

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order:

Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Prayer:

Councilor Joe Brooks was asked to lead in prayer and Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Secretary Charles Randall called roll; present were Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Secretary Charles Randall, Member Nathan Young IV and Member Joe Brooks. Chief Chester Brooks and Member Nicky Michael were absent. Five Council members were present and we had a quorum.

Bonnie Jo Griffith entertained a motion to excuse Chief Brooks absence as he is traveling on Tribal business to New York to attend a meeting with the FCC on 106 funding. Motion made by Joe Brooks and seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to strike item B. under New Business concerning the Delaware Economic Development Committee from the agenda and approve the modified agenda. Seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes introduced the new HR Director Sheridan Pickering.

Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith welcomed our guests and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council. John Thomas reiterated his concern about the reburial of our ancestors. Nathan Young IV assured him that we were doing more to ensure this would be taken care of as quickly as possible.

Charles Randall made the motion to go into Executive Session on personnel, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 5:10 PM. Assistant Bonnie Jo Griffith called the Council Meeting back to order at 6:18 PM.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith asked if there were any correction or additions to the minutes. A correction was noted on the abbreviation of Tribe Historic Preservation Office. Benita Shea made the motion to approve the minutes with noted correction, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that the work on the roof was going along and should be finished next week.

Reports:

Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes confirmed that at 6:00 PM on March 23 we would have our Agricultural Planning Grant public forum to present two recommendations for the use of the Lawrence KS land. Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that Flyers will be posted on the WEB and Facebook. Also, the Elders will be going to the Casino the afternoon of the 23rd with hopes that they will attend the forum on return.

Dr. Brice Obermeyer gave a report on Abbott Farm and the meeting in Oklahoma City on NAGPRA and how each museum is going through grave by grave to determine the cultural affiliation. We have a NAGPRA database on Google to track and tie remains and articles from various museums together for repatriation.

New Business:

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the budget for the 401k submitted by our CFO, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the budget for Cultural Resources with the correction of changing the Contingency amount to \$27,200.00, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Nathan Young IV noted that we are still creating a Cultural Center and Museum and this budget should not be taken that we are not proceeding with this as rumors have indicated. Bonnie Jo Griffith made clear that we want to turn the Social Services Building totally into a Cultural Resource Center and move Housing and EPA out of that building up to the Community Center and have a standalone Cultural Resource Center

Charles Randall made the motion to approve the budget for the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Benita Shea made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-11 to Approve Tribal Membership, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Resolution 2017-12 NAGPRA Documentation Consultation was canceled as it was determined that it was not needed at this time, but additional grants would be applied for later.

Adjournment:

Charles Randall made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary