

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of September 19, 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 our tribal members and guests.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to go into Executive Session on personnel matters, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 6:01 PM.

Chief Chester Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 6:40 PM. No action or vote was taken.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the minutes of August 15 with grammatical corrections noted by Benita Shea, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business was discussed.

Reports:

The Financial CFO was out due to a doctor's appointment. Treasurer Benita Shea made the motion to approve the financials for August 2017 pending audit, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks noted that the Departmental Reports have improved significantly over the past several months.

Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes reported that the Housing Director position has been filled with Cecelia (CeCe) Biggose. The Wellness position has been filled by Justin Bolen who has also filled in for several areas for which we have requested help. The Departmental Head meeting will be Wednesday September 20 and they will discuss having an all staff meeting which is overdue. He and Ronda Williams just returned from a Title VI National Conference and Training session where they were able to meet face to face with Washington DC officials. Many additional areas that we can take advantage of were identified during the conference. Our enrollment department is currently in Portland Oregon for training on Prodigy software used for the enrollment of our tribal members. The Delaware Indian News will allow a few days additional time to allow input into the October issue.

New Business:

Chief Chester Brooks noted that he did not think the FCC was going to take away our consultation fees in the near future, but that it was important that we attend the meeting in Washington on October 4 to explain why we charge these fees.

Nathan Young IV made the motion to approve travel for Chief Chester Brooks and Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith to attend the FCC Consultation Meeting in Washington DC on October 4, seconded by Charles Randall. Motion passed 4 yes, 2 no (Nicky Michael and Joe Brooks) 1 abstention (Chief Chester Brooks).

Justice Nate Young III addressed the Council to encourage that we begin the discussion on how we can permanently fund the Tribal Court. The grant we are operating on is a onetime funding opportunity.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-32 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO ALLOW FISHING ON THE POND ON THE BARLESVILLE, OK TRIBAL CAMPUS with grammatical corrections, seconded by Nicky Michael. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 abstention (Charles Randall). Bonnie Jo Griffith will clean up the resolution without changing any of the meaning and send it to all the Council Members.

Nicky Michael made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-34 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-35 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO ENROLL AS MEMBER OF NCAI TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP with the change to identify the Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention as singular rather than plural, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that the Fishing Tournament is set for Saturday September 23. There will be three pop-ups for registration and weigh-in, one for each age group 2-5 years, 6-10 years and 11-15 years. Registration will be from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, no lines in water until 10:00 AM, and all lines out of the water at 1:00 PM. Hot dogs will be served after weigh-in. Language instruction will be provided by Curtis Zunigha during lunch.

Nicky Michael made the motion that the Delaware Tribe begin to develop some Disaster Relief Effort within our Tribe, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Chief Chet Brooks reminds the Facebook audience about Delaware Days Friday and Saturday, September 29th and 30th at the Falleaf Memorial Pow Wow Grounds. Pot Luck will be Friday night at the Ford Griggs camp and Saturday night same place with Cultural Committee providing the meat. He noted that all Delaware and other natives and Delaware friends are invited. Ladies bring their shawls and everyone bring lawn chairs. There will be an auction held.

Adjournment:

Joe Brooks made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary