DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2020

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

Prayer:

Jeremy Johnson led the invocation and Chief Chet Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Brooks welcomed the audience and called for any comments or questions.

Roll Call:

Nathan Young, IV called Roll; present were Chief Chester Brooks, Assistant Chief Charles Randall, Treasurer Joe Brooks, Member Nicky Michael, Member Jeremy Johnson and Member Brad Kills Crow, Member Nathan Young IV, A quorum was present.

Charles Randall made a motion to approve the agenda for the September meeting, with a second by Nathan Young, IV. The vote was 7 yes, 0 no, and no abstentions.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Tribal Council read through the minutes for August 15, 2020 meeting and Charles motioned to approve minutes. Jeremy Johnson seconded motion. The vote was 6 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention (Brad Kills Crow).

Unfinished Business

Nathan Young, IV read into the minutes three poll votes taken in August and September:

August 24, 2020 this poll vote was to compel the tribal operations manager to be in the office 8-5 Monday through Friday. Vote was 5 yes, 0 no and 2 abstain/no response (Nicky Michael, Chief Brooks).

September 3, 2020 this poll vote was to approve Resolution 2020-19A authorizing WCCCF to submit the 2021 application to the Office of Head Start Vote was 5 yes, 0 no and 2 abstain/no response (Nicky Michael, Brad Kills Crow).

September 4, 2020 this poll vote was to approve Resolution 2020-20 to approve Chief Chet Brooks signing the Delegate Agency Agreement with the WCCCF. Vote was 4 yes, 0 no and 3 abstain/no response (Nicky Michael, Brad Kills Crow and Jeremy Johnson).

Joe Brooks made a motion to confirm these poll votes and Charles Randall seconded motion. Vote was 6 yes, 1 no (Nathan Young IV) and 0 abstentions.
Reports:

Treasurer Joe Brooks made a motion to table the financials as there was a discrepancy on the summary to the financial reports for August 2020. Charles Randall seconded and vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Beginning with the October meeting, Chief Brooks requested all departments to return to having a report for the Tribal Council monthly. If a department does not have a report, they will be reprimanded and written up. The report was defined as a brief summary of the previous monthly business.

Jeremy Johnson made a motion to have monthly reports posted to the webpage delawaretribe.org. Charles seconded the motion. Vote 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

The posting of policies, procedures or grievances will have to be approved by Tribal Council prior to going up online.

New Business:

Charles Randall made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-21 for the OVW COVID-19 application submission, seconded by Nicky Michael. Vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Jeremy Johnson made a motion to approve with correction Resolution 2020-22 Enrollment of new tribal members; Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Joe Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-23 Placing Judiciary Referendum on the ballot in the November 7, 2020 election and Charles Randall seconded. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no and 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

Charles Randall made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-08B Declaration of State of Emergency and closure of the tribal offices due to the COVID-19 pandemic seconded by Nathan Young, IV. Vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Joe Brooks made a motion that the rental of Forsythe Hall be suspended until there are COVID policies and procedures firmly in place and Tribal Council votes to re-open for use. Charles Randall seconded. Vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

There was a discussion regarding General Council and where it should be held due to Coronavirus and social distancing procedures. Several locations were discussed including Forsythe Hall, Dewey Fairgrounds, rental of a tent w/heaters and Community Center. Jeremy Johnson made a motion to research the rental of a tent to place outside Forsythe Hall. Joe Brooks seconded motion and vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.
Jeremy Johnson made the motion to serve a meal at General Council, Nicky Michael seconded the motion. Vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Chief Brooks introduced a letter from tribal member Shauna Mayfield, whose family lost their home and possessions to the Slater fire in Northern California. After discussion about helping the family monetarily, Nicky Michael made a motion to donate $5000.00 from the Domicile, Nathan Young, IV seconded motion. Vote was 6 yes, 1 no (Jeremy Johnson) and 0 abstained.

Tribal Operations Manager Joe Exendine, asked that the tribal council consider a motion to extend the Annual Leave buyout until December 31, due to a software problem in system. Motion was made by Charles Randall and seconded by Nathan Young, IV. Vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Jeremy Johnson made a motion to allow each council member to receive access to tribal letterhead and a Resolution asking state and local governments to cease and desist recognizing fabricated tribes as legitimate and enabling them to threaten cultural identity and sovereignty. Nicky Michael seconded motion and vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain.

Joe Brooks made a motion and amended to have all employees return to work on September 28, 2020 for normal working hours and to follow COVID procedures and to be tested prior to going back to work. Motion included that tribal members would have to call a day in advance and make an appointment for admittance to do business. Charles Randall seconded motion. Vote was 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

**Adjournment:**

Nicky Michael motion to adjourn meeting and Joe Brooks seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Attested by: Charles Randall, Assistant Chief