

# Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 2011

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, Absent

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Larry Deragon, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Ray DePerry, Present

Jim Pete, Present

Quorum

Also in attendance: Mark Montano Director of Tribal Operations and community members.

### Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremony performed by Frank Montano.

### AGENDA

Rose requested to add discussion on the North West Regional Planning Committee to agenda item OTHER. Dennis Soulier motioned to approve the agenda with this addition. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

### CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Citizen of the month for the month of March is Marvin Morris. Marvin was awarded recognition and a plaque.

### OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUSTEE INTRODUCTION – JEWEL TABER

Jewel Taber from the Bureau of Indian Affairs – Great Lakes Agency introduced herself as the interim employee for the Office of Special Trustee. She brought informational material for the Council and community members.

### MINUTES: MARCH 4, 2011 AND MARCH 7, 2011

Mike Gurnoe moved to approve the March 4, 2011 meeting minutes with corrections. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion Carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the March 7, 2011 meeting minutes with corrections. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motioned Carried.

### COMMUNITY COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Bear requested that the church parking lot get graded before Sunday services. Ron Jack said that can be done.

Bob Bear also stated that there is an abandoned automobile parked between the church parking lot and the construction trailer. He asked if this is a Law Enforcement issue. It was decided that it is a Law Enforcement issue and Larry Deragon will talk to Bill Mertig, Chief of Police, about it.

Bob Bear stated that there is a Pastoral Council meeting tomorrow evening and there will be a person attending that will be suggesting ideas on what to do with the church property (building).

Frank Montano mentioned that the Native American Music Association awards are still looking for a location to hold the event. He said with the new casino opening up that this might be a good spot to have the awards.

Laura J. Gordon reminded everyone to vote tomorrow, April 5, 2011, at the Town of Russell garage. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. She stated that if community members need a ride to vote that they can call the Tribal Administration building.

#### **TREASURER MONTHLY REPORT – DENNIS SOULIER**

Dennis introduced the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Charlie Eaglestar. Charlie talked about his experiences and stated that the accounting staff has been very receptive to changes and suggestions. He also stated that he would like to make the treasurer reports more tangible and would like suggestions from the council on what they would like to see in the reports.

Jim suggested that the Treasurer report should show the money the Tribe has in trust as well. Jim Pete moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.

#### **CASINO/HOTEL/EVENT CENTER UPDATE – RON JACK**

Ron stated that the casino will be “water tight” by the weekend. The gaming floor and event center will be poured this week. Dry walling on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the hotel has will also begin soon. There are 28 out of the 33 non-core members are all Native Americans.

Jim Pete asked what telephone/cable service will be used. Ron stated that they decided to go with CenturyLink. He said for cable, Charter seems to be the only option out there.

Ron Jack asked Bob Bear if a decision will be made this week regarding the church property.

Bob stated that no decisions will be made this week. Jim Pete stated that there was discussion last year about the equipment in the school building and asked if there have been any efforts into looking into this (kitchen equipment). Desiree Livingston from Property and Procurement stated that she will check into it.

#### **QUARTERLY REPORTS**

Ray DePerry motioned to approve quarterly reports A through H. Seconded by Larry Deragon.

Discussion: Larry Deragon suggested having a special meeting dedicated to the quarterly reports. Jim Pete stated that this would be a good time to discuss what information should go into the reports. Linda Lamoreaux (community member) stated that she would like to read the

reports. The Chairperson will work on scheduling a meeting in the evening, specific to the quarterly reports. Motion carried.

#### **RED CLIFF OUTREACH CAMPUS DISCUSSION**

A listening session was held on 3/30/11 regarding this topic. 28 people attended that listening session. Jim stated that the discussion was held to get input regarding the Red Cliff outreach sites physical move to the "old Dupont school" in Washburn and incorporating the Bad River outreach site to this location as well. Dee Gokee stated she was at the listening session that was held in Washburn where there were roughly 50 people in attendance. Dee said that a decision will be made by the end of this month and she had requested that they contact Rose right away once a decision is made.

Dennis Soulier moved for the Chairperson to write a letter to LCOOCC stating the displeasure the Council has in the move. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Discussion: the input documentation from the listening sessions should be included in the letter. Motion carried.

#### **FEMA MOBILE HOME INTRODUCTION & GUIDELINES/RESOLUTION – SUSIE BEAR**

Susie requested approval of the guidelines to reflect the changes in dates. The homes will be moved from Arkansas to Red Cliff on April 26, 2011. The suggested dates to submit applications for the homes are April 28 – May 9, 2011. Application selections are requested for May 11, 2011. And the deadline to have the funds available is May 25, 2011.

Larry Deragon moved to approve the guidelines to reflect the new dates. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion Carried.

Jim Pete moved to approve the Procurement Waiver. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Discussion: This waiver will be contingent upon legal review. Motion carried.

Larry Deragon moved to approve resolution **4/4/11A** pertaining to authorizing the Red Cliff Tribe to obtain a short term loan. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon.

#### **BIDS ON THE 1997 SKI DOO SNOWMOBILE**

There are 3 bids:

1. \$162.00 – Mark Duffy, Red Cliff
2. \$175.00 – Raymond Hill, Glidden WI
3. \$339.99 – Shane Dalbec, Maple WI

Larry Deragon moved to approve the highest bid of \$339.99. Seconded by Ray DePerry. Motion carried.

#### **ELECTION BOARD COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

There are 5 applications:

1. Cindy Garrity
2. Mike Gordon
3. Eugena Mertig
4. Edwina Buffalo-Reyes
5. Josh Gordon

The committee needs 7 members. Dave said 2 more need to be appointed 30 days before the prior to the election. Bob Bear and Steve Boyd were suggested as alternates.

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the Election Board applicants with Bob Bear and Steve Boyd as alternates. Seconded by Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

Jeanne Gordon moved to appoint Cindy Garrity as Chairperson of the Election Board. Seconded by Jim Pete. Motion carried.

#### **BUSINESS PERMITS**

- A. Grant Herman – Living Adventures, Inc. Dennis Soulier moved to approve. Seconded by Ray DePerry. Motion carried.
- B. Louis Carlson – Northern Wind Adventures. Larry Deragon moved to approve. Seconded by Ray DePerry. Discussion: It was questioned if Louis will need a license to operate a boat. Dave Ujke stated he can have a business permit but that doesn't mean he doesn't have to follow regulations. Jeanne Gordon voted Contrary. Motion carried.
- C. Craig and Sharon Locey – Thimbleberry Inn B&B. Dennis Soulier moved to approve. Seconded by Mike Gurnoe. Motion carried.
- D. Naomi Bressler – Naomi's Hair Care. Dennis Soulier moved to approve. Seconded by Ray DePerry. Motion carried.

#### **TERRITORY SALES CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

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

#### **RATIFY POLL VOTE FOR DOCK (PIER) APPEAL**

Dennis Soulier moved to approve the hiring of Spears, Carlson & Lindsey to represent the Tribe in the Dock Appeal. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

#### **OTHER**

##### **Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRCP) Discussion**

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission submitted and was awarded a grant (\$1M) for a toxic waste collection site that included Red Cliff. The Tribe had no knowledge that we (Red Cliff) were included in this grant and did not grant permission to be included. The Tribal Chair stated that she is very upset with this because the commission should have come to the Tribal Council requesting Red Cliff's involvement in this. The Tribal Chair will draft a letter to the commission, which she handed out to the Council, voicing "concern and disappointment over NWRPC's failure to consult with the Tribe." It was suggested that the Tribal Chair CC the funding source as well.

Ray DePerry moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

Larry Deragon moved to go into Regular Session. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. Motion carried.

There may be a scheduling conflict for one of the Tribal Council representatives in the ECC mediation on April 13, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Dennis Soulier volunteered to be an alternate.

Larry Deragon moved to approve Dennis Soulier as an alternate Tribal Council Rep. in the ECC mediation. Seconded by Ray DePerry. Dennis Soulier abstained. Motion carried.

Larry Deragon reminded the Tribal Council that the Health Board would like to meet with the Council sometime in May. Laura J. Gordon stated she will work on scheduling this.

Dennis Soulier moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Pete. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Edwina Buffalo-Reyes  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon  
Red Cliff Tribal Council Secretary