

Called to Order: 5:37

Prayer: Mary Watters

**Attendance:**

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

**Approve Agenda**

Councilman Young moves.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

**Minutes from December 15, 2014:**

Councilwoman Ketchum corrects spelling of names and Councilwoman Griffith suggests removal of a repetitive word.

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

**Financial Report:**

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve pending audit.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

### **Unfinished Business**

Reports:

Audience requests **Environmental Director to Report.**

Jimmie Johnson, Director, is currently working on the GAP grant, which funds his program. The funding level has dropped two thousand dollars from the previous year. We are currently working on energy efficiency projects and the grant would continue this work. Other work:

1. He is continuing the recycling program.
2. Waiting on negotiations with mining companies to offset the costs for the National Zink site.

Mr. Houseberg asks if there are any grants to train in Environmental positions. Mr. Johnson has identified one for which there is a no cost share and would include job training. He wants to speak with Councilwoman Michael about it.

Joe asks if we have turned the pond over to the Environmental Program.

Tim Houseberg, **Economic Development:**

Continuation from last month's meeting of developing the GAP accounting system. The policy and procedures were adopted last month and are now implemented in the hiring package.

Continued to research the hydroponics proposal and he is very confident in their credibility.

Domicile is on track to profit \$27,500.

Questions were from audience about Hydroponics.

**Personnel Committee:**

Would like to add Tribal Operations Manager, Curtis Zunigha.

Anticipate being done with the Personnel policies by early March.

Sue Cade asks: Are you using federal guidelines? Answer yes.

Councilman Young motions to add Tribal Operations Manager to the Personnel Committee.

Councilwoman Shea seconds

All in favor

**Tribal Operations Manager**, Curtis Zunigha:

The bulk of his activities has been to shut down DFMS.

He is also working with the accounting department to develop accounting and management as a tool for the staff.

Additionally working with staff to set up Tahkox e2, with offices set up in the Caney building.

We submitted our Indian Housing Plan on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will need public input for the final draft for which we will need resolutions. 1. For Elders rehab and 2. For opening and closing costs for new buyers.

Went to Emporia Kansas on January 9<sup>th</sup> to visit with our NAGPRA, who is getting ready to apply for the Repatriation grant.

He is going up to Lawrence to visit property and a move-out inspection on January 30th. Dr. Michael, Benita and Michelle are planning to go with him.

Had a meeting with Sherry Ratcliff from the Delaware Child Care, who will be implementing and ICDBG grant. We can look forward to monthly reports.

Councilwoman Holley requests him to describe the handling of the move-out of the Election Board office. He assured no elected representative was anywhere near this office or material during the time.

Susan Cade asks if the Lawrence property was still under LTI Enterprises?

Councilman Young responds stating that LTI has been suspended and yes, the property was bought under LTI. The property is now in the name of the Tribe.

She also wants to know how much are the taxes? Councilman Young responds that it is really surprisingly low—about a sixth of our Caney property. Jean believes they were less than \$3k.

Joe Brooks checked with Prudential Insurance regarding the pond and any liability. Regardless of whether we stock it with fish, we have to carry liability because anyone could drown. There is a drain pipe broke off inside the dam and it needs to be fixed. Councilwoman Holley asks him to email this information to the Tribal Council.

Nancy Sumpter asks about the Child Care ICDBG grant. The Child Care continues to build these buildings, is the Tribe getting anything out of this.

Mr. Zunigha states we are getting the grant, \$800k.

Ms. Sumpter is asking about revenue from the Child Care, not the grant.

Mr. Zunigha: No, we are not revenue sharing.

Joe Brooks wants to know why we are not charging a lease on any of her buildings? She pays utilities.

Verna Artherton asks if there is any Delaware preference for the kids?

Councilwoman Michael said no. While as a tribal member and someone who needed child care, she didn't appreciate the use of the Delaware name, but at the same time, when we lost our federal recognition, the Child Care had to form a non-profit to stay in business.

Councilwoman Griffith states that she would be willing to come in and look at the Child Care financials for answers.

Jean cautions if we do not have a service area to be able to place child care back under the Tribe. The allocation would be approximately \$2k as opposed to obtaining \$1.5 million as is.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for a 10 minute break.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

#### **Return of Tribal Assets:**

Councilwoman Griffith will file a "Writ of Replevin," an order to return the surface pro from Ms. Jenifer Pechonick for the Surface Pro.

Councilman Nate Young has talked to the FBI. He can't say more because this is an open case.

#### **New Business**

##### **Resolution 2015-08 —To adopt a Voluntary Compliance Agreement with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for non-discrimination.**

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

##### **Resolution 2015-09 —To authorizing the redemption of the Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$344,444.65 to pay the line of credit at BankFirst.**

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

Susan Cade is recognized. She asks why we are putting the remainder in the General Fund and why not back into a CD to draw interest? Also is this the line of credit DFMS used for their Operation and we are having to repay out of our CD.

Councilwoman Griffith answers: Yes this is the DFMS line of credit. We have paid more than \$47,000 of their bills and we are still no done—There are still outstanding bills.

Verna Crawford asks if we can sue any of the individual members at DFMS?

Councilman Young says yes, but there really is nothing we could collect.

All in favor.

**Resolution 2015-10 —To appoint Jimmie Johnson to the Manager of Tahkox e2.**

Councilwoman Griffith moves to approve.

Councilman Young seconds.

All in favor.

**Other New Business:**

The Tribal Council met with the Cherokee Nation last week and we are possibly pursuing Delaware car tags. Councilwoman Griffith has a mock-up of this.

Susan Cade asks if there has been any movement in developing relations with the Delaware Nation, perhaps an invite to the Valentines dance.

Chief Brooks responds that they were just here today and an invite will be sent to them.

Councilwoman Griffith motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Michael seconds.

All in favor.

**Adjourns: 7:57**