

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2019

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

Prayer:

Joe Brooks was asked to give the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Chester Brooks.

Roll Call:

Assistant Chief Charles Randall called roll; present were Chief Chester Brooks, Assistant Chief Charles Randall, Treasurer Joe Brooks, Member Nicky Michael, Member Jeremy Johnson and Member Brad Kills Crow. Secretary Nathan Young IV was absent, there were 6 members present and we had a quorum.

Jeremy Johnson made the motion to approve the Agenda with the amendment to add Resolution 2019-57, seconded by Charles Randall. The motion passed with a vote of 5 yes, 1 no (Nicky Michael).

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed our guests and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council.

Sara Boyd requested to start classes back up for the Lenapeowsi and asked if a key could be made available for access to Forsythe Hall.

Brad Kills Crow made the motion that we allow the organization to use Forsythe Hall without having to have kitchen workers available given that we have policies and procedures in place and we have a person with the organization sign off on it and understand the responsibilities, seconded by Joe Brooks. The motion passed with a vote of 5 yes, 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

Cody Mark requested to talk with the Tribal Council regarding a grievance. This was deferred until the Executive Session.

Tristin Tucker discussed the importance of the scholarships. This had been discussed in the Council Workshop and changes would be addressed in New Business.

Crystal Thaxton Dombraski discussed the employment policy for Delaware preference. Jeremy Johnson explained that this would be clarified in the Personnel Policy.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the minutes for November 16, 2019 as written, seconded by Brad Kills Crow. All approved.

Unfinished Business:

Jeremy Johnson asked if we had sent a letter to Temple University advising them to deal with the three Federally Recognized Tribes with any matter referring to the Delaware Lenape, and the Chief confirmed that it had been sent.

Reports:

Joe Brooks made the motion to table the November Financials until they can be clarified and simplified as before, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. All approved.

New Business:

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-51 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHIEF CHET BROOKS TO SIGN DEED PLACING LAND IN TRUST OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA with spelling correction, seconded by Brad Kills Crow. All approved.

Jeremy Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-56 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP FOR December 21, 2019, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Nicky Michael made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-57 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE AND SUBMIT THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSED CONTRACT UNDER THE P.I. 93-638 PROGRAM with correction on spelling of Bureau of Indian Affairs, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. All approved.

Jeremy Johnson made the motion to provide 10 undergraduate scholarships of \$1,000.00 and 10 postgraduate scholarships of \$1,000.00 to be awarded once a year to be budgeted to be taken out of the fuel tax money. The scholarship can be applied for and granted to an individual for up to 4 separate years, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion that we use \$5,000.00 each year from the fuel tax money to be added to an endowment fund, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. All approved.

Brad Kills Crow made the motion to retain Keith Webber to write an ICDBG grant application given the Delaware Tribe is in a position to compete, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion that the Delaware Tribe of Indians not ever get involved in any state of federal political election, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. All approved.

Executive Session:

Jeremy Johnson made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel issues, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved

The Council went into Executive Session at 3:15 PM. Chief Chester Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 4:00 PM. No action or votes were taken.

Adjournment:

Charles Randall made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. All approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.


Attested by: Assistant Chief Charles Randall,