

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
Regularly Scheduled Tribal Council Meeting, February 2, 2016
By Secretary Annette Ketchum

Chief Chester Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. and asked Joe Brooks to pray and Chief led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, followed by Roll Call by Secretary Annette Ketchum. In addition to Chief Brooks and Ms. Ketchum, Assistant Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, members Michelle Holley, Nicky Michael and Nate Young were present. Guests in attendance were: Nancy Sumpter, Roger Stewart, Anna Pate-Pechonick, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Anita Mathis, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Leslie Jerden, Nathan "Buck" Young, Stella Shoff, Dana Murrell, Jason Jones, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Teresa Clark, Paul D. Secondine, and Curtis Zunigha.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea and seconded by Ms. Griffith to amend the agenda to allow Stella Shoff, a suicide prevention specialist, to address the Council. Ms. Shoff gave a short talk and gave each councilman/woman a packet.

Motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea to accept the Minutes with corrections: On Page 1, "resend" was corrected to "rescind" and on Page 2 "S" was changed to "\$", and the minutes passed 5 Yes, 2 Abstain (Holley, Michael)

Unfinished Business

Ms. Holley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, to accept the changes to the Personnel Policy, which included changing various places in the policy where "H. R. Director" or "Tribal Manager" appeared, "Personnel Committee" was used; and Page 7, #16, the dress code explained "business casual". Mike Taylor expounded on the Policy and said he and the tribal manager would enforce the dress code. The Personnel Committee established the Policy to handle problems. The motion passed 4 Yes, 3 No. Mr. Young made notice to the Council that he will bring a resolution to abolish the Personnel Committee at the next meeting.

The Action Log items were discussed:

1. Constitution – Chief Brooks reported he has talked to former chiefs, Brooks, Ketchum, Zunigha and Pechonick and they will meet with the Tribal Council February 9 at 3:00 p.m. to get their input about amendments to the Constitution.
2. Power Washer Van – Chief Brooks said Tim Houseberg is in New Mexico. He will not have any power washing jobs until late March and he does not want to invest in the repair of the washer until that time, but he wants the Tribe to keep the washer.
3. Oologah Land - Ron Scott, Director of Housing Program, is working and progressing on this project and a written report was provided to the Council by email.
4. Election November 2016 – Chief Brooks reported that Edna Havens has withdrawn her name from the Election Committee chair and LuAnn Hainline has agreed to take that position. Ms. Holley has emailed Cass Smith a copy of the Election Guidelines for 2014.

5. Lawrence Property – The Pine lease is still pending. Pines visited the Tribe last week with new proposals.
6. Lawrence Property Appraisal – It was reported that it should be completed by next week.
7. Lawrence Working Group – Meeting February 8 in Lawrence.

8. Roads - Ms. Holley reported she and Sylvia Dempsey are currently working on updating a long term transportation plan and will be meeting to report to the Tribal Council when the work product is ready to present.
9. License Plate – Ms. Holley reported CNO AG Hembree will be available to meet and discuss the mock up of the license plate in a few weeks. She was told there are certain fonts and size of print that cannot be changed as it is governed by CNO State Compact.
10. Seal Copyright – David McCullough is working on this.
11. Hydroponics - There will be a (workshop) meeting on February 16 with the Tribal Council and Tim Houseberg, David McCullough, Chip and Scott Harriford, Allan Barnes and Jean Lewis to discuss the progress of AquaCulture LLC business set up.

The Guidelines and Procedures for Grant Steering will be turned over to Allan Barnes, Tribal Manager, and Jean Lewis, CFO, as they are the only remaining members of the Grant Steering Committee. The Editorial Committee Guidelines will be brought up next meeting under Old Business. Discussion on these two committees determined that neither should be tabled again.

Chief said he will look into getting training for the Tribal Council in Robert's Rules of Order.

New Business

Resolution 2016-05 To Rescind Resolution 2016-03 and Re-establish Regular Tribal Council Meetings to the First & Third Tuesdays of the Month at 5:30 P. M. was read and a motion by Ms. Holley, seconded by Dr. Michael, with a Point of Order by Mr. Young, overruled by Chief Brooks. Lengthy discussion followed, including members of the audience and passed 4 Yes, 3 No. Chief Brooks added he would like to have the Council Conference Calls on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and have the Tribal Council meet in workshop on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of Council meetings at 3:00 p.m. The Council consensus was favorable.

Resolution 2016-06 To Rename the Delaware Enterprise Authority and Approve Amendments of the Charter with the Appointment of Members to Follow Thereafter was read and motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, and passed 5 Yes, 1 No (Young), 1 Abstain (Shea). Chief Brooks will bring recommendations of three Commission members, with summary resumes for each person, to the next meeting.

Resolution 2016-07 To Authorize Tom Julian to Continue Work with the Dept. of Interior to Establish the Tribe's Historical Connection and Rights to the Brotherton Reservation in New Jersey was read. Dr. Michael made a motion, seconded by Ms. Holley, and passed 5 Yes, 1 No (Young), 1 Abstain (Brooks). Chief Brooks learned from the attorney that Mr. Julian, upon completion of his five-year contract, has two more five-year contracts at his discretion. This resolution does not bind the Tribe to any more time than what is stated in Mr. Julian's contract.

Resolution 2016-08 To Authorize Submission of a Grant Proposal to the Tides Foundation, Administered by the Mica Group was read and a motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Ketchum. Discussion followed with this being explained to be the Phase II of three possible grants from the Tides Foundation for a Delaware Culture Center/Museum. Passed 7 Yes.

Resolution 2016-09 was stricken.

Resolution 2016-10 To Show Appreciation for the Efforts of the Kansas University Law School Working on the Tribe's Constitution Revision was read. Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 7 Yes.

Curtis Zunigha reported he will bring resolutions to the Council in two weeks on the MOAs for Kansas and Oklahoma, since each state will be working with the Delaware court on Child Support Enforcement cases. He also said the State of Oklahoma is preparing a brochure to announce that the State will recommend tribal courts to try cases involving their tribal members even when filed in the State. When he brings the other two resolutions, he will bring a resolution for the State to use our Tribal Seal in the brochure. He is awaiting the MOA from Cherokee Nation.

Ms. Holley wants to go on record that she opposes Mr. Young's notice to bring a resolution to the next meeting to abolish the Personnel Committee. Mr. Young announced he withdraws his notice.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.