

Called to Order: 5:35

Prayer: Mary Watters

Attendance:

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

Agenda:

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Minutes:

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve for March 3, 2015

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Economic Development:

Tim Houseberg states we are finishing the 8(a) application. Tribal Attorney, David McCullough is here today finishing putting together the documentation. Mr. Johnson, Environmental Program, and he are also completing the TERO application with the Cherokee Nation.

Hydroponics: preparing application for USDA grant. Met with Judy Snodderly in Miami, OK for possible buildings and she is assisting with letters of support from key local officials.

Titus Frenchman asks who and where will our primary workforce be drawn?

Mr. Houseberg explains we will use Delaware and then second tier is Indian preference of course and will have a training manual. No one will need to have a major degree but will pay a good wage of \$15-\$17/hour.

Mr. Frenchman urges the Delaware Tribe to perform a survey. Twenty-five years ago, he tried to do this with the Tribe after researching how other Nations attain their grants and funding. They have a survey done.

Resolution 2015-21: Telecommunications

Councilwoman Michael reminds everyone this is the resolution to allow telecommunications for Tribal Council meetings. She believes it will be tabled due to nobody doing any research.

Councilman Young motions to table the resolution indefinitely or until a motion is made to remove it from the table.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

Travel Policy

Councilman Young moves to adopt the travel policy.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

6 in favor.

1 opposed (Michael)

Update on lawsuits:

Councilwoman Griffith states that we heard back from Jenifer Pechonick regarding her motion to dismiss the case for return of her asset to the Tribe.

The one against the former Chief Pechonick for the case for a hearing on the "Five year employment contracts." Yesterday we heard back from the court to hold a "findings" hearing to be heard on May 30th at 1:30.

Donation:

Councilwoman Ketchum relays that there is an anonymous donor providing steps for the vans.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to accept the offer of the retractable steps for the vans. The Tribal Manager can work on arranging the details.

Councilman Young seconds.

Chief's Secretary Dana Murrell explains a visit proposed by tribal member Joey Richards. He was accepted into a prestigious program for Native Americans to D.C. called Inspire.

Councilman Young motions to invite Mr. Richards to the June 2, Tribal Council meeting.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

New Business:

Resolution 2015-27: To Authorize Submittal of the Cherokee Nation TERO Application.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Titus Frenchman asks if we can develop our own TERO certification process.

Councilman Young states we can if/when we have the money to do it. We would need a department and staff to process applications.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to strike Executive Session from the agenda.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha reports on his meeting with Indian Country Consultants regarding the child support grant totaling federal funds of: \$361,388.00. With our matching funds, the total budget is: \$401,542. Our approval was retroactive, however, this puts us seven months behind of reaching our goals. We laid down our action plan. He wants to assure the Tribal Council sanctions him acting in the capacity of Director until one is hired.

He will be attending two trainings within the next few months. Marsha Harlan recommended his attendance.

The city of Caney had a meeting last night to establish a larger water line and it would cut across our property. He believes it would be a good idea to meet with Mayor McClure of Caney, and let her know we will continue to be a good neighbor. If our trust application is approved, there would be further legalities.

He explained we had a security breach last week. We are continuing to develop those security measures with cameras set up in every office.

Finally, he states we have the flags at half-staff for Wayne Stull.

Councilman Young believes this is a good time to discuss a resolution to 2015-28 to acknowledge Wayne Stull's over a decade of service to the Delaware Tribe. He put in many hours for this Tribe without ANY compensation. We should say thank you.

Councilwoman Griffith adds that Chief Brooks is reading the Eulogy on Friday.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to prepare the resolution and plaque to be presented to Joyce Stull, Wayne's widow.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

Indian Child Welfare Act Hearings:

Councilwoman Michael explains that the BIA is conducting hearings for the Indian Child Welfare Act. The closest one to us will be in Tulsa on May 14th at the Marriot. We have an ICWA grant but it is not to intervene on behalf of tribal children, it is to support families of ICWA cases. That leaves us in a lurch as to actual proceedings. We had to sign off a non-intervention letter due to our inability to handle the case. The BIA is coming to us so we need have someone there. Chief Brooks requests that Councilwoman Michael attend. If Sasheen is available, that would be even better.

Councilman Young motions for Councilwoman Michael to attend the hearings and travel by use of her own vehicle.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Ketchum requests to wave the second meeting of the month and do all the business at the meeting in June.

Councilwoman Griffith disagrees.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to not hold the second meeting of the month.

Motion dies. Meeting will proceed as usual.

Chief Brooks plans to walk from the center to the powwow grounds after the meeting Tues.

Assistant Chief Griffith addresses the upcoming trip to the Stockbridge Munsee. July 22-25. Culture Preservation and Elders have sign ups. Setting up a June 15th deadline to assure all the details are worked out ahead of time.

Councilwoman Griffith explains that she will be attending the Child Care Conference in D.C. with Sherri Rackliff on May 19th. She asks for an excused absence.

Councilwoman Shea asks if we can recognize the graduates this year.

Councilwoman Michael agrees adding that in addition to Facebook, other Tribes do some ceremonial activities to recognize the graduates. This would be a good start and hopefully we can build more in the future.

Adjourns: 6:30