

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2018

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:29 PM.

Prayer:

Bonnie Thaxton was asked to give the invocation and Chief Chester Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to excuse Joe Brooks' absence as he was at the ER due to a leg injury, seconded by Charles Randall. Motion passed 4 yes, 1 abstention (Chief Chester Brooks).

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Member Joe Brooks returned from the ER at 5:35 PM so the need for the motion to excuse his absence was rescinded.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed our guests and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council. Bonnie Jo Griffith commented that she had received two emails today about Elizabeth Warren and noted we have not made a statement, but would make one tonight. The statement agreed on was that Elizabeth Warren did not meet the requirements of our Constitution to be a member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Chief Chester Brooks asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to accept the minutes as written seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Unfinished Business:

Nicky Michael reported that the three girls that attended the AISES conference got a lot out of it and it opened their eyes to opportunities available.

Nicky Michael noted that the state of Texas has ruled the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) unconstitutional and that has repercussions for all of us.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to have Nicky Michael draft a letter of opposition for for the Texas ruling to be signed by the Chief, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Reports:

Benita Shea reported that the Financials for the month of September 2018 show total assets of \$13,109,916.48.

Benita Shea made the motion to approve the September 2018 Financials pending audit, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Joe Brooks gave an update on the Repatriation at Ellis Island. There were three tribes present and the remains of one female ancestor was buried. Immediately after digging the grave, 6 fighter jets flew over the site, followed by a single goose flying the other direction. After the burial they signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Strasburg College in Pennsylvania to have a Historic Preservation office there at no cost to the Tribe and they are furnishing 3 interns to work in the office. This office is within 5 miles of the Delaware Water Gap. The Chief noted that this made 186 that have reinterred near the sites they were uncovered.

New Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made motion to donate \$500.00 total, \$250.00 each for both events, for the Powwow Committee Indian Taco Dinner Fundraisers, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-31 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-34 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO PREVENT REMOVAL OF ANY AND ALL TRIBAL PROPERTY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DOCUMENTS AND ELECTRONICS AFTER AN ELECTION, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-35 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP FOR October 16, 2018, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-36 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO AUTHORIZE A \$180,000.00 LINE OF CREDIT FOR TAHKOX E2, LLC USING CD#6002001263 WITH A MATURITY DATE OF OCTOBER 10, 2018, seconded by Charles Randall. Motion passed 4 yes, 1 no (Nicky Michael) and 1 Abstention (Joe Brooks).

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to ratify the poll vote of 6 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael due to no response) on Resolution 2018-37 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAN COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO JOIN AND APPOINT A DELEGATE TO THE UNITED INDIAN NATIONS OF OKLAHOMA, KANSAS AND TEXAS, seconded by Benita Shea. Poll vote was ratified unanimously.

Curtis Zunigha noted that the Election Committee meets at the Social Services Building and up until they begin collecting items such as ballots, etc. they are keeping things in the storage area used by the gift shop which he and others have keys. He requested that he and the Tribal Operations Manager work with the Election Committee to make sure there is security and oversight to access election material.

Executive Session:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel issues, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 6:25 PM. Chief Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 7:25 PM. No votes were taken.

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Benita Shea.

Bonnie Jo Griffith rescinded her motion to adjourn so Tribal Member Melody Rankin could speak. Benita Shea also rescinded her second.

Melody Rankin asked to represent our Tribe at All Tribes in DC on November 6th thru 11th and report back to the Council during the next Council Meeting. Another Tribe is providing all the transportation, so she would only need hotel costs and they are sharing rooms.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that we approve hotel for two nights and per diem for five days for Melody Rankin, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion adjourn, seconded by Benita Shea. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.


Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary