

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2018

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:35 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 Nicky Michael, Member Joe Brooks and Member Nathan Young IV. All council members were present and we had a quorum.

Bonnie Jo Griffith 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 anyone wished to address the Council.

Chief Justice Nate Young addressed the need to create an appellate division of our court. He stated that the Court was started as a grievance committee and later with a constitutional amendment it was made into a Court. On April 6, 1995 we received a full faith and credit agreement with the state of Oklahoma. With the growth we are experiencing with our Children and Family Services, there may soon be the requirement to be able to demonstrate that we grant due process to our litigants to the Oklahoma Court system. To do that we will have to have an Appellate Court. Chief Justice Young will work with David McCullough to prepare a proposed Constitutional amendment.

Paula Pechonick commented on the process of getting land into Trust, clarification of Title 4, Section 8 of the Election Statutes and Housing money and the Cherokee Nation.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting, seconded by Joe Brooks. The motion passed 6 yes, 1 abstention (Benita Shea).

Joe Exendine introduced our new HR Generalist Natalie Godinez who comes to us from Las Vegas.

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business.

Reports:

Benita Shea made the motion to approve the June and July 2018 Financials pending audit, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Month end reports were in the packet. Curtis Zunigha asked if the Council approved the revised language for the FCC letters going out from the Historic Preservation Office. All Council members had not seen the wording so Curtis will send it out for review. He is developing a database of Delaware tribal artists so we can begin displaying artwork around the campus. The department is getting ready for Delaware Days which will be September 28 and 29.

New Business:

Nathan Young IV made the motion to assign Nicky Michael as our representative to the Association of American Indian Affairs for the Repatriation Working Group, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. The motion passed 6 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to assign Nicky Michael as our representative to the University of Indiana First Nations Leadership Ambassadors Council (FNLAC), seconded by Charles Randall. The motion passed 6 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

Nicky Michael announced that the National AISES Conference is in Oklahoma City on October 3rd thru the 6th and that there are sponsorships available for Oklahoma High school students and they should get in touch with her if they were interested.

Nicky Michael said Logs Town was working on a protected site and they are waiting for a letter of support which we agreed to provide but have not done so. Charla will work with the Chief to get a letter prepared. Nicky will provide the contact information.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-27 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP FOR August 21, 2018 seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-28 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO UPDATE THE ADDRESS OF THE DELAWARE ELECTION BOARD IN TITLE 4 ELECTION STATUTES SECTION 7, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-29 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO REMOVE SECTION 8 FROM THE ELECTION STATUTES OF TITLE 4, seconded by Nathan Young IV. The motion passed 5 yes, 2 abstention (Charles Randall and Nicky Michael). Benita Shea requested a copy of Section 8 of the Election Statutes of Title 4 be attached to the Resolution.

Joe Brooks noted that the Education Committee was going to be approximately \$3,800.00 over budget and made the motion to allow assistance up to, but not to exceed \$5,000.00 in scholarships out of the 106 contingency fund, seconded by Nate Young IV. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to roll the unspent Tribal Operations money (approximately \$2,700.00) over to the Trust Board Education Department to be used before using any of the \$5,000.00 allocated from the 106 contingency fund, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Joe Brooks noted that the 15% of the Trust Board budget allocated to Tribal Operations the first of each year should be transferred over to the Tribal account and should not show on the Trust Board financials.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve writing the contract to Green Country Home Repair who was the low bidder at \$23,484.00 to remodel of the Tribal Operations Managers office, the New Housing offices, Copy and Mail area, Accounting offices and construction of wall, door and electrical for Accounting storage. This includes moving furniture, as well as constructing and painting new wall and door and moving electrical. Motion seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved. Joe Brooks commented that this and any future contracts should make sure everything is included in the contract with a deadline and a penalty clause.

Nathan Young IV made the motion to make a donation to the Indian Summer Festival for \$2,000.00 from the donation fund, seconded by Benita Shea. The motion passed 6 yes, 1 abstention (Bonnie Jo Griffith).

Bonnie JO Griffith made the motion to approve Nathan Young IV travel and attendance to NCAI in Denver, Colorado on October 21st through 26th, seconded by Benita Shea. The motion passed 6 yes, 1 abstention (Nathan Young IV).

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve travel for Joe Brooks, Nathan Young IV, Chief Brooks, Homer Scott and Brice Obermeyer to attend the repatriation at Ellis Island and Northern New York and sign a memorandum of agreement with Strasburg College for an office there at no cost to the Tribe except liability insurance. Nathan Young IV may leave and travel to Washington DC to meet with the Department of the Interior. Travel is paid for by a grant, but must be paid for up front and reimbursed from the grant. Motion seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to propose the dates October 6, 2018 for the fishing tournament, October 27, 2018 for the Halloween party, December 7, 2018 for the employee Christmas party and the parade the first Saturday of December. Bonnie Jo will come back for approval of a budget for these events. Motion seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to take a 10 minute break before Executive Session, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Executive Session:

Joe Brooks made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 7:05 PM. Chief Chester Brooks called the Council back to order at 8:05 PM.

Nathan Young IV made the motion to uphold the Tribal Operations Manager's decision, seconded by Charles Randall. The motion passed 5 yes, 2 abstention (Benita Shea and Nicky Michael).

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nathan Young IVs. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary