

Called to Order: 5:38

Prayer: Curtis Zunigha

Attendance:

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

Absent: Nathan Young

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

Minutes:

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to approve as written.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Financial Report:

Councilwoman Shea motions to approve the financials pending audit.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

Councilwoman Michael asks to discuss Historic Preservation.

Councilwoman Shea explains that the CFO and she are working on a summary of the financials to provide an overview of what the expenditures are and what they are meant for in the various grants and funding sources.

1 Abstention (Michael)

Unfinished Business

Reports:

Tribal Manager:

Allan Barnes

July 13th began his position with an all staff meeting encouraging professionalism in representing the Delaware Tribe. He has visited with all the departments, including Chelsea Housing and the Lewis B. Ketchum Boys and Girls Club.

Child Support Enforcement:

Curtis Zunigha

Cleaning up and organizing Caney offices. Visited with the Tribal Judges and other tribal programs. He is working with the Personnel Committee interviewing the applicants for two positions. We are getting ready to submit the next year's grant. He has submitted his proposed budget to the Grant Steering Committee.

Tribal Historic Preservation Office:

Brice Obermyer

We have the Chambers collections ready for re-burial. All the remains and the objects that were with them are accounted for and we have submitted funding to NPS for NAGPRA repatriation. We will obtain \$5k per Tribe (total of 3 Tribes). We will use our trip to the Munsees as a good time to discuss this with the other two involved Tribes. Fifty-five sets of human remains and eighty-eight boxes in total

The reburial site is at Schoenburg, in Ohio and the cemetery is from the 1700s.

Councilwoman Michael asks if we are going to bury them under many layers of concrete in protection of them such as Water-gap or because this is a cemetery are we not going to do the same?

Mr. Obermeyer states that we will treat them as a normal burial site considering this is a cemetery with protections in place already.

Councilwoman Michael also asks is the cemetery and the remains are traditional Lenape or are they Christian and are we considering this in how we rebury them.

Answer: There is evidence of both and it may not be inappropriate to use the traditional markers if that is what the Tribe decides. It is unclear though to be certain if the burial was Christian or Traditional. If the head is to the east, usually, that Lenape was buried traditional.

Levi Randall: Cautions that he was told that those traditions were already done and we do not need to repeat those signifiers. But he also understands why Councilwoman Michael may ask that question because Schoenberg was a Christian Delaware place and traditional Delaware were not allowed in or around the converted. In that regard, maybe it is a good idea to separate them and I would agree with that.

The second issue Mr. Obermeyer wanted to ask for clarification on is the Section 106 fee structure. He says he went back through the minutes from April and saw that the motion was for \$1,000 for new construction and \$500 for existing construction. My report, however was asking about the fee for railroads and pipelines, which is "linear." We are charging \$500 per county. When the Caddo Nation Chairwoman provided training, she relayed the going rate is \$1000/mile.

Housing:

Councilwoman Shea has a question about the IHP (Indian Housing Plan). Mr. Ron Scott is not in attendance. CFO, Jean, addresses the question. We procured a 90 day extension to get our IHP. The performance report is due in two weeks.

Delaware Tags:

Councilwoman Griffith provides a mock tribal tag that we want to provide to the Cherokee Nation at our next meeting. This project was on hold due to the pending elections.

Levi Randall asks if we are going to receive any percentage of the revenue.

Councilwoman Holley explains that this has not been discussed or negotiated yet.

Both Mr. Randall and Charles Randall believe that regardless of whether we receive any percentage of the revenue, this is a really great for our tribal members and moral of our people.

Mr. Curtis Zunigha requests that we assure we are able to use our various Delaware cards (without being a Cherokee tribal member).

Lawrence Property:

Councilwoman Griffith would like to have the Tribal Manager, Allan Barnes contact a licensed appraiser and obtain a valid appraisal on that property. She is asking this in a form of a motion.

Councilwoman Michael asks if we know how much it will cost?

Answers range from a few hundred dollars to thousands.

Councilwoman Griffith then withdraws the motion and requests for the Tribal Manager to research the cost of an appraisal and we can then return to the table with it.

New Business

Resolution 2015-38: To Change the Fiscal Year End for the Delaware Housing Program (Oct 1-Sept. 30).

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

Resolution 2015-39: To Authorize the Submission of the FY 2016 Child Support Enforcement Grant Budget.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Resolutions 2015-40: To Approve Tribal Membership (058519-058535).

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Economic Development Report:

Tim Houseberg

Tahkox e2: SBA sent us an email confirming receipt of 8(a) determination, which should by statute come within sixty (60) days. TERO application for the Cherokee Nation is complete and will go before the review board in mid-August.

He met with the BIA several weeks ago and discussed if there are ways to fund our work. The BIA said they could help but it would negatively affect the ATG monies already provided. Mr. Houseberg said we didn't want to do that. They then told him there would be some year-end monies becoming available. Mr. Houseberg said he passed this news along to the Chief and Assistant Chief already. These funds are first come, first serve and therefore, we need to be ready with a "scope of work and a budget."

There is training for which he advises Jean, Jimmy, and himself should attend in August called Federal Contracting Boot Camp and it will be two days in North Carolina.

Lastly we have two contracts that we are half way through. We have invoiced for at least ¾ of the up-front cost we initially borrowed from the Delaware Tribe (\$16,000 out of the \$20,000).

Grant for Elder Independent Living Center:

Sherri Rackliff

She has been writing HUD grants for the Eastern Shawnee and Delaware Tribe for a number of years now. This design she put together for the Elders at Eastern Shawnee is what she is proposing to do for the Delaware Tribe. Last year when the RFP came out, they had 6 weeks to get the grant written.

Councilwoman Michael stated that these are challenging grants to write and we will need surveys and community meetings to scrunch into those six weeks.

Mrs. Rackliff states she would be willing to take the Tribal Council over to view the Eastern Shawnee's Independent Living Center.

Child Care in Owasso:

Mrs. Rackliff is proposing a new program in Owasso. This would be a bit different than Bartlesville and Claremore.

Councilwoman Griffith asks how many Delawares we have in the Bartlesville facility.

Mrs. Rackliff does not know. She can get those numbers. She said that there is priority for Delaware kids though.

Councilwoman Michael stated that was not her experience. When she applied and asked if there was Delaware priority she was told no. At the time, her kids were two and three and really needed child care.

Mrs. Rackliff said that shouldn't have happened.

Levi Randall states he feels that the child care center was initiated to provide child care for Delawares but that's not what this has turned into. Yet, I've never heard an actual count of Delaware or even

Native kids. He feels that before we build in Owasso, we need to do something for our community; not just in name.

Mrs. Rackliff apologizes to Councilwoman Michael that happened but they have changed this. The center promotes the Delaware name and we should be serving Delawares but there are none on the waiting list.

Land in Oologah:

Councilwoman Shea explains the Housing Authority owns land in Oologah. The contract for sale ended in November. The original price was \$285k for 8 acres and it holds railroad tracks.

Councilwoman Holley wants to know if is listed as an asset?

No one seems to know much about the land. Councilwoman Ketchum recalls a few details about it.

The consensus is to get the land appraised and then come back together to determine how we want to proceed, possibly lowering the asking price.

Elders Nutrition Program:

Councilwoman Griffith: At the Elders Committee meeting a week or two ago, they determined to raise the price from \$3 to \$5 (12 years old and up). They then changed it to recommend \$2 for 6 to 11 year-olds and \$5 for 12 years and up. This just needs discussion from the Tribal Council.

Ms. Nancy Sumpter addresses the Tribal Council stating she does not know why anyone would charge a child, a grandparent or a single mother of a child for a meal. There is no reason to be charging a child to eat. We have always fed our kids.

Councilwoman Michael asks what kind of impact the idea of charging children has on our program. Why are we charging kids if there isn't that much of an impact?

Councilwoman Griffith doesn't know. She said she was just there for the vote.

Councilwoman Michael then states she is not in favor of charging anyone under the age of 18, period.

Councilwoman Ketchum says before we raise prices, we could ask for donations if we are "poverty stricken."

Allan Barnes, Title VI Director, states that the donations and the paid meals have certainly been generous and this allows us to provide the fresh produce salad bar every day. We possibly may make \$100/month at the most.

Councilwoman Shea states that she just doesn't see any benefit to charging children versus the benefits and cultural exchange.

Our recommendation is to therefore stick with the \$5 guest. If kids want a regular full meal they can pay \$5. We also encourage donations.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for Executive Session.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Meeting called back to order 9:03 pm

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

Adjourns: 9:04