

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
Regularly Scheduled Tribal Council Meeting, May 3, 2016
Recorded by Dana Murrell, Administrative Assistant for Chief Brooks

At 5:51 p.m. Chief Chester Brooks called the meeting to order and Treasurer Benita Shea offered prayer. Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Ms. Shea called the roll. Secretary Annette Ketchum, due to the death of Lewis Ketchum, Councilwomen Dr. Nicky Michael, due to weather conditions, and Michelle Holley, due to illness, were absent and in addition to Chief Brooks and Assistant Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea and Councilman Nate Young were present. Chief Brooks welcomed the guests. Guests and employees present were Nancy Sumpter, Anna Pechonick, Beau Watt, Paula Pechonick, Billie J. Sheshey, Jean Lewis, Dana Murrell, LuAnn Hainline, Cece Biggoose, Karla Michelle Vernon and Teresa Clark. Ms. Griffith made the motion, seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the minutes for April 19th as written. Motion passed 4 Yes.

Chief Brooks then clarified the purpose of the April 27th special meeting that was called, but however did not occur, due to the fact there wasn't a quorum. The purpose of the meeting was to approve a purchase that the Environmental Program Director was requesting which follows the procurement policy of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Mr. Young made the motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the minutes for the unofficial April 27th special meeting that was called but couldn't be held for lack of a quorum. Motion passed 4 Yes.

Chief Brooks announced that the Bartlesville planning board approved the rezoning of the back 40 acres of the Lenape campus and the closing of the hydroponics operation will probably be within the next 30 days.

Nancy Sumpter is recognized. Discussion regarding the Environmental Program purchase.

Chief Brooks announced guests who wish to speak their concerns will be able to have 4 minutes to do so "if recognized" by him, only after the approval of the minutes. At no other time during the course of the meeting and during votes will guests be allowed to be recognized, so that business of the Tribal Council can be conducted with no interruptions.

Michelle Vernon is recognized. Discussion regarding the Environmental Program purchase.

Beau Watt is recognized. Discussion regarding the Environmental Program purchase.

Billie Sheshey is recognized. Discussion regarding tribal council meetings and live streaming.

Michelle Vernon is recognized. Discussion regarding Delaware car tags.

Nate Young motions to strike the executive session from the agenda, seconded by Ms. Shea, Motion passed 4 yes.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Young made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith, to substitute the name Annette Ketchum with the name Nicky Kay Michael on the deposit agreement with Arvest Bank. This was passed 4 yes.

Reports

Chief Brooks reports on the poll vote taken April 27, 2016 regarding the Environmental Program purchase. The tally was Chief Brooks, Assistant Chief Griffith, Treasurer Shea, and Councilman Young – Yes. Secretary Ketchum did not reply – No participation. Councilwoman Michael did not reply – No participation. Councilwoman Holley did not reply – No participation. The poll vote passed 4 Yes, 3 chose not to participate.

Mr. Young motions to reaffirm the poll vote taken April 27, 2016, seconded by Ms. Griffith. Motions passes 4 yes.

Ms. Griffith explains Delaware Tribe of Indians Professional Services Contract which is for the PR person that was approved March 17 of 2015.

The Council agrees to recognize Nancy Sumpter. Discussion regarding contract.

Council reports on a dinner on June 17th which will be held to honor Jim Rementer for all of his work and dedication to the Delaware Tribe. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go toward the Lenape Language Program.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve Delaware Tribal membership to American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma. Discussion followed. Motion passed 3 yes. Chief Brooks abstained.

Jean Lewis reported that the Grant Steering Committee wanted to apply for the ICDBG Grant to build an expanded wellness center and a recommendation will be prepared for the Council at a future date.

BIA Planning Grant for Climate Change. Jean Lewis addresses this topic and the consultant's proposal to write the grant. Deadline is May 23rd. She recommends this grant as it would benefit our Environmental Program. Discussion regarding the first two resolutions follows as they go with this topic.

Resolution 2016-28, Apply for the 2016 BIA Climate Adaptation Planning Grant, was read. Mr. Young made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Griffith, and passed 4 Yes.

Resolution 2016-29, Approve Entering into a Contract with James Rattling Leaf to Prepare the Application to the BIA Climate Adaptation Planning Grant, was read. Ms. Griffith made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 4 Yes.

Resolution 2016-30, Approve Tribal Membership, was read. Ms. Griffith made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Young, and passed 4 Yes.

Resolution 2016-31, Requesting the United States of America for the Transfer of Land into Trust for Gaming Purposes (Within the Delaware Tribe's Last Recognized Reservation Boundary) in Leavenworth, KS and Authorizing Named Tribal Council Members to Execute all Documents Necessary for Taking this Land into Trust, was read, Mr. Young made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 4 Yes.

Additional Business

Ms. Griffith explained that the pow wow grounds, which had been hit hard by storms the week before, had been cleaned up by volunteers who donated their chainsaws and time. Elaine Clinton has asked for the Tribe's help. Ms. Griffith made a motion to donate \$200 to the pow wow committee for the expressed purpose of reimbursing the volunteers, for some of their expenses, seconded by Mr. Young. Motion passed 4 yes.

Chief Brooks stated that the Cultural Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend adopting Jim Rementer into the Delaware Tribe as an Honorary Member. The Tribal Council has the power to do so meaning that the honorary member cannot have a vote, per capita or CDIB card, they would be a member in an honorary fashion only.

Mr. Young made the motion that the Tribal Council exercise its powers as shown in the Delaware Constitution to adopt Jim Rementer formally as an honorary member of the Delaware Tribe at his honoring dinner, seconded by Ms. Griffith.

Michelle Vernon was recognized. Thanking the Council for doing this for Jim. Speaking on behalf of the Thompson Buffalo family of which she is a descendent.

Motion passed 4 yes.

Ms. Griffith reported that the City passed the zoning request. Would like to see the name changed of the hydroponics project, because it isn't an aquaponics project. Ms. Griffith made the motion to re-name the project Lenape Farms, LLC, seconded by Ms. Shea.

The Council agrees to recognize Nancy Sumpter. Discussion regarding the project and the name.

The Council agrees to recognize Michelle Vernon. Discussion regarding the name.

Motion passed 4 yes.

Ms. Griffith reported she met with a real estate agent concerning the House in Lawrence. A lease is possible and there is a property manager for 8-10% who may be helpful in locating a prospect. Asking Council's permission to contact the property manager.

The Council agrees to recognize Billie Sheshay. Discussion regarding Lawrence house.

Mr. Young makes the motion that the Council allow Ms. Griffith to contact the property manager, Teresa Schmidt to lease the house owned in Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Shea.

Motion passed 4 yes.

Ms. Griffith states that when the strategic planning meeting was held at the first of the year the Council was split into groups. Ms. Griffith made the motion that the Economic Development group would like to officially become the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Ms. Shea.

Motion passed 4 yes.

Chief Brooks reports that President Kerry Holton of the Delaware Nation plans to hopefully bring his whole Tribal Council to the pow wow and would like the opportunity to meet jointly with the Delaware Tribal Council. Ms. Griffith makes the motion for the Delaware Tribal Council to meet jointly with the Delaware Nation President and council members Friday, May 27, 2016 at 1:30pm, seconded by Mr. Young.

Motion passed 4 yes.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Griffith. Adjournment at 7:23 p.m.