

Called to Order: 5:34

Prayer: Bonnie Thaxton

Attendance:

Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Councilman Nate Young, Councilwoman Michelle Holley.

Welcome guests.

Approve Agenda

Councilman Young moves to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Economic Development:

Tim Houseberg: Absent due to his attendance at the Reinsurance Conference. He sent in a written report.

Environmental Director Jimmy Johnson provides an update on Tahkox E2. He states we have confirmed that we sent an offer letter to our first employee in Guam. Waiting on Business License in Guam, which would affect our hire date. We have set up meetings with the Tribal Council, the 10-12th for our marketing team to provide an update.

This Guam employee will be doing a GIS vegetative survey on Anderson Air Force Base. Our contract is for 6 months.

Tribal Seal Ordinance:

Tabled from last meeting; remains tabled.

Titus Frenchman is recognized. He asks again about the land purchase for a million dollars in Lawrence, Kansas. Asks why the tribal members were not notified of this purchase.

Assistant Chief Griffith explains that we received two essay entries to the contest and none were local. The winner will be printed in the Delaware Indian News.

New Business

Resolution 2015-16: To Apply for the National Park Service Tribal Heritage Grant

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Delaware Indian News (DIN):

Deadline for the Delaware Indian News (DIN) is set for March 15th. Councilwoman Griffith states that Chief Brooks and she met with Chris Rush and the Examiner Enterprise quote will save us \$2-3 thousand in printing costs.

Councilwoman Griffith motions that the Examiner-Enterprise retain the printing service of the DIN.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Native American Women's and Men's Wellness Conference, March 22-25, 2015

Councilwoman Michael has been asked to present at the conference to talk about healthy lifestyles. They have waived her fee for registration in lieu of leading a wellness class.

There are funds available for the travel costs.

Jan Brown is recognized and states she feels that the conference should pay if they ask for a presentation. Councilwoman Michael explains that is not how it works at conferences. She is asked, on

average, 4 to 5 times a year and often turns them down. Only the keynotes are paid speakers. Conferences couldn't exist without people willing to present.

Councilman Young motions to pay for Dr. Michael's per diem and travel costs.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

6 in favor.

1 abstention (Councilwoman Michael)

Address Change:

Councilwoman Griffith explains the need for changing the official address from 170 NE Barbara to the 5100 Tuxedo Address. The Barbara address is down at the Wellness Center while the main building is up here at Tuxedo.

NAGPRA and Historic Preservation:

Oversight Committee is being established for the Historic Preservation.

Tribal Manager is seeking direction regarding whether to instruct the THPO to proceed with a Repatriation Grant. The Tribal Council states that he should proceed.

Child Support Grant:

We haven't heard anything but we have heard anything so under the direction of Councilwoman Michael, contacted Carl Ridge with the Administration for Children and Families. He replied affirmatively that he looked forward to working with the Tribe. That is positive news.

Mary Randall is recognized. She would like to have some direction regarding whether the Elder's Nutrition would be closed if the Bartlesville Schools are closed.

Councilwoman Griffith supports closing the Elder's nutrition program but feels the offices should stay open. The rest of the Tribal Council is in agreement.

Personnel Committee:

Recommends increasing the tribal minimum wage for the employees to \$8.50/hour. Federal is \$7.25.

Councilman Young motions

Councilwoman Holley seconds

All in favor.

Executive Session:

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

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Chief Brooks calls the meeting back to order at 7:02.

Councilwoman Griffith motions that if the cost is less to do the publishing of the DIN through Tim Hudson, then we retain him.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Michael asks when we can re-schedule the Grant Writing meeting, March 16th at 11 am to 1 in the Social Services building.

Councilwoman Griffith motion.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

Adjourns 7:17