

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of March 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:

Joe Brooks was asked to lead in prayer and Chief Brooks 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 Benita Shea. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed our guests and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council. Guests present were Carolyn Rowe, Steve Rowe, Rick Barnes, Nate Young III, Anita Mathis, Linda Graff, Bonnie Thaxton, Evelyn Kay Anderson, Cece Biggose, John Thomas, Brice Obermeyer, Mary Randall and Allan Barnes.

Judge Rick Barnes thanked the Chief and Council for assisting the Court with the power to incarcerate offenders if necessary. It is not the desire of the Court to use this power, but it is necessary to have that capability. They have had one case where that was close to becoming necessary.

The Court would like to have an open house in Caney sometime between April 20 and April 28 with sandwiches, prizes and give a guided tour of the facilities to show off our Court. We are applying for a \$179,000.00 grant for the Court and if we could get at least 30 guests, this would count as points toward getting the grant. The Council could help by providing transportation between Bartlesville and Caney with Tribal vans.

John Thomas commented on behalf of the reburial of our ancestors and asked for a national effort.

Brice Obermeyer added that it would be good if the effort could be international, but there is no legal basis for recovering remains that are located in foreign museums. He commented that most museums only recognize affiliation back about 1,000 years. If we could push the affiliation back further, it would require museums to notify tribes of other remains they possess. They are working with the Forest Service to identify additional locations for reburial. We have been invited to send a representative to the opening of the Museum of the

American Revolution in Philadelphia on April 19 of this year. April 20 and 21, there will be a conference in Tulsa and Miami, Oklahoma called Community Engaged Scholarship in Indian Country and then May 9 thru the 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a Tribal Consultation Meeting with the Forest Service on how to address states without Federally Recognized Tribes at Grey Towers near Delaware Watergap in northeast Pennsylvania.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to go into Executive Session on Government to Government issues, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 6:08 PM. Chief Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 6:18 PM. Member Nicky Michael did not return from the Executive Session.

#### 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 of the Tribal Council Meeting of March 7, 2017 as written, seconded by Nathan Young IV. Motion passed 6 yes, Member Nicky Michael was not present.

Benita Shea made the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Tribal Council Meeting of March 13, 2017 with corrections, seconded by Nathan Young IV. Motion passed 4 yes, 2 abstentions (Benita Shea and Bonnie Jo Griffith) Member Nicky Michael was not present.

#### Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith reminded everyone that we were having a Town Hall meeting on possible use of the Lawrence, KS property this Thursday March 23 at 6:00 PM in the Forsythe Hall. The Elders have an outing that afternoon and we are encouraging them to join us for sandwiches on their return and attend the Town Hall Meeting. The meeting will be live streamed on Face Book.

Bonnie Jo Griffith announced that the Delaware car tags are available to those who live in Oklahoma. You have to fill out a form at the Cherokee Tag Office and pay \$6.50 to cover the mailing. The forms are not available on-line. The license tags are mailed to you.

#### Reports:

Charles Randall made the motion to approve the February 2017 financials pending audit, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. Motion passed 6 yes, Member Nicky Michael was not present.

Bonnie Jo Griffith and Benita Shea gave a report on their trip to RES Reservation Economic Summit 2017. They felt that grants were going to go away eventually and we would need to be prepared. Bonnie Jo Griffith said the difference between sovereignty and sovereign immunity was emphasized. They said Tribes that were sovereign could do anything but call for war or print currency. They also said there was money out there to get, but you can't sit at your desk and get it, you have to get up and go get it.

New Business:

Joe Brooks made the motion that we accept Nicky Michael and Nathan Young IV's resignations from the Grant Steering Committee, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. Motion passed 6 yes, Member Nicky Michael was not present.

Joe Brooks made the motion that the Grant Steering Committee consist of the CFO, Tribal Operations Manager and the Chief and Department Heads as needed. It was noted by Bonnie Jo Griffith that the Grant Steering Guidelines will need to be modified to accommodate this change. The motion was seconded by Nathan Young IV. Motion passed 6 yes, Member Nicky Michael was not present.

Joe Brooks made the announcement that there would be a Stomp Dance at the Boys & Girls Club in Chelsea, Oklahoma on Saturday March 25. Indian Taco sales begin at 5:30 PM and the Stomp Dance begins at 7:00 PM.

Member Nicky Michael returned to the Council Meeting.

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

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Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary