

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewas

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2011

4:30 p.m. Bingo Hall

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Rose Soulier, Tribal Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Rose Soulier, Present,

Marvin Defoe, Present

Laura J. Gordon, Present

Dennis Soulier, Present

Mike Gurnoe, Present

Larry Deragon, Present

Jeanne Gordon, Present

Ray DePerry, Present (4:35 p.m.)

Jim Pete, Present

Quorum

Also in attendance: Randy Hella, Tribal Planner, Mark Montano, Director of Tribal Operations, Charlie Eaglestar Chief Financial Officer, Tribal Division Administrators and Community members.

Opening Ceremony

Marvin Defoe did an opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

Add under executive session (b) Gaming/Regulatory Compliance Issues. Jeanne Gordon moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dennis Soulier. Motion Carried.

Old Business: Quarterly Reports:

Chairperson:

Rose went through her report and attended the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes meeting in Washington DC. Rose also participated in many conference calls set up through the, White House with administration officials dealing with the Cobell decision, affordable health care and Lets move into Indian Country.

Attended several meetings one with Kevin Fitzgibbons about the FEMA trailers, attended a couple GLITC meetings, one in Lac Du Flambeau and one in Madison. The meeting in Madison occurred after the state budget was released. Met with Vice Chairman of the Shakopee Nation, their CFO and their Tribal operations staff. We had a request in for a grant since January and were able to discuss this with them. They informed us that they would bring the request forward to their Business Council.

Attended a meeting with Chairmen of the surrounding townships Mayor of Bayfield, County Officials, Park Service Superintendent in January to discuss and work together to improve the cell tower/capacity and have since sent a letter to the FCC asking for their assistance.

Attended another meeting with the Library Committee, continue to meet with the Police Chief and Gaming Manager every Monday morning. Heard from NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency) regarding The Frog Bay Tribal National Park.

Vice Chairperson:

Marvin Defoe touched on some highlights in his report with the weekly meeting on the new Legendary Waters Resort Casino/Hotel, meeting with the Business Board also attached the meeting minutes, Pow-Wow, FEMA Trailers, Fishing Committee, Service Providers meeting, attended a Midwest Alliance Sovereign Tribes impact meeting in Washington DC, attended a MAST meeting which he was elected to serve a two (2) year position as Vice president of GLITC Board of Commissioners. Met with Shakopee Vice Chairman, CFO and Tribal operations relative to the 1 million grant request, and attended a Tribal Leaders meeting in Oneida.

Planner:

Randy Hella went thru his report and updated the council on what he has been doing; he talked about the New Health Clinic and has submitted various elements necessary to trigger the final award documents from HRSA for the appropriation. Also made a presentation to Shakopee for financing on the clinic, Shakopee expressed active interest in this project.

Randy is also involved on the casino committee in researching and projecting potential lodging and sales tax revenue associated with the new project, construction is continuing along on this project., has been meeting with the business board to develop and set priorities. Also has continued assistance with the Water and Sewer department.

Director of Tribal Operations:

Mark Montano gave a brief synopsis of significant activities that he has been involved with, the Annual Report to the Membership, Divisional Updates, Tribal/Interior Budget Council Regional Ranking, 1854 allotment taxation, TANF, 2011 pow-wow, Federal and State Appropriations.

Mark continues to try to address the many issues facing the Tribe and its members by evaluating the systems we have in place to deliver the services we provide to them. The Finance department is functioning well and has those results to demonstrate by the best audit in many years.

In August will have an update on the new License plates, also will be bringing back the FY-12 IDC to the Council.

Each Division Administrator presented their monthly report. There was discussion on having Special Council meeting to just do Quarterly reports that will occur four (4) times a year.

Red Cliff Housing Authority:

Joe Bresette gave his report and talked about what he has done within this quarter. The Housing has completed and is ready to readopt all significant policies of the Housing Authority the target date is March 2, 2011. The board has begun discussion on RCHA's operating policies, and is working on an extensive redesigning of the operating policies as they are in need of significant updates. One area that Housing addressed in all of the policy work that will be different is the self-monitoring assessment.

The Audit review is underway and will be engaged by Midwest Professionals to complete the annual agency wide audit, which is due by July 1, 2011. Housing hasn't received any new information, other than the ongoing budget discussions on the situation with the FY 2011 budget.

Joe has attended work sessions with the board; work with divisions/service providers. Joe has also talked about the VITA (The Volunteer Income Tax Assistant Program), this program is to provide federal/state refunds to community members.

HUD had provided Housing new formats for the IHP (Indian Housing Plan) and APR (Annual Performance Rate) which will go into effect this year.

Tax Credit Units – Housing has place 14 families into the Phase II units there is still 10 units that are open and will be filled upon completion. Phase II will close out at the end of the summer of 2011.

Joe mentioned that if the tribe doesn't get rid of all the FEMA trailers the housing is interested in 1 or 2 of them.

Police Commission:

There was nobody here to represent the Police Commission.

Utility Commission:

Bob Bear was there to present the Utility Commission report, he stated that they are still waiting for the shut off moratorium to be lifted (April 1, 2011) so that the commission can implement the arrears elimination action. Shutting off the services is the last step in the commission's plan.

There are four (4) steps that they will implement. Utility Commission is ready to implement their collection policy by the beginning of April 2011. Here are the steps Utility Commission will take to have the community pay off their past bills. 1) Payroll Deduction 2) Initiate a small claims court action 3) intercept their tax refunds 4) use debt collectors and 5) if all else fails, turn their water services off.

The Utility commission is still waiting for the Planning department to implement their part of the meter installation project before they can start billing according to the usage instead of the flat rate.

Discussion reporting format of future reports:

It was discussed by Council that if all the Quarterly report to reflect in the same format for example they way Randy Hella puts his report.

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Ray DePerry. Motion carried.

Dennis Soulier moved to go into Regular Session. Seconded by Laura J. Gordon. Motion carried.

It was agreed by Council to have Dr. Paco moved forward as a Consultant at the Red Cliff Health Clinic.

Marvin moved to direct Gaming Commission immediately to revoke Joe Wilburn's licenses. Seconded by Jeanne Gordon. One (1) abstention Larry Deragon. Motion carried.

Jean Gordon moved to have Shakopee, Henry or Milo come in and do an assessment of the whole casino operation. Seconded by Marvin Defoe. Two (2) contrary Larry Deragon and Jim Pete. Motion carried.

Larry Deragon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Pete. Motion Carried.

Adjourned: 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Edwina Buffalo-Reyes
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Laura J. Gordon
Red Cliff Tribal Council Secretary