

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
Tribal Council Minutes for March 15, 2016
Taken by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

In the absence of Chief Chester Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith chaired the Council meeting and called it to order at 5:31 p.m. Secretary Annette Ketchum prayed, led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll. Others present were Treasurer Benita Shea, and members Dr. Nicky Michael, Michelle Holley, and Nate Young. Ms. Griffith welcomed the guests and the six members of the group from Lawrence, KS. Those present were Nancy Sumpter, Karla Michelle Vernon, Anita Mathis, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Johnny Barker, Mary Watters, Gilbert Watters, Anna Pechonick, Beau Watt, Paula Pechonick, Josh Falleaf, Jana Roth, Curtis Zunigha, Cece Runnels, Jean Lewis, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Xavier Michael-Young, Dana Murrell, Helen Schnoes, Eileen Horn, Nancy Thellman, Marlin Bates, Hank Will and Allan Barnes.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea and seconded by Mr. Young to amend the agenda so as the Lawrence Working Group could address the audience and it passed 6 Yes. Josh Falleaf, Dean of Humanities at Haskell Indian University, and Delaware citizen took the lead in addressing the audience, followed by Nancy Thellman, Douglas County Commissioner; Marlin Bates, K-State Horticulture Extension Agent and Educator; Helen Schnoes, Douglas County Sustainability Office; Eileen Horn, Douglas County Sustainability Office and Office of the City of Lawrence; and Hank Will, farmer, professor, writer. Each member of the team addressed the audience with information about the use of the land, the economic goals, the exciting aspects of working with the tribe and the planning grant that is being submitted.

Ms. Griffith asked for a 10-minute recess at 7:25 p.m. and the Working Group departed on their trip back to Lawrence. Meeting was resumed at 7:35 p.m.

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Ms. Shea and seconded by Ms. Ketchum. It passed 4 Yes 2 Abstain (Michael and Holley)

Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Dr. Michael to approved the Personnel Committee Guidelines, which passed 4 Yes and 2 No (Young and Shea).

Motion was made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Holly to approve Editorial Committee Guidelines with changes and it passed 4 Yes and 1 No (Young).

Reports

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report – Financials pending audit by Ms. Shea and seconded by Ms. Ketchum and passed 4 Yes and 2 Abstain (Michael and Holley).

Ms. Griffith read an opinion from Chief Brooks regarding the CNO/Delaware Tags and discussion followed. Ms. Holley explained the CNO's position is based on the State of Oklahoma Compact for Tags, the CNO Tax Commission and CNO providing the vanity tag for the Delaware as a gesture of good will. It

is noted that about half of the audience would purchase the vanity tag. Motion to accept the tag as presented by CNO was made by Ms. Shea and seconded by Ms. Holley and passed 6 Yes.

New Business

Resolution 2016-22 to Approve Tribal Membership was read and a motion to approve was made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Holley. It passed 6 Yes.

Resolution 2016-23 to Adopt an Investment Plan for Cultural Center was read. It was amended to read "Adopt and Investment Plan for the THPO Historical Preservation Section 106 Consultation Fees for Year One." The resolution was further amended to include within the sixth "Whereas", to insert between scholarships and to tribal members, "for anthropology and archaeology degrees" and to add, pending checking with Dr. Obermeyer, "and history " before degrees. This motion was made by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 6 Yes.

A motion to have the Native American Environmental Group LLC MOA authorized for Chief Brook's signature, pending the finalization of Recitals H and Miscellaneous vi was made by Ms. Holley and seconded by Dr. Michael. Discussion followed and was passed 4 Yes and 2 No (Shea and Griffith).

Other Business

- 1) Motion made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Holley to use the soon-to-be vacated Child Care space in the headquarters building for a cultural center. Discussion followed and Allan Barnes described his vision for the space to include tribal offices, as well as a cultural center. The motion failed with a vote of 3 Yes and 3 No.
- 2) Anna Pechonick reminded the Council that Robert's Rules of Order do not allow a motion to be made on "Reports ", and that a motion was passed to accept the license tag as presented by CNO. Council agreed and Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shea, to void the advised motion and bring it back at the April 5 Council meeting under "New Business". Passed 6 Yes.
- 3) Ms. Holley announced that she will add the space in the headquarters building to the agenda for the March 29 meeting on transportation and property uses.

In an attempt to address the Council with several requests, Michelle Vernon was asked to bring resolutions to the next Council meeting pertaining to subjects of the Housing Program and the Code of Conduct, and other subjects.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. by Mr. Young carried.