Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Special Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Prayer:

Joe Brooks 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 Nathan Young IV and Member Nicky Michael. All Council Members were present and we had a quorum.

Joe Brooks made the motion to amend the Agenda due to the weather and driving conditions to only attend to critical business including payment of the Nordhaus Law Firm, LLP invoice for Thomas Peckham’s work on the Judgement Fund; the four resolutions; discussing securing the Judgement Funds; and Kenny Foreman needing an answer on the carpeting in order to go forward with the remodeling. Motion seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed all our tribal members and guests.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting: Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business.

Reports: Reports were deferred until the next meeting.

New Business:

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS APPROVING, AUTHORIZING AND ENACTING THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS DOMESTIC CODE, seconded by Nathan Young IV. Motion passed with a vote of 6 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2018, after correcting the spelling of the month of February and the name Ryan Nicole Gathright. The Motion was seconded with corrections by Nathan Young IV. All approved.
Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO CERTIFY CHRISTI HUDSON SCHEER AS A DELAWARE ARTIST, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Nicky Michael made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE AND SUPPORT THE DELAWARE TRIBE’S FY2018 NAGPRA CONSULTATION/DOCUMENTATION GRANT PROPOSAL, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that we approve $5,187.00 to add carpet to the central area of the remodel, seconded by Joe Brooks. During discussion it was explained that the door leading into what will be the Family & Child Services area will be closed off as planned and the rest of the remodeling will proceed while plans are finalized for the Family & Child Services area. The motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the payment of $311,505.59 to Nordhaus Law Firm, LLP for their work on the Judgement Fund, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved. An authorization sheet was signed by all Council Members authorizing payment.

Chief Chester Brooks made the announcement that Scott Thompson with Arvest had informed the Chief that there were all kinds of ways that we can lock up these funds. The FDIC limit on protecting our monies is $250,000.00 and there are other ways to protect the full value. The Chief invited Scott and his associates to come back March 13, 2018 and would be happy to invite other banks and financial professionals.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion all the Judgement Funds be placed in some type of protected trust account to be managed by the Tribal Council, seconded by Nathan Young IV. The motion passed 4 votes yes, 3 votes no (Chief Chester Brooks, Joe Brooks and Nicky Michael).

Nathan Young suggested that the Treasurer take the lead on the project to determine the best way to protect the funds, including attorneys, banks and other financial institutions.

Nicky Michael announced that she would not be at the next Council Meeting as she had a First Nations Advisory Council meeting at the Indiana University and would be going on behalf of the Tribe.

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nicky Michael. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

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Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary