

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

General Council and Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2019

Taken by Charles Randall

Posting of the Flags:

At 1:20 PM the Delaware Color Guard posted the Flags accompanied by Drummers Tyler Crowels, Robert Crowels, Bruce Martin and John Sumpter.

Chief Chester Brooks recognized the members of the Color Guard with Eagle Staff presented by Kenny Brown – Army, the American Flag by Emily Harris – Navy, the Delaware Flag by Sara Boyd – Army, the Oklahoma Flag by Homer Scott - Navy, the POW/MIA by David Inda – Navy and the Rifleman by Tom Scott – Army.

Elder Bonnie Thaxton was asked to give the invocation.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed all tribal members and guests and introduced Tribal Council, Assistant Chief Charles Randall, Secretary Nathan Young IV, Treasurer Joe Brooks, Member Brad Kills Crow, Member Jeremy Johnson and Member Nicky Michael.

Joe Brooks recognized the Trust Board Members in the audience, and Joe Exendine recognized the Tribal Staff in the audience.

State of the Tribe Address:

Chief Chester Brooks presented a history of the Tribe and gave the State of the Tribe Address, reporting that 153 years after we were removed from Kansas being promised a reservation in Indian Territory by treaty that we never got, we got our first land in Trust, 3.13 acres. That required a great deal of hard work by both our current and prior administrations and we can say for the first time in 153 years that we have some Indian Country to exercise our customs and usage on.

Chief Chester Brooks noted that back around 2008, before we had a Title VI program, we served lunches for 12 to 15 people. We now average around 78 people per day with Ronda Williams as Director of the Title VI Program.

Children and Family Services, Violence against Women, Domestic Problems has expanded to around a \$1,000,000.00 a year in grants to protect our women and children.

Historic Preservation has been involved in the reburial of and taking care of our ancestral remains.

Our Cultural Department has a pot luck dinner the second Tuesday evening of each month, where our children are challenged to learn our language and practice dancing. We currently have a moccasin making class with 42 enrolled.

On Economic Development, we were taking in about \$1.4 million a year doing 106 consultations on cell tower installations, but thanks to the Federal Communications Commission, our ability to charge for our consultation on ground disturbances has been taken away, as well as our \$1.4 million revenue. The Delaware Domicile, where people can register their company under our jurisdiction, has brought in \$1,016,000.00 in the first 10 months of this year. Our SBA, Tahkox e2, has just completed a job with the Cherokee Nation for about \$300,000.00 with a net profit of around \$30,000.00.

Open to Council and Public Comment:

Brad Kills Crow and Linda Kills Crow gave an update and timeline about where we stand with Child Development and the Early Head Start Program. As the Grantee of the programs, we had been asking for information about the programs but were unable to get any reports. Upon asking for a new audit, the Child Development Group moved out of the Administration Building overnight taking equipment, vehicles and records. They claim they were evicted, but that is not true. We have plans in place to continue the programs under the over site of the Delaware Tribe.

Treasurer Joe Brooks gave the Financial Report for the Tribe through the physical year ending September 30, 2019. Investments and Fixed Assets \$7,025,929.25, Retained Earnings \$26,111.63, Unreserved Fund Balance \$5,010,630.59, Unrestricted Assets \$1,054,000.56, Temporary Restricted Assets \$18,851.64, Total Period Gain \$340,746.56 for a total of \$13,044,275.74.

The Financial Report for the Trust Board as of December 30, 2018 shows the fair market value was up by \$47,835.77 for a total \$4,439,315.80 for the physical yearend. Total value at September 30, 2019 was \$4,484,254.98 for a net gain of \$44,939.18.

The programs of the Trust Board are:

- Reinvestment budget was \$15,347.62 with balance of \$15,347.62,
- Cultural Preservation carry forward of \$32,300.42, budget \$15,347.62, YTD expenditures \$7,118.50 with a balance of \$40,529.54,
- Community Services carryover of \$11,282.23, budget \$38,369.06, Expenditures \$21,007.66 with a balance of \$28,643.63
- Elders Committee carryover of \$16,214.93 budget \$7,673.81 expenditures \$4,667.97 with a balance of \$19,220.77,
- Veterans Committee carryover of \$8,826.04 budget \$7,673.81 expenditures \$2,512.61 with a balance of \$13,987.24,
- Tribal Operations budget \$23,021.45 YTD expenditures \$23,021.45.

Chief Chester Brooks opened the meeting up to any Tribal Member who wished to make a comment or had a question.

Benita Shea asked the status of the property in Lawrence Kansas, the status of improving the entrance to the Dining Room, asking about the fishing tournament and the last was access to the kitchen in the dining hall. The Chief asked for copies so they could be

addressed with the Council. Joe Exendine reported that the entrance would hopefully be complete before the worst part of winter. It will have 3 columns on each side, be covered and have an automatic door opener. On the fishing tournament, the moss needs to be removed and the tournament will be scheduled for next spring. The Chief reported that the Lawrence property is currently under lease to the Pine family.

Chief Chester Brooks reported that he had heard that the Kansas Delaware were attempting to get State Recognition from the state of Kansas. The Prairie Band Potawatomi, the Sac and Fox, the Iowa's and Kickapoo Indians want to oppose our having a jurisdictional area in Kansas. Joe Brooks commented that the Kansas Delaware would probably object as well, so we should object to their State Recognition even though he likes the Kansas Delaware. The Chief suggested that we may want to appoint Bruce Martin as liaison between the state of Kansas and our Tribe, but that will need to be addressed in Tribal Council.

Crystal Thaxton Dombrowski discussed the Delaware preference for hiring practice and wanted to know how many Cherokee came to Elder Nutrition. Ronda Williams reported that we normally have 85% Cherokee, 10% Delaware and 5% other. It was noted that the ratio of Cherokee to Delaware was 35 to 1 and without the Cherokee our count would not support the Title VI Program.

Nicky Michael wanted to highlight work that the Children and Family Services have opened up our Domestic Violence Program for not just Delaware and Native Americans being served, but for all in the area. We have reestablished the Grant Committee and looking at doing a needs assessment for Tribal Members.

Jeremy Johnson is still working on Tribal Princess so we may be able to have a Tribal Princess for the next General Council. He met with the County Commissioner to work on an MOA for taking care of our cemeteries at no charge to the Tribe.

Charles Randall made Tribal Members aware of important information that needs to be entered for the 2020 Census and the importance to the Tribe.

Joe Brooks thanked everyone who helped with the reburial on Ellis Island.

Brad Kills Crow noted the work on the Child Development Program.

Nathan Young IV said he was proud to be part of the team getting our land in Trust, bringing home the judgment funds for our Tribe and being able to participate in the reburial of our ancestors.

Chief Chester Brooks noted that at last count there were only 37 Tribal Members present so we did not have a quorum for General Council.

Tribal Council Meeting:

Joe Brooks made the motion that the Tribal Council go into the regular Tribal Council Meeting, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

The Chief noted that we were going into regular Tribal Council Meeting by unanimous vote at 2:09 pm.

Roll Call:

Secretary Nathan Young IV called roll; present were Chief Chester Brooks, Assistant Chief Charles Randall, Secretary Nathan Young IV, Treasurer Joe Brooks. Member Nicky Michael, Member Brad Kills Crow and Member Jeremy Johnson. All Council members were present and we had a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes:

Charles Randall made the motion to accept the 2018 General Council Minutes, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the Council Minutes of October 2019 as amended with the correction of the name for the United Nations Year of the Indigenous Languages Conference, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

Reports: Reports were in the packet.

New Business:

Joe Brooks made the motion that we oppose the State Recognition of the Kansas Delaware and send a letter to the State of Kansas, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Charles Randall made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-54 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP FOR November 16, 2019, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Poll Votes:

For the record, Nathan Young IV read the poll votes for this month into the minutes.

November 01, 2019 a poll vote to approve Resolution 2019-52 to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Cherokee Nation for the Delaware Tribe of Indians to operate the Delaware CCDF program. The vote passed 6 yes, 1 absent (Nathan Young IV).

November 02, 2019 a poll vote to approve Resolution 2019-53 giving sixty days' notice to Washington County Child Care Foundation revoking the October 10, 2006 agreement and signing a new agreement. The vote passed 6 yes, 1 absent (Nathan Young IV).

November 08, 2019 a poll vote to approve Resolution 2019-55 to approve submission of a Heritage Preservation Grant application to the Oklahoma Historical Society. The vote passed 7 yes.

Crystal Thaxton Dombrowski described the Lenapeowsi Christmas party and asked for a donation from the Tribal Council.

Joe Brooks made the motion to donate \$2,000.00 for the Lenapeowsi Christmas party to come out of 106 funds, seconded by Brad Kills Crow. The vote was 6 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

Adjournment:

Charles Randall made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.


Attested by: Charles Randall, Assistant Chief