

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Tribal Council Meeting, February 16, 2016
By Annette Ketchum, Tribal Council Secretary

Chief Chester Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. and asked Homer Scott to offer a prayer. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Annette Ketchum called the roll and in addition to her and Chief Brooks, Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea and members Michelle Holley and Nate Young were present. Nicky Michael was absent. Chief Brooks welcomed guests. Those present were Beau Watt, Paula Pechonick, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Jean Lewis, Anita Mathis, Carol Young, Teresa Clark, Sarah Secondine, Leslie Jerden, Dana Murrell, Johnny Barker, Homer Scott, Cecilia Biggoose, Chris Miller, Curtis Zunigha, Titus Frenchman and Ron Scott.

Motion to amend the agenda to allow Tim Houseberg to give a report was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 6 Yes. Mr. Houseberg reported that Tahkox e2 will be ready to accept 8(a) contracts as soon as the SBA orientation is scheduled and received by staff and Business Plan, that was submitted a week ago, is approved. He introduced Chip Harriford and Scott Harriford. Scott explained the hydroponics system that they have set up in Forsythe Hall. Chip reported the activity on the Tribe's hydroponics start-up preparations.

Minutes were reviewed by the Council and motion was made by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Shea. Accepted by vote of 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Holley)

Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Holley to pass the Guidelines and Procedures for Editorial Committee. Leslie Jerden, who will chair the committee, was present and will find volunteers to fulfill the committee's other four members. Chris will make the announcement on Facebook. Motion passed 6 Yes.

Ms. Ketchum made a motion to pass the Guidelines and Procedures for Grant Steering Committee, seconded by Ms. Griffith, and passed, 6 Yes. Wording added to the heading was, "Edited and Rewritten by Jean Lewis, CFO." Date to be added to document.

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young for the Tribal Council to approve a request from Helen Schnoes and Eileen Horn of the Lawrence Working Group to allow them to write a planning grant for the Group. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion passed 6 Yes.

Joe Brooks reported that Ms. Griffith had stated the Delaware flag is flying at the State Capitol in error. Ms. Griffith retracted her statement and apologized. Ms. Holley reported there is a protocol that must be followed to get a tribal flag installed on the flag plaza.

Reports

Motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Shea to adopt the Treasurer Report, pending audit was passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

The Action Log was reviewed. Subjects discussed were:

Constitution Revision – Chief Brooks reported that he had a fine meeting with four former chiefs of the Tribe. They all confirmed it is better to amend our Constitution, rather than a total revision and he plans to meet again as soon as possible and bring amendments forward.

Oologah Land – Mr. Young suggested that if the property were appraised, the CNO may be interested in purchasing it and make a priority that it be used for housing for Delaware members. Ron Scott, Director of Delaware Housing, said he has a prospective buyer who is still interested in purchasing the land. He will let the prospect know the Tribe is interested in selling the property. Mr. Scott explained that the land was purchased with HUD 37 Act money and if it is sold the monies will be recorded as Proceeds of Sale monies in the Housing Program.

Grants – Jean Lewis and/or Allan Barnes will proceed to check with CNO to see if there is a portion of the Violence to Women Grant for Washington and Nowata counties in their grant, and if that portion might be sublet to the DTI to implement and be compensated accordingly.

November Election – Ms. Griffith will ask LuAnn Hainline to find Election Board members

Sublease Property to the Pines – Mr. Young will send a copy of the Pine Sod Lease to David McCullough to review. Ms. Griffith will contact Dr. Kelly Kindcher at K. U. to pursue a University lease on the house on Tribe's 92 acres in Lawrence for visiting professors program.

Lawrence Working Group – March 15 Tribal Council meeting will be offered as a time when the Group may visit our campus and meet with the Council. Ms. Griffith will contact Nancy Thellman, Douglas County Commissioner.

Roads – Ms. Holley is working with Sylvia Dempsey, providing what is needed to meet a March 15 deadline for our Tribe's Roads Inventory and by mid-May it will be known if all criteria are met. It was also confirmed that the transfer from Kialegee Tribe of Roads money was completed, per Barry Hughes of the Miami Office.

Mock Up License Tags – Ms. Holley reported that she and Todd Hembree, Atty. General CNO, has set a tentative meeting for first week in March to discuss Tags. Mr. Hembree will be in Washington D. C. next week and hopefully may be approached on the subject.

Tribal Seal – Copyright in progress

Hydroponics - Met today and work is progressing as to the preliminary set up of the business.

A recess was taken at 7:03 p.m. and resumed at 7:22 p.m.

Announcement was made asking everyone to bring baked goods for the Cake Walk at the Stomp Dance February 20, doors open at 4:00 p.m., supper at 5:00 and dance starts after supper.

New Business

Resolution 2016-11, To Submit An Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership Grant in 2016, was read, motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young, and approved vote of 6 Yes.

Resolution 2016-12, To Suspend the Delaware Tribe of Indians' Personnel Committee, was read, motion by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Young, and failed by vote of 3 Yes, 3 No. A request by Ms. Griffith to Ms. Holley to provide Guidelines for Personnel Committee by March 1 Council meeting was made. Ms. Holley agreed.

Resolution 2016-13, To Approve an Investment Plan for the Development of the Lenape Cultural Center, was read. Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ketchum. Motion withdrawn and motion made by Ms. Ketchum died for lack of a second. Resolution failed.

Resolution 2016-14, To Approve Tribal Membership, was read and motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea was passed, 6 Yes. Council discussed why new members' names were excluded from the resolution. Dr. Michael will be consulted as to why this is.

Resolution 2016-15, Establishing Signature Authority on BIA Forms 4432, Eagle Parts Applications and Other Documents of Which Certification of Tribal Enrollment, Membership or Blood Quantum is Required, was read. Motion by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Holley was passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Griffith), following a discussion with Chris Miller and Jean Lewis.

Resolution 2016-16, To approve A Memorandum of Agreement with the Kansas Department for Children and Families, was read. Motion by Ms. Holley, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 6 Yes.

Resolution 2016-17, To Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Oklahoma Division of Child Support Services, was read and motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Holley was passed 6 Yes. Curtis Zunigha, Director of Child Support Services, advised the Council that both resolutions will take some time for approve by each state agency.

Resolution 2016-18, to Amend the Housing Participant Eligibility and Program Administration Policy, was read. Discussion between housing director and Council to clarify the resolution followed and a motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, and passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea at 8:18 p.m. for adjournment.