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve Resolution **10/18/12C** pertaining to authorizing the Red Cliff Finance Department to withdraw the amount of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Proceeds of Labor Account and Judgment Award Account and deposit any and all proceeds into the Tribe's general account. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to ask Larry Balber to develop a team to design and to recommend the Pow-wow spend down projects to the Project Team. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Joanne Peterson moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Nathan Gordon moved to return back to Regular Session. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

Joanne Peterson moved to authorize Fiscal Year 2013 spending at Fiscal Year 2012 budget levels pending receipt of award notices from funding sources, for all programs that continue in 2013. This should include authorization for Tribal General Funds, Indirect Costs, and Facilities Management. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Tribal Chair read a email from HUD announcing that Red Cliff will be awarded 9 out of 20 FEMA trailers requested. They are coming from Pennsylvania, which is a different location than expected.

Planner Report

The Planners report moved up on the agenda. Randy Hella highlighted on a few points from his report. The new Transit system is going well with 363 riders in its first month. Kathy Barri and Jeff Benton have been driving due to turnover. The program will be conducting interviews soon for new drivers. A ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2012.

Applied to IHS support for 300,000 for new equipment at clinic, feels good about that grant.

Shakopee recently announced that Red Cliff will be receiving the loan for the new clinic; the amount will be adjusted due to the change in land size.

Klass Robinson will be here sometimes next week to start the analysis of the Isle Vista Casino site.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Red Cliff Tribal Planners Quarterly Report. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion carried.

Chairperson Report

Tribal Chair read the Quarterly Report aloud to the community. Tribal Chair highlighted the many day to day meetings with administrative and program staff. Also described the many meetings attended this quarter including: the Supportive Housing, GLIFWC, Apostle Islands Community Fund annual meeting, Non-Emergency Medical transportation Program and Logisticare forum.

Short discussion regarding Makani Power, a potential new business venture. It is a California-based company looking to set up in the area.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Tribal Chair's Quarterly Report. Seconded by Joanne Peterson. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Report

Nathan Gordon reads his report aloud to the community. He described the many meetings he had attended in the past three months and his experiences adjusting to his new position as the Vice-Chairman.

Marvin Defoe moved to approve the Vice-Chairman's Quarterly Report. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

Chief Financial Officer Report

Tribal Chair introduced Diane Peterson, as the new Interim CFO, Diane told community a bit about herself. The accounting department is setting priorities and planning. The Audit and year-end process are the current focus. We will be having a planning session with Kurt Tucker from Midwest Professionals on December 3, 2012 and the audit work will be done the week of January 7, 2013 and January 14, 2013, with a follow-up in the week of January 17, 2013. The accounting department will give presentation to Council when this is complete. After the audit is complete, the department will be working to maximize resources and employees.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Chief Financial Officer's Quarterly Report. Seconded by Nathan Gordon. Motion carried.

Director of Tribal Operations Report

Tribal Chair had asked that Mark Montano give a copy of the Tribal Interior Budget Council and related information to the Division Administrators. Mark Montano had highlighted a few points from his report.

A letter from NCAI for Tribal Council to endorse regarding federal discretionary funding. Tribal funding should be labeled mandatory funding not discretionary funding. Many potential cuts to discretionary funding due to the 2013 Sequestration.

Tribal Attorney requesting assistance of an additional attorney may include this cost in the IDC proposal for FY2013.

Tribal license plates are expected to be available on December 1, 2012. The cost of the plate will be same as the State rate. Only Tribal members that are living on the reservation will be eligible.

Red Cliff is first in-line to receive funding from BIA for Nation-building training from Harvard. Two scholarships were used to send Nathan Gordon and Brian Boyd to attend a conference in Arizona.

Discussion on Budget Control Act: Discretionary funding may be subject to 8% cut across the board. If congress does not come up with plan, budget sequestration will go into effect.

Division Narratives: Marvin Defoe asked for Directors to highlight key points of their reports. Education Division mentions the collaboration on the Truancy code. The Health Division discusses the new providers hired & cancer reporting system. Public Works Division describes the work that had been done work done at ECC & Bradum Development phase 2. The Environmental Division spoke of its outreach work including their newsletter, open house and summer youth program. The Housing and Protective Services spoke of the collaboration between the Tribal Council, Housing and Law Enforcement to reduce crime in Housing. Human Services Division is proud of the stop hunger program, food shelf and food sharing program.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Director of Tribal Operations Quarterly Report narratives and for the Tribal Chair to endorse the NCAI letter. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

A few points discussed on the financials. Laura J. Gordon suggests that programs work to prevent last minute spend downs.

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the Division Administration Quarterly Finances. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Police Commission

The Police Commission has dealt with two (2) complaints this quarter. Only two (2) commission members have been showing up to meetings. The Law Enforcement reported that there were 435 calls in 3 months with 37 arrests. New Housing has calmed down; Chief Mertig contributes this positive change to recent Tribal Council action and the Housing policy change.

Joanne Peterson moved to approve the Police Commission Quarterly report. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Utilities Commission

Has not had a meeting this quarter.

Housing Report

Mike Babineau was there to present the Housing report. They are still working on the Supportive Housing application. FEMA trailers are now eligible for Section 184 funding from Chippewa Valley but may see an issue with Tribes 14 day payment policy.

Budget revision has not yet been made to Housing Financial Report.

Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the Housing report as presented. Seconded by Bryan Bainbridge. Motion carried.

Laura J. Gordon moved to appoint Mike Babineau and Nora Cadotte to the Richard Gurnoe Villa Committee. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

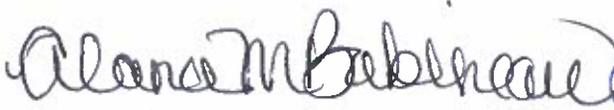
OTHER

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

Adjourned: 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

ATTEST:



Alana Babineau
Recording Secretary

Laura J. Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council