

Called to Order: 5:35

Prayer: Titus Frenchman

Attendance:

Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Secretary Nicky Michael, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Councilwoman Michelle Holley.

Treasurer Benita Shea is absent.

Agenda:

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve the agenda.

Councilman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

Financial Report:

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve pending audit.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Reports:

Tribal Manager

Mr. Zunigha is transferring over to the Child Support Director position but he's still covering previous duties until we find someone to place in that position.

We just finished our Housing audit complete. The Cherokee Nation sent their letter asking us for our responses to their "findings" and we should be able to close that out within the week.

He's working with the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club on the grant that we want to submit to Americorp.

The wellness therapy pool is closed. It will cost some money to fix it and we are evaluating the cost verses benefit.

The lifts have been installed in the passenger vans and they are all complete with the tribal seal on the doors.

Child Support Services:

The rest of Mr. Zunigha's time has been spent on Child Support Services in that role. He submitted a separate report on this.

The main portion is that I attended two very "powerful statewide and national" training conferences. The Tribes and federal agencies have been very supportive and understand that we were funded very late and catching up to implement a comprehensive program.

Councilwoman Michael asks if our program is going to be another Tribe that "copies" state child support, which is concerning due to the fact that tribal child support claims to be able to support Native children. Given this issue, what regulations are we going to be using?

Mr. Zunigha states that our codes are very similar to what the other Tribes in Oklahoma are doing. This issue did come up at the National conference. There are Tribes trying to assert their sovereignty and not just copying the state. He attended a policy development workshop. We have a set of policies that have been approved so that we can get the program underway, but we could use more input from Tribal Council and tribal values.

Councilwoman Michael states that another issue is that given a choice between state and tribal child support, the Tribes obtain a lower amount for the custodial parent.

Councilwoman Griffith wants to know why this happens.

Councilwoman Michael explains that she was shocked when she found this out. From what she found was that the Tribes do not include medical like the state.

Mr. Zunigha added that the state will not fully transfer a case and this impeded tribal programs.

There were additional questions clarifying the status between Tribal systems and states and then Judge Randall announces and invites Tribal Council members to the judges meeting next Tues the 24th.

NAGPRA/Historic Preservation Oversight Committee:

Titus Frenchman, Chair: Will be putting a slide show together from the 700 pictures he took on this trip he took. He started off in Lebanon, Ohio, where there was an earthworks group there. The meetings consisted of the Ohio and Mississippi Valley Mound Builders and the effort to declare the mounds as **World Sites**. He explained the importance of having our input in from having many declare us as the original, or oldest Tribes.

The next stop was Wheeling West Virginia at an archaeological round table along with state representatives. There was a good caucus of Native peoples there as well. Because a site had been discovered with human remains surrounded by what appeared to be Shawnee pottery, the Shawnee would take the lead for this site. Joseph Blanchard is the Absentee Shawnee representative.

They then went to Pittsburg, where a collection of some of our items were being held by Carnegie and took the items to Columbus.

Councilwoman Griffith asked about a web site that Brice and Greg developed.

Mr. Frenchman verified that indeed they did develop a site for their ability to identify and catalogue Lenape artifacts. He said that he thanked Dr. Obermeyer for not blasting the information nationwide but suggested that he is doing this work for the Tribe and we should have access.

He closed with the idea that we need to have more of a connection to learn from Dr. Obermeyer.

One other item he brought to the Tribal Council's attention was the National Endowment for Humanities grant. He turned it over to the Grant Steering Committee.

Other:

Mary Randall is recognized. She explains the process for finishing the Veterans pictures being placed in plaques and mounted on the walls at the Community Center.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to accept War Mother and Charles and Mary Randall to finish mounting the 37 pictures mounted in plaques and on the wall.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Titus Frenchman is recognized and provides information on the Cobell Scholarship program. Applications will re-open April next year. It's a need based scholarship and anyone, even if someone needs retraining, is encouraged to apply. Sixty million is the total.

Economic Development:

Jimmie Johnson reports on Tahkox e2. SBA responded to our 8a application. They had a list of 7 to 8 questions, which we responded and then we wait on them.

He met with the Cherokee Nation TERO and all the work on our sub-contracts are going well.

Chief Brooks provides a report on the trip to Washington D.C. We met with our Congressman Bridenstien and his Legislative Aid. We then met with Daniel Black and Daniel Smith from the BIA. We got the good news that yes, Allen Woodcock, Tulsa Solicitor, had sent his recommendation on Carcieri to Barbara Cohen and Scott Keep. The next morning we met with SBA. Chris James stated that if we hadn't heard from the San Francisco office, we would soon.

New Business:

Resolution 2015-34 Housing

Councilwoman Griffith motions to table the resolution due to the lack of including updated housing regulations previously voted by the Tribal Council.

Councilman Young seconds the motion.

4 in favor

0 opposed

2 abstained (Brooks and Ketchum)

Resolution 2015-35: To Approve Tribal Membership of Numbers 058499-058513

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve

Councilwoman Holley seconds

All in favor.

Resolution 2015-26: To authorize the filing of an Amended Articles of Organization for Tahkox e2 LLC

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve

Councilman Young seconds

All in favor

Councilwoman Griffith motions to allow the Enrollment Department to release the full mailing list to the Tribe for labeling the Delaware Indian News.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

Susan Cade asks when the deadline for the DIN is?

Councilwoman Michael explains it is always the 15th the preceding month the DIN comes out.

Titus Frenchman expressed his interest in being on the DIN Editorial Committee. He also is requesting a letter to validate his photos under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act.

Councilwoman Michael relays a request from Lenapeowski to utilize the vans for the youth to attend a stomp dance in Miami. There is a youth gathering there on the 18th. The consensus is that yes, the Lenapeowski can take the vans.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session.

Called to order 8:12.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to redirect the Child Support Services Director to begin immediately at the Caney offices. Any issues that can be diverted to the Chief or Assistant Chief offices will be

redirected to the appropriate office. His place on the Personnel and Grant Steering Committees are now vacant.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to hire Melissa Zanderville to overhaul our web site, emails, and calendar at the cost and any other electronic communication of \$5k.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

Sue Cade wants to know when this position was advertised.

Chief Brooks explains it is not a position, it would be a contract.

Councilwoman Holley explains Melissa has already developed our Tahkox e2 web site and it is very nice and up to date. We would like to bring our Tribal web site up to date.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Adjourns