

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2017

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

Prayer:

Curtis Zunigha was asked to lead in prayer and Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Secretary Charles Randall called roll; present were Chief Chester Brooks, Treasurer Benita Shea, Secretary Charles Randall, Member Nathan Young IV, Member Joe Brooks, and Member Nicky Michael. Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith was not present. There were six Council members present and we had a quorum.

Joe Brooks made the motion to excuse Bonnie Jo Griffith's absence because of having eye surgery today, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Charles Randall made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed our guests and invited Judge Nate Young to give his words of wisdom.

Judge Nate Young told that it has been suggested as part of the ANA grant application that the Court have a presentation on the services that they provide. He suggested that on May 25th, the Court make a presentation during the Elder Nutrition luncheon. Curtis Zunigha's staff for Child Support Services and Indian Child Welfare will also be present and present the services they provide. Another suggestion was that the Court might offer certain non-adversarial proceedings be held at the Delaware Center in Bartlesville rather than Caney KS in order to make it more convenient for the judges and participants. The Court is here to serve the Delaware people. May 25th is the Thursday prior to the Delaware Pow Wow and is also bingo day, so they are hoping for a good turnout as the attendance will be part of the grant application.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Chief Chester Brooks asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Nathan Young IV made the motion to approve the minutes of the Tribal Council Meeting of May 2, 2017 as stated, seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion passed 4 yes, 2 abstention (Benita Shea and Nicky Michael were not present at that meeting).

Unfinished Business:

Jack Tatum called attention to a problem with drugs in our community and across the Nation. Sunday we had a young tribal member with a drug problem sleeping in one of our doorways. Jack asked that we do something to help these people. As Chairman of Community, Joe Brooks noted that they had conferenced with the mentioned individual and urged him to go into a treatment program and that if he needed transportation, we would see that he had a ride to Clinton, Oklahoma for treatment.

Reports:

Benita Shea made the motion that we approve the financials, pending audit, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Curtis Zunigha reported on a promotional event scheduled for June 24 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm by the Family & Children Services and requested use of the East Wing of the Community Center. The event will be a public event similar to the Title VI event last year. The purpose is to attract people here to the Center, bring in speakers and help provide information on the services available. There will also be a Cultural activity with some of our Social Dances. There will be food and giveaways and possibly a fishing derby.

Joe Brooks made the motion that we make the East Wing of the Community Center available to the Family & Children Services on June 24th for the event, seconded by Benita Shea. It was noted that any Tribal program should have access to the Center with approval of the Tribal Manager and not require Council approval. Call for the question. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks and Charles Randall reported on a three day meeting at the Grey Towers National Historic Site to develop a proposed policy statement on Non-Federally recognized Groups and Individuals with the US Forest Services. We developed a Memorandum of Understanding with the US Forest Services Eastern Region signed by Chief Chester Brooks, Delaware Tribe of Indians and President Kerry Holton, Delaware Nation. In addition to the Proposed Policy Statement and the Media Release we made a formal written proposal with the US Forest Service to be able to bury the remains of our ancestors in the nearest National Forest to where the remains were found. Everyone with the National Forest Service seemed to think the proposal would easily be accepted. Chief Chester Brooks gave a brief history of the Grey Towers National Historic Site.

New Business:

Nathan Young IV made the motion to approve Resolution 2017-18 for Tribal Enrollment, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Nathan Young IV noted that the ANA Grant writing contract with Ted Moore had been extended during the April 18th Council meeting and therefore required no further action by the Council. Nathan Young IV has requested that the minutes of that meeting be forwarded to Ted Moore.

Charles Randall mentioned a funding opportunity presented by Sherry Rackliff that could add funds to the Early Head Start Grant. She would like permission to submit the grant for approximately \$500,000 for 5 years and renewable after 5 years. With approval, she will do a resolution to be submitted in June.

Joe Brooks made a motion to have Sherry move forward with the resolution and grant application, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Joe Brooks asked the Tribal Manager if the roof has been repaired or still leaking. The answer was that we are still waiting for modified parts to fix the roof where water pools. He also asked that we get bids on fixing the men's restroom urinal. Tribal Manager Allan Barnes said we have five applications for the Wellness Center and will begin reviewing them the next day. Also, the lights in the parking lot are waiting on the contractor. Benita Shea asked about leveling the area the across the street (west) from the Elder housing. It was suggested that we go ahead and contract the dirt work and send the bill to Sherry Rackliff.

Curtis Zunigha reminded everyone that the Veterans Committee would hold a fund raising auction during the Delaware Pow Wow on Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 am at Brooks Camp with the proceeds to go to the fund for the Veterans Memorial planned for the Tribal Campus.

John Thomas gave a update on his planned trip back to the homeland. He is going to delay the trip to allow his drone operator to get his drone license. He said the Shawnee would like to send a delegation as they followed the same trail as the Delaware.

Linda Graff, Chief of the Kansas Delaware, addressed the Council stating that the Kansas Delaware were very sincere in wishing to reunify with the Delaware Tribe where they have worked hard to have their roll accounted for and cataloged ready if they are able to become a part of the Tribe. They miss the culture that we have the benefit of and would bring their expertise and hopefully add to the culture from Kansas. She feels we would all be stronger as one.

Joe Brooks noted that the Elder Committee voted to send Elders to Branson MO. this coming Sunday. He made the motion to approve the Tribal Manager to hire someone to fill an employee's position and pay the employee their wages, an expense of \$80.00, to drive the 4 Elders to Branson, seconded by Nicky Michael. Approve 5 yes, 1 abstention (Charles Randall).

Adjournment:

Joe Brooks made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary