

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of June 20, 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:

Curtis Zunigha was asked to lead us in prayer and Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that the Agenda be amended to include Resolution 2017-25, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Charles Randall made the motion to approve the amended Agenda, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed our guests in our native language.

Joe Brooks made the motion to go into Executive Session on personnel matters, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved. The Council went into Executive Session at 5:43 PM.

Chief Chester Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 6:17 PM

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Chief Chester Brooks asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the minutes of the Tribal Council Meeting of June 6, 2017 as written, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the floor plan for the 5,000 square feet in the Annex and ask Allen Barnes to get three bids as soon as possible, hopefully by the next meeting, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

## Reports:

Brice Obermeyer reported on the signing of an agreement with the US Forest Service to be able to use their property for reburials. One of the places this opens up is in the Northern Delaware Valley near Delaware Water Gap as well as Pennsbury Manor outside of Philadelphia. This would give us burial sites in North and South Delaware Valley and Ohio. We plan to designate these burial sites as sacred sites which protects it the same as Federal Land. Another sacred site we are considering is a site identified by the youth with the Delaware Water Gap Youth Camp as a very meaningful site. We hope to be able to vote on these sites at the next Council Meeting.

Ohio Historical Society is interested in changing the interpretation of their history to take into account the Native American perspective at two of their historic sites. One is the battle site of Fallen Timbers. This was the last battle when the Delaware people took up arms against the U.S. Government, as well as the Treaty of Greenville where the Native Americans gave up most of the state of Ohio.

The Tribal Nations Conference is October and the Delaware Nations has proposed that we return to Schoenbrunn one year after the reburial there which would be October 27 and the Ohio History has asked if we could put together some sort of story about this historic event and share it not only locally, but with media like history magazines, etc.

Since they are so spread out, Brice would like to have his staff meet in Oklahoma once a year to develop their agenda for the next year and utilize the Tribal facilities. The first meeting will be August 14 & 15 and correspond with the Tribal Council meeting.

Tribal Business Manager Allan Barnes talked about the fishing permit. He announced that we have added a new Wellness Attendant, Justin Bolen with the hours 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, and introduced our new CFO Leslie Young. He mentioned they were working on the new employee web services time entry system EWS.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the fishing permit and waiver with changes, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Benita Shea made the motions that we approve the Financials for May 2017 pending audit, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Curtis Zuigha announced that Saturday would be the Family Fun Day from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm and provided details of the events. If it works out, the hope is to replicate the event in Chelsea at the Boys and Girls Club in August.

Jack Tatum expressed his concern about the epidemic of Drug abuse and complimented Curtis on putting on the event on Saturday to educate people and help the children.

New Business:

The passage of Resolution 2017-23 to submit a Tribal Early Head Start Expansion Grant by Poll Vote, since the grant due date was prior to the scheduled Council Meeting, was confirmed by a vote of 5 yes and 2 Abstentions (members unable to be contacted).

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-24 to submit an Application for an Administration for Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies – SEDS (CFDA:93.612) Grant, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-25 attesting to Periodic Statements of Performance Confirming Trust Fund Litigation Settlement Approval and Reaffirming Delegation of Authority under Resolution; 2017-04, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the Chief to sign the contract for use of the Oklahoma Child Support New Data Base System, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith announced that this week was Cultural Week and that Chief Chester Brooks, Curtis Zunigha, Mara Johnson and she were invited by the Saint John's Catholic School and Osage Hills School to present a program about the Delaware history and get the kids involved in some social dances.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion, seconded by Benita Shea, to set tentative dates for planning purposes for the following events. All approved.

September 30, 2017 – Kids Fishing Tournament at our pond

October 28, 2017 – A Halloween party with a trunk or treat and games inside (outside if weather permits)

December ??, 2017 – Participate in the Christmas Parade

December 15, 2017 – Our usual Employee Christmas Party

December 16, 2017 – A Christmas party for our Delaware Kids and their families

May 12, 2018 – A Mothers' Day Brunch for all Delaware mothers (kids helping cook, serve, and clean-up)

June 16, 2018 – A Fathers' Day Breakfast for all Delaware dads (kids helping cook, serve and clean-up)

Benita Shea announced that as part of the Cultural Committee, Curtis Zunigha, Leslie Jergen and Benita Shea performed during the OK Mozart Festival at Woolaroc.

Adjournment:

Joe Brooks made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Benita Shea. All proved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary