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COUNTY-TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chris Boyd, *Tribal Council Chair*
Jeffrey Silbert, *Bayfield County Supervisor*

Rick Peterson, *Tribal Council Vice-Chair*
Steve Sandstrom, *Bayfield County Supervisor*

Dear Committee Members:

This letter is written to inform you of the Bayfield County Tribal-County Relations Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 9:00am**, this will be an **in person** meeting held at the Legendary Waters Casino in Red Cliff.

If you have connection questions Mark Abeles-Allison, mark.abeles-allison@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Public Comment
4. Motion to Approve Minutes of July 20, 2022, County-Tribal Relations Committee Meeting
5. Mental Health and Substance Abuse
6. Housing Program and Development Updates
7. Discussion Regarding Opioid Settlement; County, Tribal, and State Funds
8. Tribal County Zoning and Bayfield County Comprehensive Plan Update
9. Discussion Regarding DOT Thriving Communities Program
10. Other County Tribal Initiatives: Dispatch, EMS, Broadband, Lands
11. Items for next Agenda
12. Proposed next meeting time and date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 9am, Bayfield County Boardroom.
13. Adjournment

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mark Abeles-Allison

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Bayfield County Administrator
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cc: Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Bayfield County Department Heads

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MINUTES OF THE: **Bayfield County Tribal Relations Committee Meeting**

1:00pm, Wednesday, April 13, 2022

**Meeting was held in the Bayfield County Board Room, Washburn, WI
& Virtually via Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: *Supervisor* Jeff Silbert, *Supervisor* Steve Sandstrom, *Tribal Chairman* Chris Boyd, *Tribal Vice-Chair* Rick Peterson

Others Present: *Bayfield County Administrator* Mark Abeles-Allison, *Assistant Tribal Attorney* Wade Williams, *Bayfield County Public Health Nurse* Holly Weber, *Bayfield County Health Director* Sara Wartman, *Red Cliff Planning Administrator* Nicole Boyd, *UW Extension Community Development Outreach Specialist* Kellie Pederson, *County Board Supervisor* Mary Dougherty, and *Bayfield County Clerk III* Paige Terry.

Called to order at 1:03 p.m. by *Tribal Chair* Chris Boyd.

2. Introduction:

Chris Boyd – Tribal Chair

Jeff Silbert – County Board Supervisor District 6

Kellie Pederson – UW Extension Community Development Outreach Specialist

Holly Weber – Bayfield County Public Health Nurse

Sara Wartman – Bayfield County Health Director

Steve Sandstrom – County Board Supervisor District 1

Mary Dougherty – County Board Supervisor District 2

Rick Peterson – Tribal Vice-Chair

Nicole Boyd – Red Cliff Planning Administrator

Wade Williams – Assistant Tribal Attorney and Zoning Administrator

Mark Abeles-Allison – Bayfield County Administrator

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Motion to Approve Minutes of April 13, 2022, County-Tribal Relations Committee Meeting:

Motion by Silbert, seconded by Sandstrom to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022, County-Tribal Relations Committee Meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.

5. Tribal/County Housing Opportunities: UW Extension Community Development Outreach Specialist, Kellie Pederson, gave a history of the affordable housing problem in Bayfield County. Planning Administrator, Nicole Boyd, informed the committee that the tribe has been working on the tribe's land use plan and will bring forth that information to the county. The tribe is reviewing the current strategic plan for housing and is comparing how this plan overlaps the county's housing goals. Sandstrom

questioned if there were legal barriers that would prevent the two entities from collaborating on housing. Pederson stated that there were previous attempts at collaboration between the two entities and found that there were some incompatibilities between the two entities. Discussion took place regarding moving forward with collaborative efforts.

Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Silbert to authorize the Bayfield County-Tribal Relations Committee to form a Study Committee to explore the possibility for housing collaborations between Red Cliff and Bayfield County. Motion carried, 4-0.

Discussion regarding members of the study committee. The study committee members will be: Ray DePerry, Nicole Boyd, Mark Abeles-Allison, Kellie Pederson, Chris Boyd, Rick Peterson, Jeff Silbert, Steve Sandstrom, Wade Williams, and John Carlson.

6. **Lands Update, Tribal/County:** The committee discussed possible next steps that may be taken after the repatriation of lands to the Red Cliff Tribe are complete. Silbert suggested some modifications be made to the Lands MOU moving forward. Discussion regarding making changes to the MOU. The committee decided to add the review of the Lands MOU to a future agenda.
7. **Broadband Updates, Tribal/County:** N. Boyd informed the committee that the tribe has not yet heard on the status of an award for the NTIA application but is currently engaging in pursuing digital equity planning funding. The tribe is discussing infrastructure for broadband and cellular expansion. Abeles-Allison stated that the county is willing to assist the tribe in collaboration efforts to achieve broadband and cellular expansion. Abeles-Allison reported that the county did not receive any state funding for the submitted broadband projects for this round of funding.
8. **Substance Abuse and Mental Health, follow up from June 8 meeting:** Bayfield County Public Health Nurse, Holly Weber, gave a report on the county's mental health initiatives. The initiatives include a review team to review suicide cases and overdose fatalities to identify system gaps, the investment of a mobile clinic to provide the same services as the Bayfield County Health Department, and the ADRC's willingness to utilize their transportation services to transport residents to out clinics throughout the county. Weber informed the committee that she is currently working towards getting the coalition back together and is reforming the coalition as a prevention coalition rather than an AODA coalition. Weber reviewed changes being made to the process for handling cases of traumatized children. Abeles-Allison asked if there were any specific actions that the Bayfield County Health Department may need help coordinating with Red Cliff or vice versa. *Chairman* Boyd explained that the tribe is currently in a transitional period, but the tribe is applying for a grant that will fund similar services to the drug treatment programs provided by Bayfield County.
9. **CAFO Ordinance:** County Board Supervisor, Mary Dougherty, informed the committee that the Bayfield County CAFO ordinance is under revision and will be brought before the County Board for approval. Discussion regarding the impacts of CAFOs on Bayfield County.
10. **Future Joint Tribal / County Meeting Dates:** Tentative Wednesday, April 12, 2023
11. **Future Committee Meeting Date and Time:** Tentative, October 12, 2022, at 9:00 A.M., Red Cliff

Chairman Boyd extended an invitation to Sandstrom to attend the Tribal Council's next quarterly retreat.

12. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, *motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Silbert to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.* Meeting adjourned at **2:26 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

PAIGE A. TERRY,

Clerk III, Bayfield County Administrator's & Clerk's Offices

On behalf of the Bayfield County-Tribal Relations Committee

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