

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 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:

Elder Bonnie Thaxton was asked to lead in prayer and Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Secretary Charles Randall called roll; present were Chief Chester Brooks, Treasurer Benita Shea, Secretary Charles Randall, Member Nicky Michael, Member Nathan Young IV, Member Joe Brooks. Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith was not present. There were six Council members present and we had a quorum.

Joe Brooks made the motion that Bonnie Jo Griffith's absence be excused since she was on Tribal Business, seconded by Nathan Young IV. Motion passed 6 yes.

Nathan Young IV made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Charles Randall. Motion passed 6 yes.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed our guests and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

John Thomas gave an update on his plan to return to our homeland to check on our ancestors. He is working on a calendar but is in the process of waiting on dates. He hopes to have it completed by the Delaware Powwow. He plans to have drone activity. He said the participants would pay their own way.

Leslie Fall-Leaf mentioned that John Sumpter wanted her to bring up the fact that the Gate at the Jackson Fall-Leaf Cemetery has been welded shut. It is on private land, but the landowner cannot deny access to the cemetery. Joe Brooks made the motion that both the Chief and our Tribal Attorney David McCullough write a letter to the landowner, informing him that he cannot block access to our cemetery, seconded by Nathan Young IV. The motion passed 6 yes.

Charles Randall made the motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Nathan Young IV. Motion passed 6 yes. We went into Executive Session at 5:52 PM.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 6:10 PM.

Levi Randol wished to address the Council about the Jackson Fall-Leaf Cemetery to remind people how old that cemetery is and that there is a lot of litter and damage to the cemetery. Also, there has been damage to the gate to the Busby Cemetery that he would like to be repaired.

Leslie Fall-Leaf noted that Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes has been notified concerning the gate at the Busby Cemetery and has made arrangements to have it fixed.

#### Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Chief Chester Brooks asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. It was noted that Nicky Michael's speaking engagement was at Indiana University rather than Haskell University. Nate Young IV made the motion to accept the minutes of the Tribal Council Meeting of April 4, 2017 with correction, seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

#### Unfinished Business:

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the Scholarship Application, seconded by Nathan Young IV. It was noted that the form was missing an email address, (use the email address currently used for scholarships) and requested to include not only "two and four year academic programs", but also "or graduate programs". Also add that the program be administered by the Education Committee of the Trust Board. Joe Brooks revised his motion to include the changes and seconded by Nathan Young IV. Motion passed 7 yes.

#### Reports:

Benita Shea made the motion to approve the financials pending audit, seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion passed 6 yes.

Our Tribal Business Manager is out due to illness, but Ronda Williams reported that there would be a Department Head meeting on April 19.

#### New Business:

Chris Miller has written a resolution about fishing in the Tribal Pond as it has been stocked for two years. This resolution was for discussion at this time, and Chris Miller was given a number of suggestions for the resolution to be presented for vote at the next Council Meeting.

Washington County Deputy Sherriff John Grooms noted that the cemeteries mentioned are on their watch list. He did not know about the Busby Cemetery, but would be sure it was added to the watch list. He suggested getting a trail camera to record vehicles coming or going.

Nathan Young IV made the motion to extend the contract with Ted Moore to the due date of the ANA grant even if the due date changes, seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion passed 7 yes.

Benita Shea made the motion that the Delaware Tribe of Indians donate \$2,100.00 to the Delaware Powwow out of the 106 Cultural Preservation funds, seconded by Joe Brooks.

After discussion, the motion and second were amended to change the amount to \$2,500.00. Motion passed 6 yes.

Chief Chester Brooks noted that a town near Conner Prairie, Indiana in 1999 approached the Delaware Tribal Council and asked if they could use the name Lenape for a trail in the city park. They were granted permission. Now they are expanding the park and making the trail longer. They are asking if they could use our Tribal Seal on signage for the trail. We have sent them the application to be filled out. Charles Randall made the motion to approve the use of the Delaware Seal on the Lenape Trail with the understanding that we would not assume any liability for anything concerning the trail, seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion passed 6 yes.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the purchase of sod and grading for the Stomp Grounds, not to exceed \$1,800.00 and to be paid out of the 106 Cultural Preservation funds, seconded by Nathan Young IV. Motion passed 6 yes.

Nathan Young made the motion that we have our Tribal Attorney David McCullough research what would be required and if we can reconstitute our Housing Authority, seconded by Charles Randall. Motion passed 6 yes.

Adjournment:

Charles Randall made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary