

Called to Order: 5:36

Prayer: Mary Watters

Attendance:

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

Welcome guests and new employee: Angela Krebs (Osage) is our new receptionist. Dana Murrell introduces Mrs. Krebs.

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Minutes:

August 4th Minutes: p. 1 "Councilman" Holley should be changed to Councilwoman Holley.

August 18th: p. 1, "Allen" should be spelled Allan and the last page should be Councilwoman Michael and "in" San Diego should be changed to "to" San Diego.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve August 4th and 18th with corrections.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

Financial Report:

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve pending audit.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Tribal Manager Allan Barnes: Department communications status is excellent. All departments are performing their duties and if there are any issues, they bring them to me.

August 26th meeting with the BIA went well. They expressed their interest to become better acquainted with our Tribe. They did recommend a more secure fire safe cabinets in the Enrollment department. They also recommended that while the therapy pool is inoperable, the room would be a good location for these files.

Councilwoman Holley asks how much we estimate to fix the pool.

Manager Barnes states about \$4,000. We are still determining if it is cost prohibitive to fix the heater including labor and other costs.

He has renewed several insurance policies. Recently he was able to visit the property in Kansas and visited with the Pine family. Justin Falleaf was mowing this particular day of his visit and unfortunately, he does not have the equipment he needs to mow that property. We therefore had to go with another option.

The cemeteries are all mowed and in good condition. The AmeriCorps Project (contact person is Chrystal Kelley) has informed us we have been invited to provide the full application due October 30th. Mary Randall has been hired to administer our Elders Nutrition program.

Child Support Enforcement Director Curtis Zunigha: Last Thursday, Carl Rich, our Regional Director from Dallas came up and observed our program. He was complimentary on our re-establishment of the office. We made it to fourteen applications today (our goal was fifteen). We are setting up our debit system at Arvest. Other than that, he reports that we are on target.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks if we are on target for the Assisted Living Center grant application. She inquires if the resolution approving this application will be provided at the next Regular meeting.

Councilwoman Griffith states we will need to speak about this for the October meeting.

Councilwoman Michael states that Jim emailed her this morning that he turned his grant for the National Science Foundation was turned in.

Councilwoman Griffith noted the Cultural Preservation is working on building an area for stomp dance grounds.

New Business:

Resolution 2015-44: To Amend the Anti-Nepotism Policy

Chief Brooks: One Council member has already approached him that this resolution means we would have to repeal or nullify the previous policy, Resolution 2014-53.

Councilman Young explains the issues are whether this is a rescission, an amendment, or an issue previously laid on the table. Therefore we can proceed with a vote on it or vote to remove it (Resolution 2014-53) due to needing prior notice. Did we table this from the last meeting?

Councilwoman Holley asks for clarification. Is it because we are adding to the previous resolution?

Councilman Young states he just saw this resolution this afternoon when he walked in the door.

Councilwoman Holley explains that this resolution was placed on the table last month for which she discussed with two other Tribal Council members how to proceed and they advised this route.

Councilman Young says he truly does not know which direction to go, he walked in and saw the resolution on the door and it refers to a resolution previously adopted.

Councilwoman Griffith states this policy already adopted is the strictest policy in any Tribe or in the State.

Councilwoman Holley addresses why she included aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. When we previously adopted this anti-nepotism policy, Councilwoman Ketchum asked why not include aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Looking back on this, I think we should have done this because in our community our Delaware families are very close. Aunts are considered mothers, cousins considered brothers and sisters.

Joe Brooks is recognized: He feels that this one is too restrictive. He asks, "Do you think it's right to limit our grand-children from working for the Tribe when we have new programs opening up. Do you think it's right that this only applies to the Tribal Council? What about the Trust Board and Judges who are elected officials."

Councilwoman Griffith does not feel that we can legislate for the Judges and the Trust Board.

Councilwoman Ketchum states case in point, when Chief Pechonick hired her Grandson, this policy was a result of that issue—it's not what the people wanted.

Councilman Young states he wants to make the policy as least restrictive as policy to hire as many Delawares as possible.

Councilwoman Ketchum states it's almost like you are saying if it's a certain family they can hire their grand-child and certain others can't.

Mr. Brooks said no, that's not what he is saying. He is saying this should be up to the Personnel Committee.

Councilwoman Holley wants to explain to wrap this up that Tribal members have requested that these members be added to the policy.

Councilwoman Griffith motions we table for further review.

Councilman Young seconds.

5 In favor

1 Abstains (Holley)

1 Opposed (Ketchum)

Resolution 2015-47: *To Approve Tribal Membership numbers 058563-058572.*

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Other: Nancy (Dude) Sumpter has been selected to be our honored Elder at Delaware Days on October 26th. John Sumpter has been selected to be our honored Veteran for this event.

Idaho and Kansas Delaware will be meeting with us on October 26th, to listen to a joint proposal at the Delaware Community Center at 9:30.

Discussion revolved around the purpose of the meeting. Chief Brooks states let's wait and see what they want.

Councilman Young motions to donate \$1,500 to Indian Summer, which is coming up this weekend.

Councilwoman Griffith adds that Xavier Michael-Young, Councilwoman Michael's son is Head Boy and the Lenape Color Guard will also be involved.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

4 in favor

2 abstentions (Griffith and Michael)

AARP contacted the Tribe for a nomination as Native Elder of the Year. Bonnie Thaxton was awarded this honor and her award ceremony will be at the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City at 6:30 on October 6. The vans will leave at 2 pm. Mary Randall has the sign-up sheet.

Nathan Young (Jr.) is recognized for his achievement as an inaugural fellow artist at the Kaiser Family Foundation, 2016-17.

Chief Brooks calls for a Special Council meeting October 5th. However, both Councilwomen Ketchum and Holley will be unavailable that night and asks if we could entertain the 7th. The next scheduled meeting we'll be at NCAI in San Diego on the 20th. The following week, we are at the reburial.

John Sumpter is recognized. He explains that he wants to address a former resolution. Dartmouth has hired an individual claiming Lenape from the Eastern Delaware Nations, which is a 501(c)3. The Delaware Nation and David Cornsilk have offered to back us on an effort to squelch these groups. He continues, "We had a resolution formerly. You all don't have pictures of your kinfolk on the Nanticoke website claiming is theirs. I do not appreciate this. I would ask that you pass it again, because it's culture theft."

Councilman Young asks if he is referring to the Resolution objecting to recognition of these "wannabes" and then we rescinded it, correct?

Mr. Sumpter: Correct. We need to get with President Holton and make a united front. Now Dartmouth is being called on it. She is not Lenape in any shape or form. Her lineage was posted and all her relatives are from Ireland.

Councilwoman Ketchum: These groups are very aggressive. We've passed resolutions before and then nothing happens.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to hold a Special Meeting on October 7th and then return to regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

6 in favor

1 opposed, Michael, due to her belief we can go back to once a month schedule.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for Executive Session.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

7:06

Chief calls the meeting back to order at 7:35

The reason for the Executive Session for the Chain of Command.

Councilwoman Griffith announces that the Osage Nation has invited the Delaware Council on October 3rd to visit their hydroponics program.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to adjourn.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

Adjourns (time cut off of video) approximately 8:05.