

August 2, 2016 Council Meeting

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS  
August 2, 2016, Tribal Council Meeting Minutes  
By Secretary Annette Ketchum

Chief Chester Brooks called meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. and asked John Thomas to pray. Assistant Chief Bonnie Griffith called the roll in the absence of Secretary Ketchum who arrived late at 6:55 p.m. Additionally, those present were Treasurer Benita Shea, member Michelle Holley, and member Nathan Young. Dr. Nicky Michael was absent due to a heart health matter. Ms. Holley made a motion that Dr. Michael be excused, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 6 Yes.

Chief Brooks welcomed guests. Guests and Employees present were LuAnn Hainline, Jean Lewis, Allan Barnes, Nancy Sumpter, Jacque McDonald, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Anna Pate, Carolyn Rowe, Steve Rowe, Jim Grinter, Cece Biggoose, Barbara Wallace, Bonnie Thaxton, Anita Mathis and Carson Virden. Joe Brooks reported on the need to treat the moss in the pond. Ms. Holley said NAG could help with this. John Sumpter asked why the minutes were no longer being printed in the DIN. This is a good question for Leslie Jerdens, DIN Editor. Titus Frenchman questioned the use of the land in Lawrence.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Ketchum announced that she had passed out the Tribal Court filing papers to petition the court to proceed with the election date to vote on Initiative Petitions 2016-01, 02, 03, asking for a vote to recall Chief Brooks, Ms. Griffith, and member Mr. Young. There is 17 days left to call for the election.

Ms. Griffith made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2016, seconded by Ms. Shea. Passed as written, 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

Reports

Tribal Manger Allan Barnes introduced our new employee Carson Virden, IT Specialist. Mr. Barnes reported the contract was finalized on the Lawrence house lease. The Enrollment Department enhancement project is progressing toward a mid-August completion. Fire King file cabinets have been ordered. To answer a question from the audience, Mr. Barnes reviewed that a visit by the Lawrence Group of officials was earlier this spring and that the planning grant committee is ready to interview five consulting firms. He said that Kansas University, Kansas State University, Haskell Indian Nations University, the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, the Chamber of Commerce, and USDA are all involved in the Lawrence Group. Other reports came from Mr. Sumpter regarding flooding in his home, and although it is a Mutual Help home and not a renter status, he is still concerned as to why the emergency numbers have not called him back. John Thomas, who is a renter, said the Housing Program responded to a problem with his air conditioning in a timely way. Mr. Frenchman said he is having a problem with getting the windows and shingles completed at his home. Mr. Thomas reported in writing

and verbally about the travel to Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey during the month of July, driving over 4,000 miles. Discussion followed.

New Business

Resolution 2016-43, to Authorize Contribution of Funds to Tahkox e2, LLC, was read and Ms. Griffith made a motion to fund Tahkox e2, seconded by Mr. Young. Ms. Holley asked why we need another \$10,000 for this business. Mr. Young said we didn't get 8(a) until January 2016. Chief Brooks said it needs to be capitalized and Jean Lewis, CFO, concurred that a new contract was starting and the funding is needed for payroll. Motion passed 4 Yes, 2 No. (Holley and Ketchum).

Resolution 2016-44, to Renew the Existing Aid to Tribal Government Contract for Period Beginning October 1, 2016, was read and Ms. Griffith made a motion to renew the contract, seconded by Mr. Young. Motion passed 6 Yes.

Ms. Griffith reported that the Tribe received a "clean" audit and we all applauded Ms. Lewis.

Adjournment motion was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Griffith at 7:00 p.m.