

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2018
Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

Prayer:

Nathan Young IV 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, Secretary Charles Randall, Treasurer Benita Shea, Member Nicky Michael, and Member Nathan Young IV. Absent was Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith and Member Joe Brooks. There were five 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 and asked if any guests had any comments.

John Thomas commented on the sale of the Lawrence property.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Benita Shea made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting, seconded by Nicky Michael. The motion passed 4 yes, 1 abstention (Nathan Young IV).

Unfinished Business:

Nicky Michael was going to prepare a resolution in support of the Stockbridge Muncie, but will have that resolution ready for the next meeting.

Reports:

Treasurer Benita Shea made the motion to approve the financials for April 2018 pending audit showing total assets of \$13,070,955.30, total liabilities of \$129,402.34 and total fund equity of \$12,941,552.96. Motion seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Nicky Michael mentioned that some of the Tribal members had asked about mowing the cemeteries and our Tribal Administrations Manager said they would be mowed before Memorial Day.

Charles Randall mentioned that special filters are required for some Tribal housing due to smoking, and asked if there were any rules regarding smoking in Tribal housing. The Chief commented that he knew of no such rule.

Nicky Michael mentioned that due to our Historic Preservation Office, we were among the Semi-Finalists for the Honoring Nations Award for the Schoenbrunn Reburial, but did not make it into the finalists.

Joe Exendine reported on his and Curtis Zunigha's trip to the THPO/NAGPRA office and their visit with the Dean of the Liberal Arts and Sciences at Emporia State University. He has finished the interview process of the Organizational Assessment and would have a report for the Council in a couple weeks.

New Business:

Charles Randall made the motion to designate Chief Chester Brooks as our signee for the Lawrence property, seconded by Benita Shea. Motion passed 4 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

Nicky Michael made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Nicky Michael made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO ALLOW FISHING ON THE POND ON THE BARTLESVILLE, OK TRIBAL CAMPUS with the correction of the age of 65 years to the age of 55. Motion seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Charles Randall made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-13 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, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Benita Shea made the motion to approve resolution 2018-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO SET PROCEDURE FOR NON-TRIBAL INDIVIDUALS TO BE BANNED FROM ALL DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANA PROPERTIES, seconded by Nathan Young IV. The motion failed with a vote of 2 yes (Benita Shea and Nathan Young IV), 2 no (Chief Chester Brooks and Nicky Michael) and 1 abstention (Charles Randall).

Curtis Zunigha provided an emotional memorial for our fellow Tribal Member Douglas "Bucky" Merle Buck who passed away May 8, 2018. Bucky Buck served in the Navy 1968-72, a two term Tribal Council Member and represented our Tribe all across this country as an Ambassador of Good Will. He was strong in his patriotism of the United States of America. He will be missed by everyone.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Charles Randall made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary

Approved

STATEMENT BY CURTIS ZUNIGHA

At the Delaware Tribal Council Meeting on May 15, 2018

A Memorial Tribute to:

Douglas Merle “Bucky” Buck (January 3, 1946 – May 8, 2018)

I apologize to the Tribal Council for not having arrived at the beginning of your meeting this evening and particularly when the call was made for guests to be recognized and make comments. However I am deeply moved at this time to make a statement for the record of this Tribal Council meeting. If you have already made reference to this before my arrival Chief, I ask for your forgiveness for repeating it. If nothing else has been said tonight I would like to state for the record that I am still deeply saddened at the loss of our beloved tribal member Douglas Merle Buck, also known as Bucky Buck.

One week ago tonight he passed away at his home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. While I was thinking about him before I walked up here, I looked over my shoulder at his picture on the Wall of Veterans. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1968-1972. Bucky Buck was a two-term Tribal Council member serving during his first term when I was the Chief of the Tribe from 1994-1998.

Bucky Buck represented our tribe all across this country in the form of being an Ambassador of Goodwill to our tribal community, to our relatives up in Canada, and to hundreds of school children in various states across this country. He was an Ambassador of Goodwill, he was genuinely liked by all, and he had a sense of humor that he was well known for. He was very strong in his patriotism of the United States of America and to the flag of the United States of America. And he was very devout in his Christian faith.

And this past Saturday he was buried in his hometown of Nowata, Oklahoma. After a lot of folks left the cemetery I sang that Lenape honoring song to send him

on his way Chief. I put a little tobacco in that grave. I mourn the loss of my Lenape brother. His Lenape name was "*Lenape Ela*" (Delaware Warrior).

I just ask that my statement go into the permanent record of this Delaware Tribal Council. That I am grateful for the service of Douglas Merle "Bucky" Buck to this community, to this tribe, and to our country the United State of America. I recognize his poor mother Bonnie Lee Thaxton...that she has to endure outliving both her children. And I'm grateful for people like Ronda Williams and our community members who went down there to help her out and take care of her.

He was my brother and he deserves recognition. I know we'll print his obituary in the Delaware Indian News and we'll raise his flag at the Delaware Pow Wow. But I want everyone to know that Bucky Buck deserves recognition. If my little humble statement can be entered into the permanent record of the Delaware Tribal Council to serve in that capacity, then I am deeply grateful. Thank you. ***