

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2017

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

Prayer:

Elder Bonnie Thaxton 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 all of our guests and recognized Diane Hammons who along with Roger Wiley and Yonne Tiger gave a report on the Tribal Court Assessment. They reported on the Summary of Recommendations and that they were very pleased with findings on the Court and emphasized the importance of the Court to the Tribe. It was noted that we could not hear criminal cases until we established a land base. Needs for the Court were identified as well as possible sources of funding. The Council and guests show their appreciation of the work done by the committee.

Tribal Judge Nate Young reported that the judges were going have a conference call to go over the report and thanked the committee for the opportunity they have given us. He wanted to call to attention was an entry in the report that referred to Judge Barnes and our Court Clerk Robbie Hedges for their excellent work and that he was proud of the report.

Nathan Young IV made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss employee matters, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved. The Council went into Executive Session at 6:25 PM.

Chief Chester Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 6:29 PM. No action or vote was taken.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Chief Chester Brooks asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that Benita Shea was misspelled but it was later discovered that this was in a different document. Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the minutes of the Tribal Council Meeting of June 20, 2017 with corrections, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith and passed out the flyer for the fishing tournament with corrections requested. Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the Fishing Flyer, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Joe Brooks announced that next month there would be a resolution on the pond prohibiting swimming and boats on the pond and limit the channel catfish taken to 5.

Reports:

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

Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes reported that on July 21 we lost our Housing Director Ron Scott to an extended illness and commended our delegation that attended the services as it was greatly appreciated by Ron's daughter Jean Young. The Housing department is continuing on as a teamwork approach and things are running smoothly.

Scholarship approvals and Community Services will be reported to the Trust Board. Our LIHEP program has provide a lot of assistance, but will have to end for the physical year as it is out of money. We have tried to help as many tribal members as possible.

On the Delaware Tribe East Wing project we have two firm bids at this time and will have two more by the end of the week. The ones we have will be emailed to the Council tomorrow.

Joe Brooks requested that each department submit their report each month in time to be included in the Council packet, they should be in by the Wednesday before the Council Meeting.

Curtis Zunigha reported that we would have a new Financial Specialist reporting to work on August 28. For our Child Support program we are seeking to add a fourth employee. On Thursday, August 31 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM we plan to have a back to school event at the Chelsea Boys and Girls Club.

Charles Randall reminded everyone of the Delaware Tribe Agricultural Heritage Project on the Lawrence KS property Town Hall meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday August 29 and encouraged all Tribal Members to attend.

Chris Miller reported that we currently have 11,100 members

New Business:

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the Election Rules Definition of Registered to Vote, seconded by Charles Randall. Nathan Young had an issue with absentee ballots being sent to active voters of the last three elections and thought each member should have to request an absentee ballot. Motion passed by 6 yes, 1 opposed (Nathan Young IV).

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-31 Enrollment to approve Tribal Membership (27 candidates), seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-33 TO HAVE A REFERENDUM OF THE ADULT VOTING MEMBERSHIP WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE CONCERNING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE OF IDAHO AND KANSAS DELAWARE'S INTO THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS with grammar changes, seconded by Charles Randall. Nathan Young IV went on record opposing the special election and felt they should seek Federal Recognition for their own tribes and we should not spend our money on a special election. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 opposed (Nathan Young IV). Special election to be held November 4, 2017.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made motion to send Nathan Young IV to NCAI in Milwaukee in October, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith announced that she had heard from AARP today and they have accepted Charles Randall as an AARP Native Honoree of the Year with a banquet in Oklahoma City on October 3rd.

Nathan Young IV made the motion that we donate \$1,500.00 to the "Indian Summer", seconded by Benita Shea. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve a budget of up to \$1,000.00 to come out of Tribal Cultural Resources for the fishing tournament and he will ask the Trust Board Cultural Preservation to go in for \$500.00 of it, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Nicky Michael announced that Oklahoma Legal Resources is providing a workshop in Miami on the Cobel payment.

Nathan Young IV made the motion that Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith represent the Tribe at a 106 Consultation Meeting in Flagstaff, Arizona on August 28 and 29, seconded by Charles Randall. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 opposed (Nicky Michael).

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary