

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2017

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Prayer:

Bonnie Jo Griffith was asked to lead in prayer and Chief led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Secretary Charles Randall called roll; present were Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Secretary Charles Randall, Member Nathan Young IV, Member Joe Brooks and Member Nicky Michael. All Council members were present and we had a quorum.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed our guests and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council. John Thomas welcomed the Council members back from their trip to NCAI in Washington, DC and thanked Chief Brooks and Joe Brooks for attending his brother's funeral. He asked the Tribe to do what they could to assist in the reburial effort of our ancestors. There was discussion concerning Standing Rock and what happened to our flag that was taken to Standing Rock. Nathan Young IV addressed the Council's frustration with the reporting of the work that is being done by THPO concerning Abbott Farm and that Brice Obermeyer would be coming down the first Council meeting of each month to report. Chief Chet Brooks and John Thomas discussed the deadline given to the protectors to leave the camp at Standing Rock.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to go into Executive Session on personnel and Government to Government issues, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 5:55 PM. Chief Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 6:58 PM.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that effective Monday February 27 that we no longer use our time clocks and just use time sheets and hold the supervisors and department heads accountable for their employees hours worked. Motion seconded by Charles Randall. After discussion, the motion passed 6 yes, 1 no (Joe Brooks).

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Chief Chester Brooks asked if there were any correction or additions to the minutes. Joe Brooks made the motion to accept the minutes as written seconded by Nathan Young IV. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that proper proof for excuse of Nicky Michael's absence from the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting had not been provided so the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

#### Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that we renew our membership in the Oklahoma Indian Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Nathan Young IV. After discussion the motion passed. All approved.

Charles Randall announced that there was a design workshop for the Delaware Tribe of Indians Agricultural Heritage Planning Project in Lawrence Kansas on March 1 from 9:00 AM til 3:00 PM to come up with two recommendations for the use of the land. To attend will be Charles Randall, Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes, Chief Chet Brooks, and Joe Brooks. Benita Shea will check her schedule to see if she will be able to attend. The results of the meeting will be presented at a public forum in Lawrence, KS on March 13, and we will schedule a public forum in Bartlesville sometime between March 15 and March 24 to present the two recommendations and have question and answer session.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to set March 23 as the date for the public forum for Bartlesville with the time to be determined and publicized. Motion seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

#### Reports:

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the January 2017 financials pending audit, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes reported that even with the loss of 3 key personnel we are continuing on and doing a good job with other personnel helping temporarily to fill the void. Ronda Williams is helping with the Elder Nutrition program as interim coordinator, Robbie Hedges has assisted with the influx of our Trust fund Higher education applications coming in across the country from the state of Washington to the state of Florida. We should be seeing progress on the earth moving west of the elder housing soon. Our Community Center roofing contract has been let and we expect construction to begin March 1. We have saved several thousand dollars on material with our tax exempt status.

Nicky Michael reported on the Grant Steering Committee. On the Climate Adaptation Planning Grant we are waiting for two resolutions from the other two tribes. She has spoken to the Delaware Nation and they are sending theirs. They have some questions as to when the Delaware Tribe is going to report to them and she will have our staff person report to them. The Shawnee Tribe has some concerns and would like Chief to call. Chief Brooks reported that he has sent Ron Sparkman a copy of the Cherokee letter and tried to call him but he was not in but would call him on Wednesday. Nicky Michael noted that there were two resolutions coming up on our CTAS grant and wants to thank the staff, the Boys and Girls Club as well as our consultant.

Bonnie Jo Griffith reported that she, Chief Brooks, Nathan Young IV and Joe Brooks were in Washington all last week at the NCAI meeting. It was productive and they had meetings with our legislators. Senator James Lankford is going to follow up and come to Bartlesville and have lunch with our Elders during the week before or after Easter. He is on board and knows our story. Representative Jim Bridenstine is going to help us out if there is any legislation we need. Nathan Young IV added that they had good meetings with the Department of Interior concerning some issues we have ongoing there and was able to have a discussion with acting Secretary of the Interior Jim Cason and it seems we have a very good government to government relationship with our representatives in Washington.

Benita Shea commended the Cultural Preservation Committee on the Stomp Dance they put on at the Dewey Fairgrounds Saturday night. They had a really good turnout and the committee worked really hard on that and she was proud to be a part of it. In addition to the Stomp Dances, they did our Social Dances and we were able to share that with other tribes and our people who have never seen them and carry that on.

#### New Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that Resolution 2017-09 did not have a submitted by and where it had Chief Chet Brooks, Brooks was not capitalized.

Joe Brooks made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-09 to authorize the submission of the FY2018 U.S. Department of Justice coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Grant with corrections, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Charles Randall noted that where the Resolution 2017-10 stated that the "President/Chief/Chairman/Governor" should be changed to just state "Chief" and that where it stated "take any other necessary to" should read "take any other action necessary to".

Nicky Michael made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-10 Authorizing the Boys and Girls Club to participate in the Mentoring Program for At Risk Tribal Youth and to accept funding on behalf of the Community from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs to support the Mentoring Program for At Risk Tribal Youth with corrections, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the \$20,000.00 Tribal Court Budget for their portion of the Section 106 Funds, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the budgets for the Tribal Portion of Section 106 Funds for Construction \$200,000.00, Education \$20,000.00 and Tribe \$390,000.00, seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion passed 6 yes 1 abstained (Nicky Michael).

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

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Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary

Approved