

October 4, 2016 Council Minutes

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2016
Taken by Secretary Annette Ketchum

Chief Chester Brooks called the regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Nate Young was asked to pray and Chief led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Ketchum called roll and others present were Treasurer Benita Shea, and members, Dr. Nicky Michaels, Ms. Michelle Holley, and Mr. Nate Young. Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith arrived at 5:46 p.m. due to a doctor's appointment.

Tribal Council regular meeting Oct. 4, 2016 Attendance
Ronda Williams, Carson Virden, Anita Mathis, Jean Lewis, Nathan Buck Young, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Karla Vernon, Joe Brooks, Nancy Sumpter, Anna Pechonick, Alyssa Campbell, LuAnn Hainline, Susan Cade.

Chief Brooks welcomed guests and asked if anyone would like to address the council. John Sumpter asked to have his nephew, Levi Randall, be added to artists list for the Tribe. Joe Brooks thanked the Tribe for getting the pond cleaned up and treated. Michelle Vernon thanked the Tribe for the Candidates Forum and requested it be three weeks earlier to allow absentee voters to hear the candidate before the ballots go out. She then passed out documents.

Motion made by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the Agenda. Passed 6 Yes.
Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young to approve the minutes. Passed 5 Yes, 2 Abstentions (Holley and Michael). One spell correction was adding an "e" to Cade.

New Business

Resolution 2016-50, Approve Tribal Membership, was read and motion made by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Holley and passed 7 Yes.

Mr. Young reported that he has talked to Attorney Tom Peckham and was told the Judgment Fund settlement is coming to the end and the Department of Justice may require the Chief and Assistant Chief to travel to Washington, D. C. to meet. Mr. Young made that into a motion, seconded by Ms. Shea, that if it becomes necessary for travel, it be approved in advance. It passed 5 Yes, 2 Abstentions (Michael and Griffith).

Chief Brooks reported he had received a letter from the American Indian Student Association asking for a tribal flag to be used for events, along with flags of other tribes. Dr. Michael made the motion, seconded by Ms. Holley, passed 7 Yes. The flag will be mailed.

Chief Brooks requested the Council to make a motion to supplement the \$5,000 funding from National Parks Service to send nine members of the Elder and Cultural Preservation Committees to Ohio, October 23-27 for the reburial of human Delaware remains. The funding would come from Brice Obermeyer's Overhead Budget. Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young, and passed 7 Yes.

The Council went into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. and returned to the table at 6:20 p.m. Ms. Griffith made a motion that sufficient evidence was found to investigate hers, Mr. Young's and Chief

Brook's complaint against signatures they said Ms. Holley signed for others; Mr. Young seconded the motion. Ms. Holley provided her defense and opposed the motion unless the four parties who could have gain from a vote not be allowed to vote, upholding the Code of Ethics. However, vote was taken with 4 Yes, 2 No (Michael and Ketchum), and 1 abstention (Holley). The opposition was to Mr. Young, Ms. Griffith and Chief Brooks who had filed the complaint against Ms. Holley.

Reports:

Anita Mathis, Culture Department Archivist, reported on the progress in the designated Culture Center wing of the Tribal Headquarters. Levi and Andrea pulled the carpet, the water leaks in the roof are to be contracted to be repaired, clean up and replacement of windows that leak are among the repairs needed. Ms. Mathis will report the first of each month on progress, along with Manager Barnes, who is traveling on tribal business.

Ms. Holley reported on the trip to Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS, stating that it was a symposium on Climate Change to work with a consortium formed by the Delaware Tribe, the Delaware Nation and the Shawnee Nation to fulfill the grant on Climate. She said it was enlightening and many scholars and experts inspired her and Dr. Michael, who also attended.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Dr. Young. Adjournment at 6:33 p.m.

Chief Chet Books and Howard Barnes will be honored at the 8th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elders Honors in Oklahoma City on Monday, Oct. 10th, 2016 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.