

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
January 12, 2016 Tribal Council Minutes
by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

Chester Brooks, Chief, called the meeting of the Tribal Council to order at 5:37 p.m. He asked Annette Ketchum to pray and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. At roll call, Chief Brooks, Ms. Ketchum, Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, and members Michelle Holley and Nate Young were in attendance. Absent was Dr. Nicky Michael. Chief welcomed the audience, guests, and employees. The guest list included: Nancy Sumpter, Johnny Barker, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Ron Scott, Anita Mathis, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Anna Pate-Pechonick, Jean Lewis, CeCe Biggoose, Dana Murrell, Jana Roth, and Allan Barnes.

Chief Brooks announced that the Tribe has received its 8(a) certification from SBA. He acknowledged Tim Houseberg, Point Person, David McCullough, Attorney, Jean Lewis, CPA, and the Tribal Council for the persistent work done to obtain 8(a) certification.

Motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Young to approve the December 8, 2015 Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes, with a correction to delete "to" in the second paragraph. Motion passed 4 Yes, 2 abstentions (Holley, Ketchum). The January 5, 2016, minutes were reviewed and motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young, and passed 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Holley).

Chief Brooks stated that on November 8, 2015, the Tribal Council attended a Strategic Planning Seminar and the outcome of that seminar is reported in the January DIN. He asked that all citizens read the article and volunteer to serve on one of the five areas that were covered in the DIN by calling him. The Tribal Council members volunteered to be responsible for one or more of the areas. They are 1) Community and Social Services – Ms. Holley; 2) Grants – Ms. Holley and Ms. Shea; 3) Cohesive Tribal Council – Mr. Young and the entire council; 4) Cultural Preservation & Language – Ms. Ketchum; and 5) Economic Development – Ms. Griffith, Chief Brooks, and Ms. Shea.

Suggestions made were: Ms. Shea believes one of the greatest needs is to have a full-time grant writer employed by the Tribe. Ms. Ketchum believes a budget needs to be prepared to determine how the Tribe will spend future income from economic development. Chief will attend a Teamwork Course to better meet the needs of a cohesive Tribal Council. Ms. Holley believes we should not forget that we have employees, namely Jim Rementer, who writes Language grants.

Jana Roth, an administrator and educator of 23 years and Director of Indian Education at Sapulpa, asked to address the Tribal Council. She said she has learned, as a member of the State of Oklahoma Council of Education, that the Delaware Seal is not included on the Oklahoma State Department of Education website with all the other tribes' seals. She would like to have permission to have the Seal included and to also prepare a history of the Delaware to be placed on the site. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously passed. Ms. Ketchum will provide verification that the Delaware Tribe approves her actions.

The Council continued with the first item on the Action Log and discussed the Constitution Revision. Chief Brooks has read constitutions from the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Osage Nations of Oklahoma and the Seminole Tribe of Florida as a way to become familiar with how other tribes' constitutions compare to the Delaware Constitution and found the Seminole to be most similar, while the other three were different mainly in that they have an executive branch, the chief has veto powers and they have various grounds for removal from office. His point is that the Tribe should seriously consider constitution change with amendments, each stand-alone for voting, and dispense with total overhaul of the Constitution which would take about three years. Since he was presenting his opinions, Tribal Judge Charles Randall said he would like for the Tribal Council to all present their suggestions for amendments by January 19, and review the K. U. Law School suggestions for change and possibly use them as amendments. Judge Randall also said the information from the Native Nations Institute is available on-line for those who want to hear it. This was in response to Ms. Holley's report of a conference call she, Dr. Michael, and Judge Randall had on January 7. Ms. Holley said that training modules are avail from the Institute at a cost of \$60/pp and funding sources are available from BIA, ANA and NCAI, to name a few.

Mr. Young suggested that a thank you of some kind should be given to the law students who worked on our Constitution changes. A meeting for dinner on January 24 in Lawrence is a plan that will be pursued.

