

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2017

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:39 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 absent. Five council members were present and we had a quorum.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to excuse Nathan Young IV's absence because he was at NCAI on Tribal business, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Charles Randall made the motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed all our tribal members and guests and invited Curtis Zunigha to introduce our new Child Support employees. Curtis introduced our new Director of Family and Children Services, Aimee Turner, who comes to us from the Kaw Nation where she was the Director of the Child Support Services program. Shelby Lacey is our new Financial Specialist, a graduate of Oklahoma State University and is from Chelsea, Oklahoma.

Chief Chester Brooks introduced Larry Heady, a Delaware Tribal member from the Wann area and an employee in our Historic Preservation Office who does reviews and consultation from Ohio and West.

Chief Chester Brooks also announced that Curtis Zunigha has taken the position of Cultural Services Director.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 5:52 PM.

Chief Chester Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 6:36 PM. No action or vote was taken.

### Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the Minutes of September 19 as written, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

### Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith described the activities for the Halloween party for the kids aged 0 to 16 to be held on October 28 and made the motion to approve a budget of \$550.00 from the 106 account for the party, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that Bonnie Jo Griffith and Benita Shea start working on plans for the Christmas Parade, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

### Reports:

Treasurer Benita Shea made the motion to approve the financials for September 2017 pending audit, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes reported that interviews for our Housing Specialist has been scheduled for October 18 to replace CeCe Biggoose who has filled the position of Housing Director. A solicitation for bids for the remodel of the old Day Care facilities was advertised in the Bartlesville Examiner Enterprise on Sunday October 15. Bidding will open October 16<sup>th</sup> through October 27<sup>th</sup>. The project awarded or denied after October 31<sup>st</sup> based on Council approval. The Delaware Indian News was received on October 7<sup>th</sup>. This will get it out to the Tribal members before the election November 18<sup>th</sup> for those who need to request an absentee ballot. We have retained Gilkey's Cleaning Service for the cleaning of our three buildings here on campus and they started on October 16. Our Liheap grant was submitted through online data collection as required by the government and we have been informed that we were accepted on October 11 which will allow our program to continue. The Fishing Tournament was a great success with no injuries. The department head meeting will be Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>. Our consultants Shafer, Kline & Warren will be here to present the final version of the Business Plan for the Lawrence KS property on Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Allen finished by noting that Charles Randall received the AARP Elder of the Year award in Oklahoma City on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After reading the Housing report, Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that our new Director, CeCe Biggoose is getting Housing back on good footing and let her know that we appreciate all her effort.

Everyone agreed that Delaware Days was well attended with good food, good dancing and a good auction for the Pow Wow Committee. Curtis Zunigha announced that Howard Barnes, who was unable to attend Delaware Days, will be at the Center for lunch October 27<sup>th</sup> and that Kenny Brown will be leading the Veterans in honoring Howard as Honored Veteran of the Year. Howard was at Normandy and is one of our few Veterans left that served in WWII.

Chris Miller reported that on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma Indian Legal Services were here and gave a Cobell clinic. We were able to update information and as a result have been informed that 409 checks will be going out to Delaware members who were on their lost list. This will be right at \$350,000.00 that will be paid to Delaware Tribal Members and there are still more to go. Tribal members can email Chris at [cmiller@delawaretribe.org](mailto:cmiller@delawaretribe.org) to see if they are eligible to participate in the Cobell Settlement. If they turned 18 between 1985 and 1998 they may be eligible. The ending date to submit an appeal is November 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### New Business:

Larry Heady from our Historic Preservation Office reported on their first annual meeting results. They addressed the rumors about 106 funding. They are being proactive in developing our Tribe's mission statement surrounding our 106 funding and focus on the fact that we are the authentic Lenape Indians and the only place the Federal Agencies and Contractors can get accurate information for their project. Next, we have a list of counties of interest based on historical occupation of villages where we know our people lived and put down roots. We know that in these areas there are cultural resources, cultural objects and things that are important to us that should be protected. We have decided to broaden the focus and base our areas of interest on aboriginal title where treaties with the United States acknowledge that we owned this geography. We will also release areas where we know there are federally recognized tribes in place that will protect them such as Virginia and Connecticut. This has the potential to expand our revenue through the 106 work that we do. We discussed establishing a digitized library so we are the primary resource for information about our history going back many generations. This information has been carried with us as oral traditions and stories and will establish us as the authentic source for information about the Lenape people.

Larry discussed our work with NAGPRA, returning our ancestors where they belong and identifying places for reinternment. They are also looking into various grant opportunities.

Chief Chet Brooks noted that Larry identified that it was not just lands that we settled, but lands we owned that we should be claiming for consultation purposes. That adjustment will approximately double the number of consultations that we do.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-36 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO RE-AFFIRM LINE OF CREDIT AT BANCFIRST FOR TAHKOX E2 LLC, USING CD#8434 AS COLLATERAL, seconded by Benita Shea. All Approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion for Chief Chester Brooks and Joe Brooks to attend the Ohio History Museum October 30 thru November 3 for the Ohio History Connection for all tribes that resided in Ohio, seconded by Benita Shea. The motion passes 3 yes, 2 abstentions (Chief Chester Brooks and Joe Brooks).

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary

APPROVED