

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
Tribal Council Minutes for April 19, 2016
Prepared by Secretary Annette Ketchum

Tribal Council was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chief Chester Brooks and Chief Dee Ketchum was asked to offer prayer. Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Ketchum called the roll and in addition to Chief and Secretary, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Council women Michelle Holley and Nicky Michael and Councilman Nate Young were all present. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea, to approve the minutes of April 5, and it passed 5 Yes, 2 Abstain (Michael and Holley).

Unfinished Business

The Council discussed how the New Members Resolution should be prepared in the future of changing from the use of roll numbers to the use of names of the New Members on the resolutions for approval of new members. Ms. Griffith made a motion and Mr. Young seconded the motion to allow David McCullough, Attorney, to give a legal opinion about how the New Members should be presented by resolution to the Council for approval. The vote failed 3 Yes, 4 No. Ms. Griffith made a motion and Ms. Shea seconded to instruct Leslie Fall-Leaf, Enrollment Director, to 1) add a box on the application form so the new member or parent/guardian of a minor may check yes or no to having a name on the New Member Resolution; and 2) to exclude blood quantum. Motion passed 7 Yes.

Leslie Jerdens asked the Council to give her some time to arrange her material before addressing the Council. Ms. Griffith made a motion to adjust the agenda to allow Ms. Jerdens to appear before the Council a little later. Motion was seconded by Ms. Shea and passed 7 Yes.

Reports

Motion made by Ms. Shea and seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the financials pending audit. Motion passed 5 Yes 2 Abstain (Michael and Holley).

Jimmie Johnson, director for Tahkox E2, gave an environmental report on the recycling project which the Tribe plans to restart. He mentioned his trip to RES and Dallas and talked with a supervisor. Tahkox E2 does have some working contracts, for which he called on Tim Houseberg to discuss. He said Tahkox E2 is working on a sole source (not competitive 8(a)) contract offered by a company and they are working out the details and logistics. Tahkox E2 is bidding several MMRP 8(a) contracts coming in a few months. There are no income projections right now. Ms. Holley requested Mr. Houseberg to provide the business origination documents for DTFS by Friday, April 22, to which he agreed. Mr. Houseberg further reported that the BIA FTT application update for the Caney property was completed except for one item that is not in the attorney's control to answer, but expects it to happen soon.

Ms. Jerdens, chairman of the Editorial Committee, came to recommend a slate of names of volunteers to service on the committee. They are Dana Murrel, Chris Miller, Titus Frenchman, and Greg Brown. Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young to approve the recommendation. Motion passed 7 Yes.

New Business

Jim Rementer addressed the Council explaining the need for the Talking Dictionary on the Tribal Website to be rewritten with changes and improvements to the data base to make it compatible in the electronic world. It had been 12 years since it originated and requires \$15,000 to rewrite. Grants have been the source of meeting the financial needs of the Language Department in the past, however, the rewrite is not covered in any grants. Motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Dr. Michael for the Tribe to provide the funding needed from the 106 Language and Culture line item. Motion passed 7 yes.

Chief asked for a motion to charge for requests for copies, faxes, and research. Ms. Griffith so moved, seconded by Mr. Young. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion passed 5 Yes, 2 Abstain (Ketchum and Holley).

Ms. Griffith made a motion to approve revised Personnel Committee Guidelines. Ms. Griffith and Chief Brooks had revised the guidelines to exclude the Council and Trust Board members. Motion seconded by Mr. Young and passed 4 Yes, 3 No.

Ms. Griffith made a motion to approve the revised Editorial Committee Guidelines. It was seconded by Ms. Shea. A motion to table the revision until Ms. Jerdens included her additional changes was made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Holley. This motion failed 3 Yes, 4 No. The original motion was voted 4 Yes, 3 No and passed.

Ms. Holley made a motion to rescind Resolution 2015-20, Amend the Housing Eligibility, Admission and Occupancy Policy of April 7, 2015, on the basis it violated HUD guidelines and to restore the policy to its original wording. Ms. Ketchum seconded and it failed 3 Yes, 4 No.

Ms. Holley made a motion to rescind Resolution 2015-51, the Line of Authority and Responsibility of the Delaware Tribal Government, on the grounds it is unconstitutional. Dr. Michael seconded and it failed 3 Yes, 4 No. Chief Brooks continued with a motion for an amendment to this resolution: "And be it further resolved any infraction of any part of this resolution shall be considered malfeasance which involves dishonesty." Seconded by Mr. Young and passed 4 Yes, 3 No.

Other Business

Ms. Holley made a motion that Tim Houseberg, who has been using a self-proclaimed title of Delaware Economic Development Director and was referred to as the "Tribal Economic Developer" by Chief Brooks, be removed as the tribal liaison for River Trails. Motion seconded by Ms. Ketchum. Following discussion it failed 3 Yes to 4 No. Ms. Holley asked Ms. Griffith about the contract for Tim Hudson, Contractor for PR. She said she would bring it next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.