

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2018

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

Prayer:

Elder Bonnie Thaxton 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 Nicky Michael. Absent was Member Nathan Young IV. There were six council members present and we had a quorum.

Charles Randall made the motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed all our tribal members and guests.

Curtis Zunigha, Director of Cultural Resources, announced the Inaugural Stomp Dance, the first Stomp Dance we have outdoors on our Tribal Complex. Then Inaugural Stomp Dance will be held April 28, 2018 at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and activities will begin at 7:00 pm. He encouraged everyone to come, bring a covered dish, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy nice relaxing enjoyable evening.

John Sumpter expressed concerns to the Council about his housing.

Crystal Thaxton-Dombrovski discussed concerns about Lenape children who have been taken from their parents.

Nicky Michael made the motion that Chief Chester Brooks write a letter to the Cherokee Nation, per the Cherokee MOA, announcing we are going to pursue application for ICWA and Court Services, and if they don't respond within 30 days we are free to do so, seconded by Benita Shea. The motion passed unanimously.

John Thomas discussed the 106 money being cut off and the effect on repatriation of our ancestors.

Paula Pechonick had questions concerning receiving the settlement money.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting, seconded by Joe Brooks. The motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael was not present).

Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that the new offices are supposed to be finished by Friday. The next Council meeting is planned to be in the new area with access to be at the south door. We will try it without microphones as it is a smaller room.

Reports:

Treasurer Benita Shea made the motion to approve the financials for March 2018 pending audit with assets of \$12,963,317.64, total liabilities of \$126,209.07, Fund Equity of \$12,837,108.57 which total out to total Liabilities and Fund Equity of \$12,963,317.64. Motion seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks questioned the amount with respect to the last audited financial report. Chief Financial Officer Leslie Young explained that the report the Chief was referring to included Housing program and the Trust. These financials are strictly for the Tribe. The 106 money was also discussed.

The Council acknowledged receipt of all monthly reports in the packet.

New Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the Title VI Part C Native American Caregiver Support Program policies and forms, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Title VI Director Ronda Williams described the program, explained that we have received the grant and noted that we have applications from Elders in need of this service. The Council complimented Ronda on being successful on her grant application.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve \$3,000.00 donation for the Delaware Powwow, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the support of the Stockbridge Munsee in their resolution to oppose the Pilgrim Pipeline, seconded by Nicky Michael. During discussion it was decided that the Chief should send a letter of support and Nicky Michael will write a resolution to be presented at the next Council Meeting. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, seconded by Nicky Michael. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve travel and per diem to be paid out of the Fuel Tax for all of the Council except for himself to attend the unveiling of our First Treaty at the Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC and the next day to visit with the BIA concerning putting our land in Caney KS in Trust. Motion seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion for Chief Chester Brooks and Insurance Commissioner Allan Barnes to attend the Re-insurance Conference in May funded from the Domicile for travel and per diem for three nights, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Nicky Michael made the announcement she has been approached by Native Hoop Magazine who are opening the door for a youth magazine and are looking for youth writers and photographers, or articles. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Nicky Michael.

Joe Brooks made the motion to allow people who participate in our Title VI who are over 65 be allowed fish in the pond, a formal resolution will be submitted at the next Council Meeting, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

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 6:39 PM.

Chief Chester Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 7:35 PM. No action or vote was taken.

Joe Brooks made the motion that we uphold the decision of the HR Director and the Tribal Operations Manager, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Charles Randall made the motion that we allow the Chief to approve a revised Letter of Engagement for a business transaction as long as the changes discussed are made and reviewed by our attorney, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Joe Brooks announced that he would be on vacation during the next Council Meeting and asked that his absence be unapproved.

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.


Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary



**A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO
APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP FOR
MAY 15, 2018**

RESOLUTION 2018-11

Authored by Chris Miller, Enrollment Director

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council is authorized by Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to represent and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians adopts this resolution in accordance with the Delaware Tribal Membership Act to approve for membership individuals that have been initially approved by the Enrollment Director as eligible for tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the following applicants have been determined eligible by the Enrollment Director:


Amber Nicole Phillips
Lillian Mata
Makenzie Rose Swan-Duffy
Benjamin Luis Luevano
Samantha Grace Washburn
Lance D Roark
Lucas Joe Wood

Aiden Ray McAllister
Connor Richard Doolan
Carling Kay Eliason
Arya Emilia Brock
Peyton Elizabeth Brock
Jessica Kaye Hollen

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians does hereby authorize and approve the names listed above as Delaware Tribal Members.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was considered by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and adopted this 15TH day of MAY 2018 with a vote of 5 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstaining.


Chet Brooks, Chief


Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary





A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE
DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO AUTHORIZE
SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL
PARKS SERVICE TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2018-13

Authored by Curtis Zunigha, Director of Cultural Resources

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council is authorized by Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to represent and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribe Constitution in the (1) Preamble, states to “preserve our heritage” and (2) Article V, Part E, empowers the Tribal Council to “cultivate, promote and encourage the culture and crafts of the LENNI LENAPE”, and,

WHEREAS, the culture and heritage practices of the Delaware Tribe are to preserve, respect, and care for the sacred places in our cultural history including cemeteries and associated artifacts, and,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office has prepared an application to the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Parks Service FY2018 Tribal Heritage Grant Program for a project entitled “*Collaborative Archaeological Survey of Delaware Sacred Sites in Northeastern Oklahoma*”,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians does hereby authorize and approve the submission of this grant application to the National Parks Service.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was considered by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and adopted this 15th day of May 2018 with a vote of 5 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstaining.


Chet Brooks, Chief


Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary

