

## DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

### Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2020

#### **Call to Order by the Chief:**

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

#### **Prayer:**

Joe Brooks gave the invocation and Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Roll Call:**

Charles Randall called roll and present were Chief Chet Brooks, Charles Randall, Assistant Chief, Joe Brooks, Treasurer and members Brad Kills Crow, Nicky Michael and Jeremy Johnson. Member Nathan Young, IV was absent. A quorum was present.

Charles Randall made a motion to approve the agenda for the October meeting, with a second by Jeremy Johnson. The vote was 6 yes, 0 no, and no abstentions.

#### **Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Brad Kills Crow make the motion to approve the September Tribal Council meeting minutes, and Charles Randall seconded. The vote was 6 yes, 0 no and no abstentions.

Chief Brooks recognized the audience and asked if they had issues to discuss. After a brief discussion on an item brought to council by a tribal member, Jeremy Johnson made a motion to send a cease and desist letter to the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape signed by Chief and Tribal Council. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Jeremy Johnson maintained a motion to also unite with the Delaware Nation and work together to deny the Nanticoke tribe. Nicky Michael seconded and the vote was 6 yes, 0 no and no abstentions.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Assistant Chief Charles Randall read three poll votes into the minutes acted on since September tribal council meeting:

September 24, 2020 this poll vote was to approve hiring of a new Audit firm (Arledge and Associates) and for how long to engage them (one time or a three year contract). This was necessary as the firm already hired withdrew their engagement at the last minute. Vote was 5 yes, 0 no and 2 abstain/no response (Nicky Michael, Joe Brooks)

October 1, 2020 this was a vote to close the Offices again as an employee had tested positive for COVID-19. Vote was 5 yes, 1 no (Jeremy Johnson) and 1 abstain/no response (Nathan Young, IV)

October 7, 2020 this poll vote was to vote yes or not to approve and initiate purchases of automatic temperature checks systems and Dual Ultraviolet C-lamps for COVID-19 detection and prevention. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstain/no response (Nicky Michael).

Joe Brooks made a motion to confirm these poll votes and Charles Randall seconded motion. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

### **Reports:**

Charles Randall made a motion to accept and approve the Treasurers Report for September, 2020 and Joe Brooks seconded. The vote was 6 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstained.

### **New Business:**

After a discussion by member Jeremy Johnson there was no tribal council poll vote or any vote to appoint the Operations Manager and therefore it was an illegal action. Charles Randall made the motion to appoint Allan Barnes as the interim Tribal Operations Manager with a second by Joe Brooks. The vote was 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Acting Operations Manager, Allan Barnes proceeded to give an update to the Tribal Council on tribal operations in regard to, social distancing, misters, temperature checks, cleaning areas after visitors, visitors by appointments only and following CDC protocols.

There was a motion made to have four (4) members of the tribal council act as a personnel committee temporarily in order to work on getting the departments staffed. The motion was withdrawn after discussion as not feasible.

Following discussion about COVID-19 protocols and General Council, Charles Randall motioned that a 40x40 tent and meal served in individual containers be provided for tribal members attending to allow social distancing. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Vote was 3 yes, 3 no (Jeremy Johnson, Brad Kills Crow, Nicky Michael) and 0 abstained. No action was taken.

Chief Brooks called for a short break and adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm. The meeting was called back to order at 4:25.

Further discussion was held regarding the tent and meals for General Council. Jeremy Johnson made a motion that a 40x80 tent be rented to sit outside Forsythe Hall for use by tribal members attending General Council. Nicky Michael seconded the motion. Vote was 5 yes, 1 no (Joe Brooks) and 0 abstained.

Jeremy Johnson made a motion that food be catered in by Dinks BBQ, and Nicky Michael seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes, 2 no (Joe Brooks, Charles Randall).

Charles Randall read Resolution 2020-24 to approve a strategic Plan for the Delaware Tribe Cultural Center. Joe Brooks motioned to approve the resolution and Charles Randall seconded the motion. Following explanation and discussion by Curtis Zunigha, director of the cultural center. Vote was taken with 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Charles Randall read Resolution 2020-25 Approve Enrollment for September 2020 and motioned to approve the resolution. Brad Kills Crow seconded the motion and vote was 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

**Adjournment:**

Charles Randall motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Jeremy Johnson. Meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Attested by: 