It was noted that the Secretary of Interior ultimately must approve our amended constitution.

The list of Action Log items was discussed as follows:

Surplus Assets

Tribal Manager Allan Barnes reported that ads are on FaceBook and the Website to sell the two vans to the highest bidder(s).

Motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Griffith was made for Dana Murrell, Administrative Assistant, to advise Tim Houseberg he is on deadline to provide information as to the cost of getting the power washer repaired, sold, etc. Passed 3 yes, 2 abstention (Holley, Shea).

Ron Scott was asked to report on the Oologah land that is surplus. He said the survey is done, no appraisal is done, and there is approximately 8-10 acres that is zoned residential. We have no real estate agent at the present. The Delaware Housing Program has been blocked by the CNO from building on the property, although it is flat and has the utilities available. Mr. Scott is going to contact CNO Housing to see if it will purchase the acreage and report to Mr. Barnes by Friday January 15 because the Tribal Council would like to add this item to the agenda for the DTI/CNO meeting January 18.

Carcieri – No action as Chief Brooks has been unable to contact Barbara Coen, Solicitor in WDC.
Year End Money – Mr. Barnes talked to Mike Longan at Miami Area Office BIA, and he was surprised that we have not heard the status of the funding and will get back to Allan this week.
Grants – The Violence Against Women grant questions as to if CNO will utilize the DTI for some portion of the grant is on the January 18 agenda for the CNO/DTI meeting.

Ms. Holley reminded that a Grants Steering Committee was established in July 2015 and to date has no grant guidelines or procurement procedures in place and she made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young to get these guidelines and procedures prepared by January 26. Motion passed 4 Yes, 1 No (Griffith), 1 Abstention (Shea).

Solar Energy – Thomas Boxley reported to Mr. Young that this is no longer an item.

Election 2016 – Chairman Edna Havens has a copy of the 2014 Election Guidelines and she is searching for 2-3 more members for the committee.

Lawrence Property – Update is to get Mr. McCullough's legal opinion with options for the Pine Lease on the Sod business.

Allan affirmed that an appraisal would be forthcoming by the end of January.

A suggestion by Ms. Shea was made that the Tribe try to rent the house. Allan has not tried to rent it, as he has not been told to do so.

Ms. Griffith was appointed by the Working Group in Lawrence as the liaison between the Tribe and the City/County in Lawrence. A motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Shea that the Tribal Council affirm that. 4 Yes, 1 No (Holley), 1 Abstention (Griffith) Ms. Griffith said the Working Group has a grant to pay for the Tribal Council's lodging and gas when traveling to Lawrence, KS.

Roads – Ms. Holley reported that the Roads director, Sylvia Dempsey, brought training materials to the Tribe in November and she is mapping the inventory on the list so as to confirm the list. (Barbara Street is not on the list; Ohio Street is) Ms. Holley is the point person w/Mr. Barnes for the Roads Grant for the Tribe.

Chief Brooks asked for a break at 7:28 p.m. The meeting was resumed at 7:38 p.m.

Editorial Committee – No one is working on this and Ms. Ketchum suggested that Dr. Michael work on preparing the guidelines, as she was very much in favor of having the Tribal Council members not oversee the DIN. The decision will be left to Tribal Council.

Letter of Intent for Mr. Jackson – No action

Tribal Seal – It was noted that there is a copyright statement on the Website placed there in the last administration. Ms. Holley stated that Atty. McCullough is working on the Trademark.

Hydroponics – Work in progress.

Mr. Young made a motion for Ms. Griffith and Ms. Shea to attend the 2016 RES in Las Vegas, March 21-24 and get the early bird discount, seconded by Ms. Griffith and passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

Ms. Ketchum asked if the Tribal Council could meet with Tom Julian regarding Brotherton/NJ and a time, 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, was set and Chief Brooks will contact Mr. Julian.

Adjournment motion made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Griffith at 8:02 p.m.