

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
Tribal Council Minutes for March 1, 2016
by Annette Ketchum, Tribal Secretary

At 5:35 p.m. Chief Chester Brooks called the regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting to order and asked Annette Ketchum to pray, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief then welcomed all the visitors to the meeting. At roll call Assistance Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, and members Dr. Nicky Michael, Ms. Michelle Holley, and Mr. Nate Young, were all present along with Chief Brooks and Ms. Ketchum.

Motion made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the Minutes of February 16 as recorded and passed 5 Yes, 2 Abstain (Holley and Michael).

Unfinished Business

Motion was made to appoint members to the vacancies on the Grant Steering Committee by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Shea. Dr. Michael and Ms. Holley was approved by 3 Yes, 1 No (Young), 3 Abstain.

Motion was made to fill a vacancy on the Personnel Committee by Ms. Holley to seat Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Dr. Michael. Passed with 4 Yes, 3 Abstain.

Jean Lewis, CFO, explained that Mike Marshall of the Housing Program submitted construction specs for the ATG Enrollment Construction project because he wanted approval for the remodel in the Wellness Center Building by the Tribal Council before he lets the bids. Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea and passed 7 Yes.

Motion made to approve the Conference Call Guidelines by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Holley. After a discussion the motion passed 7 Yes, with some changes.

A discussion followed about the garden placement with Ms. Griffith reporting that Lucy Young and Mike Marshall had declined the previous 15' x 15' plot for the garden to the North because of water lines. A spot South of the Social Services building is under consideration. Ms. Holley reminded the Council that the garden is a Delaware Community Garden, as well as a garden to feed elders. She added that an overall review of a comprehensive plan needs to be referred to when adding, not only a garden, but anything, to the campus. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Ms. Shea to let Lucy "run with the garden after extensive discussion. Vote was 6 Yes, 1 Abstain (Holley). Ms. Holley later asked to change her vote to Yes, without objection because she wants to work with Lucy so as to meet the Youth Challenge Program she is working on. Vote now stands 7 yes.

Reports

Chief Brooks, Ms. Griffith, and Mr. Young reported on their recent trip the Washington, D. C. for meetings with various Senators and Representatives from Oklahoma, and attend the Winter NCAI meetings. Chief, Tim Houseberg, Economic Development, and David McCullough, Attorney, met with BIA and solicitor about the Carcieri decision and how the Tribe could be delayed as much as two years because the State of Kansas will sue the Tribe over putting Land in Trust, claiming Gaming. Atty. McCullough believes he can find a way to circumvent the two year delay and it will remain to be seen.

Mr. Young expressed that the visit to Representative Tom Cole's office was excellent. The Tribe was asking for nothing, we are not a gaming or smoke shop Tribe, and we would welcome the visits of our representatives from Oklahoma to our Tribe. The Offices visited were Senator Inhofe's, Senator Langford's, and Representative Bridenstine's. The Chief also visited the Department of Energy. Ms. Griffith brought information back about violations against Native women for Dr. Michael and about Native youth leadership for Ms. Holley.

Recessed meeting at 6:47 p.m. and resumed meeting at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

Pennsbury Manor Museum has requested a letter from Chief Brooks in support of a grant it is writing for funding to work with the Tribe in telling the Penn story. Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Ketchum to provide a letter for Pennsbury. Discussion followed, and Dr. Michael asked that, "we are a self-governing [governance] tribe", be stricken from the letter. Motion passed 7 Yes.

Motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Griffith to table and rewrite both Lenape Farms Articles of Organization and Resolution 2016-19 which passed 6 Yes, 1 Abstain (Brooks). Clarification of the LLC vs. Corporation needs to be revisited. The Tribe awaits the loan documents for Lenape Farms.

Resolution 2016-20, to Authorize the Use of the Tribal Seal by Oklahoma Department of Human Services, was read. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Young. Curtis Zunigha, Director of Child Support, explained that the Tribe sent its Request Form to the ODHS, who returned it, then the Tribe by means of a Letter of Authorization and resolution will approve the request. Motion passed 7 Yes.

Resolution 2016-21, To Modify the 20-Year Long Range Transportation Plan of the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, was read. Motion made to approve the modifications by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Griffith, and passed 7 Yes.

Chief Brooks received a letter from Delaware citizen, Grant Secondine, which he asked to be read into the record. Chief believes Mr. Secondine's requests do not align with the Constitution and Johnny Barker, IT, confirmed that the Tribe does not have the capability to fulfill the requests or to live-stream the meetings. Research and budget is needed.

Ms. Holley announced she will attend the Northeastern Oklahoma Regional Alliance (NORA) Education Summit in Pryor, OK, on March 7.

The Council thanked Carolyn Rowe, Kansas Delaware Councilwoman, for the cookies she provided this evening, commenting they are delicious.

Ms. Griffith called for adjournment at 7:37 p.m. All infavor.