

Called to Order: 5:42

Prayer: Annette Ketchum

**Attendance:**

Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Secretary Nicky Michael, Treasurer Benita Shea, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Councilman Nate Young.

Councilman Young asks to give Councilor Michelle Holley an excused absence due to icy weather.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

Chief Brooks welcomes guests.

Councilwoman Griffith moves to amend the agenda and move Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) up to the present.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Dr. Brice Obermeyer is video-conferenced into meeting and states: We are finally at the end of our Chambers site. We have been trying on this site for 15 years before I even came on board. This summer we hope to have a joint repatriation in Ohio this summer.

Second thing we have this summer is a Delaware Youth camp at Delaware Water Gap, paid for by the Park Service (5 participants per Delaware Tribe/Nation Stockbridge Munsee).

We have been mapping sites in Kansas. We just finished the allotments and this is available to us. I'm also looking at documents trying to recreate what the reservation would have looked like in Kansas.

Other projects we have been in constant collaboration with in New York and Pennsylvania. We just stay in the loop until they are ready to move forward and then we provide our input.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks: Have any campers come forward for the Water Gap?

Dr. Obermeyer responds: We haven't had any so far. I'm including Nicky in on the correspondence and we are hoping to have her participate and also take it to the Cultural Preservation. We may want to consider giving this an age limit—high school. They are planning on doing this every year. The dates are the last two weeks in July.

Councilwoman Michael asks: Am I understanding correctly; are you working on a repatriation grant as well?

Dr. Obermeyer says he is looking to the Tribal Council for this answer. These grants are \$15k. When NAGPRA found out that it was three Tribes applying for the same grant, they split it three ways. In 2009, we needed 5k to get people out there because we needed the money. But now, looking at the actual amount of funding and we would be under federal guidelines and reports. It may be better to cover the costs on our own. "My personal opinion is I would rather do the repatriation without the headache of the grant. We make that in a week in consultations."

Councilwoman Michael asks: Another question I have is the To Bridge A Gap conference. You brought it to our attention that you may only be able to go for a short time and possibly have somebody else attend? Is this still the case? We are opening this up to anyone in Cultural Preservation, perhaps, that want to attend would be welcome to attend.

Dr. Obermeyer: Yes certainly. It would help tremendously if there is someone from the Tribe who wants to attend these events; that would be very helpful.

Questions from the audience about the camp and the grant. Why would he not want to write the grant for \$5k rather than use tribal money?

Dr. Obermeyer; I would be happy to write the grant. It's really just the fact that it is regulated—can only be used for costs of the repatriation themselves—travel, transportations of the remains. If the other two Tribes don't apply, we could get \$15k. I am leaving that up to the Tribal Council. This would be an entire new grant from scratch.

Tribal Council thanks Dr. Obermeyer for his report.

Councilman Young motions to return to the regular agenda.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

### **Approve Agenda**

Councilman Young moves.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

**Minutes from January 6, 2015:**

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Michael states she doesn't see January 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. She submitted them but they are not in the packet. Tabled until later.

**Financial Report:**

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve pending audit.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

**Unfinished Business**

**Reports:**

Personnel Committee:

Councilwoman Shea: We originally established the Personnel Committee as temporary but we would like to keep the Personnel Committee as is while including the department heads in the hiring and firing. We have made some progress and would like to keep the momentum.

Councilman Young motions to approve maintaining the Personnel Committee.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

NAGPRA:

Previously, we had an oversight committee for NAGPRA and Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

-John Sumpter spoke from audience and stated that the NAGPRA Committee used to be under the Trust Board. He was originally second Chair. Under the last administration, the Chief took it over to the Tribal Council and we were no longer involved.

Councilman Young motions to re-activate the NAGPRA and THPO Committee—Two from the Tribal Council, two from the Trust Board, and two from the Elders Committee.

Councilwoman Ketchum and Michael volunteer.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to appoint Annette Ketchum and Nicky Michael to the Committee.

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution 2015-14 —To Amend the Enrollment Ordinance of Section 6(a) and 6(b).**

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for a 5 minute break at 7:15.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

Returned at 7:29

#### **Resolution 2015-15—To Approve Tribal Membership determined eligible to be enrolled.**

Councilman Young motions to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

#### **National Parks Service Heritage Grant:**

Councilwoman Michael explains that James Rementer and Anita Mathis want to write a National Park Service Grant for historic preservation. Mr. Rementer is proposing an oral history project to interview Elders or also transcribe Elders from the past.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve that James Rementer to write the grant and be paid \$3,000 out of Historic Preservation if the grant is funded.

Councilman Young seconds.

Tribal Operations Manager recommends using the Historic Preservation funds.

Councilwoman Shea: This would be pending whether the grant is awarded?

Councilwoman Michael: Doesn't agree with the "if" statement due to the fact that the work is tedious and will take him likely 100 hours of his time. The grants are also competitive.

All in favor (Councilman Michael states I with the caveat she doesn't agree with not paying someone for the hours they put in).

Chief Brooks states we need to talk about an even bigger grant, Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

There is an Economic Development grant to discuss.

Councilman Michael is asked to discuss: She forwarded this RFP –Request for Proposal—to the Tribal Council and Economic Development team. She is putting it out there to discuss how we are going to proceed. Are we going to put it out for bid? Are we going to have one of our staff write it? This will be beneficial to the Tribe and could bring in a lot of resources if funded.

Councilwoman Griffith asks if we have staff who could write it without it interfering with their jobs?

Councilwoman Michael: An ANA grant is very tedious and is the hardest ones to write. It takes from 500 to 1000 hours (months). It's due in the middle of March. If we sat down as a team and wrote it, we could get it in. We have all the pieces by using Tahkox e2 but it's more about whether we could get ourselves together to write it.

Councilwoman Griffith does not view this opportunity as having enough time. She feels we need to sit down and write some policies and procedures regarding how we are going to plan for grant writing.

Councilwoman Michael states she very much agrees and has been asking to put these out for bid since December. But she does want to encourage us to move. Every month we put this off, we are missing out on another opportunity.

Councilman Young is proposing holding a grant-writing meeting to discuss policies and procedures on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Other New Business:**

**Councilman Young:** Wants to affirm the poll vote to send Chief Brooks and Assistant Chief to the Winter Session NCAI. Councilwoman Ketchum states that she was not polled. She does not object but wants to assure it's written into the minutes.

**Meeting on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> with Chief Baker:** We discussed adding one of our Tribal Council members to the Cherokee Nation Task Force called OneFire, which deals with domestic violence and Indian Child Welfare and things of this nature. He would like to nominate in a form of a motion, Dr. Nicky Michael.

Councilwoman Michael accepts.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

Five in favor.

Councilwoman Michael abstains.

Councilwoman Griffith states we have received demand payment letters from Jim Creed, Beau Watt, and Nathan Scullall's attorneys demanding over \$100k for these 5-year signed documents. In her opinion, the documents are fraudulent. She would like to motion to take the person who signed the documents on behalf of the Tribe (Chief Pechonick) to Tribal Court and declare the documents null in void. All were notarized by Kelia Kindred.

Councilman Young seconds.

Five in favor.

Councilwoman Ketchum abstains.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to go into Executive Session at 7:56.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

**Executive Session**

Return from Executive Session

Councilwoman Griffith motions to accept recommendations from Personnel Committee.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

All in favor.

**Adjourns: 8:24**