

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2018

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:

Joe Brooks was asked to lead us in prayer and Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Nathan Young IV made the motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed all our tribal members and guests.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to go into Executive Session on personnel matters, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 5:44 PM.

Chief Chester Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 6:26 PM. No action or vote was taken.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 meeting, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that they would be installing carpet in the new area tomorrow March 21st and they should be finished by the end of the month.

Reports:

Treasurer Benita Shea made the motion to approve the financials for February 2018 pending audit, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved. Joe Brooks suggested that we announce the total assets and liabilities. Benita Shea read the total assets of \$12,743,389.16, total liabilities of \$88,051.88.

Chief Chester Brooks introduced the new Tribal Operations Manager Joe Exendine. Joe's father was a member of the Delaware Nation. Charla Mann joined us March 19 as Administrative Assistant. Charla is Cherokee.

All monthly reports are included in the packet.

New Business:

Chief Justice Nate Young announced that the Court was going to propose a reorganization of the Court to set up an Appellate Court Division of the Court. This will require an amendment to the Constitution and will require a 2/3 vote. They hope to have it on the November Ballot.

Tribal Operations Manager, Joe Exendine said that employees showed him the roof in Chelsea and it was really bad. Allan Barnes had acquired three bids and Joe asked the Council's approval to proceed with the repairs.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the Tribal Operations Manager to proceed with the bid that he thought was best responsible bidder for the job, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-08 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Director Cultural Resources Curtis Zunigha gave an overview and background of Resolution 2018-09 to approve submission of a grant requesting financial assistance from the MICA Group/Cultural Resources Fund. The request is due March 31, 2018.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A PHASE 3 GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE TIDES FOUNDATION/MICA GROUP, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Tribal member Crystal Thaxton-Dombrovski was recognized by Chief Chester Brooks and addressed the practice of adding Executive Sessions to the agenda.

Benita Shea made the motion to move the Executive Session as needed toward the end of the agenda so we don't have the stop and start during the meeting, leaving our tribal members waiting, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the Chief to sign a letter of intent for a specific project which we have all signed NDA's and cannot discuss, seconded by Nathan Young IV. The motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstention (Chief Chester Brooks). Chief Chester Brooks made the comment that he would not sign any letter of intent without Council approval.

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.


Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary

Approved