Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Prayer:

Homer Scott 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, Member Joe Brooks, Member Nicky Michael and Member Nathan Young IV. All council members were present and we had a quorum.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed our guests and recognized the Kansas Delaware who were present.

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 20, 2017 as written, seconded by Benita Shea. Motion passed 5 yes, 2 abstention (Nicky Michael and Nathan Young IV).

Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith brought up and read the flyer for the fishing tournament September 23. Joe Brooks had two concerns. First that September 23 would still be too hot to have the fishing tournament, and second that opening the tournament up to all local youth would fish out the pond. There was some concern expressed about the liability. Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that we approve the fishing tournament, seconded by Charles Randall. After discussion, Bonnie Jo Griffith requested to table the motion until the next meeting, the second by Charles Randall was revised to table the motion. The vote was all in favor of tabling the motion until the next meeting.

Joe Brooks gave an update on the stomp ground. The ground was leveled this afternoon and Joe would order the sod to be delivered tomorrow. The new sod will have to be watered twice a day. He will be able to buy the hose and sprinklers required and still be within budget.
Reports:

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

Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes reported that for the remodel project, he was still in the process of obtaining 3 bids. Nathan Young IV requested that we also get a bid from Tahkox and Allan Barnes agreed. He announced our newest employee who is Angela Krebbs who is our new housing financial clerk. The Delaware News went out in good shape. There will be a department head meeting tomorrow at 9:30 am.

Curtis Zunigha reported on the Family Fun Days and they were a great success. It was more than hot dogs and balloons and fun, at the core of the event we worked with our partners, Youth and Family Services and the Native Alliance against Violence to provide a Parenting Class and Domestic Violence Training to promote safe and stable families in our community. We plan to extend this to the Chelsea area at the housing community and our Boys and Girls Club. He gave an update on the grant he has applied for that would be two years totaling about $424,000.00 to start a Domestic Violence program.

Nicky Michael reported that we are now in beta testing on having the online language available on our phones.

Xavier “X” Michael spoke to the Council on preservation of our culture. He felt that we were not using our cultural language, dances, etc. to the full advantage of the tribe and felt there was more we could do. He mentioned things other tribes are doing. “X” also mentioned that for the Stomp Ground, it shouldn’t have sod or live anything on it because by tradition the spirit doesn’t want to dance on anything living. It should be clean and sod free.

New Business:

Resolution 2017-26 to participate in the ACL Evaluation of the Title VI Program was passed by Poll Vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, since the due date was prior to the next scheduled Council Meeting. Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to confirm the poll vote for Resolution 2017-26, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-27 to authorize the submission of the FY2018 Child Support Enforcement Grant budget, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-28 to approve Tribal Membership, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Nicky Michael made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-29 to proclaim August 2017 as Child Support Awareness Month; A Celebration of Children & Families, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved. Attached to Resolution 2017-29 is a Proclamation designating August 2017 as: “CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS; A CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES” approved with the Seal of the Delaware Tribe affixed on this 18th day of July, 2017.
Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-30 to Approve Mentor Protégé Relationship between TAHKOX E2 LLC and B3 ENTERPRISES LLC, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved by a show of right hands.

Bonnie Jo Griffith brought to everyone’s attention something that popped up on Facebook from a tribal member stating “Tribal Memberships for sale, see Chief Chester L. Brooks Jr for details or call 918-337-6590, many acres of Tribal land, artifacts, historical documents, paintings, artwork, etc., vehicles, mowers, lawn equipment, kitchen equipment, office furniture, computers, everything must go. Please contact the sales manager at Bonnie Jo’s phone number, no reasonable offer refused.” This was posted by Mr. Beau Watt which was a complete lie. This will be brought to the attention of our attorney to see what we can do about it.

Joe Brooks announced his phone number and requested input of everyone on what they think of opening up the tribally owned pond to all local youth for the tournament.

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary