

Called to Order: 5:32

Prayer: Bonnie Thaxton

Attendance:

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

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business:

AmeriCorps update:

Tribal Manager Allan Barnes explains that the previous Tribal Manager prepared much of the Letter of Inquiry with the Concept Form notifying them of our request to apply. The Program Director for our area has responded with an invitation to apply. Once we submit, we will have a two-four month waiting period, possibly in October and in January.

Our first area of concern would be to update the Lewis B. Ketchum Boys and Girls Club and then the Elders Housing.

Car Tags:

The proposed design is passed around to the audience and the Tribal Council will propose this at the meeting with the Cherokee Nation. Johnny Barker, IT places a copy in front of the video camera.

Jan Brown is recognized: She is concerned we may not be able to see "Delaware Tribe."

The TC responds that this is just a mock up so we can relay this concern to the Cherokee.

Councilwoman Michael states that the Cherokee responded to the dates provided and they wish for us to choose the date and time in Catoosa.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to have Secretary Michael contact them with the date of Sept. 10th at 1 pm.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

Councilwomen Ketchum and Michael will be out of town. Michael states she will be available to conference call.

6 in favor.

1 abstention (Ketchum will be unavailable)

New Business:

Tribal Member Steve Donnell has a presentation regarding self-defense and personal protection. He has a Pepper Spray class for safety and awareness as well as how it can be used to deter an attack. The second class is much more detailed such as escape techniques. A third class is designed by women of the NRA. It teaches safety at home, living environment, safe rooms, etc. He will teach one to the leaders and employees to do a training exercise for an active shooter, for instance, to establish a plan.

Delaware Water Gap Presentation by the youth and Chaperone Cece Biggoose

Tiana Long, Shu-day Johnson-Biggoose, Kamren Pisachubbe, Hopie Thicknail, Michaela Provence. They provide a slide show and little gifts to each of the Tribal Council members—soil from our homeland.

The youth learned a great deal about Pennsylvania and felt more connected to their ancestral homeland. Even more exciting was that they realized there are more Delaware groups than just ours. They connected to these other Delaware youth.

Tahkox e2 Report

Jimmie Johnson: Our sub-contract at Anderson Air Force base in Guam environmental liability is complete. The work on the vegetative state is still going. The TERO application to the Cherokee Nation goes before the TERO Board, August 27th. The email states we should know something the first of October. We have received no correspondence from the SBA. We will have to wait the 90 business days, which puts us in June.

Sue Cade is recognized and inquires about the dollar amount received.

Mr. Johnson states there was one employee and he doesn't have the exact profit but she is welcome to call him. It was a cost plus contract and he was just notified yesterday that we completed the work.

Indian Roads Program

Councilwoman Griffith explains that she, Chief and Michelle Holley met with Mike Longan at the Miami BIA and we have roads money, approximately \$35k. We can only use it on roads in our inventory and the only one in our inventory is Barbara. We will therefore lose this money unless we develop another stratagem, which they have provided to us. To save the \$35k, the Kialegee Tribal Town has a use for it. The resolution would enable us to "seed the roads money to them and in 2016, they will give this money back." This gives us until March 15th to place the parking lot in Caney into our inventory.

Chief Brooks adds that the resolution was provided to us to keep us from losing our roads money altogether. If it gets sent back to DC, we will never see it again.

Sue Cade is recognized. She is wondering why we are lending this to the Kialegee—"isn't this the same Tribe that was in the gaming situation in Broken Arrow."

Councilwoman Holley explains that the BIA approached us with this "creative idea. The BIA came to us. The Kialegees did not come to us."

Ms. Cade further asks why there was not a better plan in place for the roads money since we have apparently been getting it for five years—since before 2012?

Councilwoman Holley explains that there is no other justification we can use to expend this money until we get other accessible sites in the inventory and the money has been accruing the entire time. There is no immediate need for repairs on this street.

Ms. Cade asks was the roads money was not used for the expansion of the street that goes to Elder housing?

Councilwoman Holley explains that she cannot speak for the time before we were in office.

Councilwoman Michael states that those are great questions and she was wondering the same thing. Councilwoman Shea was asking this question too, if this money was available, who instead paid for the road?

Jan Brown is recognized. She states the BIA told her that there was no money and it is the BIA's fault. They said they had no money and we neglected the kitchen due to having to pay for the road.

Councilwoman Ketchum adds that the money was received in a block grant which is why they had to carve out enough to pave the road.

The Councilors continue to explain that this exchange is similar to a loan but there is no interest and we will get the same amount back. The 638s are the “contracts” with the federal government and the loan is solidified through the resolutions. Councilwoman Ketchum adds that it really is just a “good faith” exercise.

Resolution 2015-42: *To Approve Tribal Membership numbers 058536-058562.*

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Resolution 2015-43: *To loan to the Kialegee Tribal Town the BIA Roads Money in the amount of \$35,630.69.*

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

Resolution 2015-44: *To amend Resolution 2014-53 Anti Nepotism policy*

To include: aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and first cousins.

Councilwoman Griffith states that the first she saw of this was earlier in the afternoon. She would like to table the resolution until we have time to discuss it. She wants to know why we are adding these.

Councilwoman Holley explains this is to assure that there is not any close family members that are new hires.

Councilwoman Griffith states then we need to change the degree of affinity and consanguinity because we step outside the second degree.

Councilwoman Shea states it would be good to have the original in front of us.

More discussion ensues about what the terms mean and the conclusion is that we may need to omit some of the wording in the original (second degree of affinity and consanguinity) and add these members to the original list.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to table the resolution until Sept. 1

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

6 in favor

1 abstention (Holley)

The Financial Report was omitted off of the agenda. However the Financials are included.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve the financials pending audit.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

Councilwoman Michael requests the CFO to answer a few questions. She asks about the THPO amount from June, listing \$176k. We found out afterwards that was not the right figure.

CFO, Jean Lewis, states that is true. At the end of the year we booked 140k receivable anticipating repayment. I wanted to be sure to get that in for the audit. When we came back I converted all the financials to cash basis so that it would be easier for everyone to understand it. What you were looking at then was a retained balance but it wasn't cash money.

Councilwoman Michael asked what the money went for that needed re-paid?

Ms. Lewis says she thinks it went to pay River Trails.

Councilwoman Michael: "So you are saying this happened before your time but it was allocated to pay River Trails."

CFO: states she just wanted to show a receivable to get it back in there. It was gone by Sept 2014. She has some proposals to replace the funds.

Councilwoman Michael asks if this payment needs to be done every year or was this a one-time payment.

Ms. Lewis states it was a one-time payment.

Councilwoman Michael asks then if we paid that much of a sum, even before we were in office and it was changed, shouldn't that have come before us somehow?

4 approve

2 no (Holley and Michael)

1 abstain (Brooks)

Other:

Councilwoman Griffith urges that we prepare for the election next year. She proposes that the Tribal Council members come back to the Sept. 1 meeting with any ideas they may have for a Chair and develop the rules.

She also announces that some of the Tribal Council members are going to Seneca, Missouri to tour the Eastern Shawnee Independent Living facilities. Sherri Rackliff has made these arrangements. She wrote the HUD Grant for their housing.

She also feels like we need to stay on top of the Oologah property.

Councilwoman Shea states that we are doing a survey on that property and then put a price tag on that.

Councilwoman Michael wants to address the Tribal members and the Tribal Council that she has accepted a position in Laramie, Wyoming for nine months as a Professor of Native American Studies. She states, "Looking at the prices of airline tickets, it looks reasonable for me to afford coming back to the meetings."

Jan Brown is recognized. She wants to know if getting the minutes would be a continued problem with you being out of state.

Councilwoman Michael states she writes them off the videos. July is the only minutes we are lacking right now.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks about the DIN.

Councilwoman Michael: "Speaking of which everyone please get their articles in, they are due by Sept. 10th. Both Greg and I are distant anyway. There isn't anything new on that one."

Councilwoman Shea adds then that Nicky Michael will retain her Secretary role.

Councilman Young states NCAI is coming up in October. We need to assign who is going to take full advantage of the early bookings.

Councilwoman Griffith states that NCAI is the third week in October and the repatriation is likely the next week in Ohio. She has a plane ticket in her account from when she did not go to Washington. She would like to attend NCAI with Chief in San Diego.

Councilwoman Michael asks if anyone else would like to go from the Tribal Council.

Councilwoman Holley would be interested if there are funds available.

Councilman Young motions to send the Chief, Assistant Chief and Councilor Michelle Holley (3 individuals) to San Diego.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

Councilwoman Shea confirms funding with the CFO to be able to send three.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for executive session.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

7:08

Called back to order, 7:59.

No action taken.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Adjourns at 8 pm.