

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2020

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 2:25 pm.

Prayer:

The invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was said after which Roll Call was taken.

Roll Call:

Roll was called; present were Chief Chester Brooks, Assistant Chief Brad Kills Crow, Secretary Nicky Michael, Treasurer Rusty Creed Brown, Members, Joe Brooks, Homer Scott, Jeremy Johnson. All members were present and a quorum was seated.

Joe Brooks moved to amend the agenda and have the Executive Session after New Business, Rusty Brown seconded motion. Vote was passed unanimously. 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Secretary Nicky Michael read the November, 2020 minutes and Jeremy Johnson requested a correction to the November minutes. Chief Brooks assured that correction would be made to the minutes. Assistant Chief Brad Kills Crow motioned to approve November minutes pending correction, Jeremy Johnson seconded motion. Vote was passed unanimously. 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions

Unfinished Business:

Chief Brooks asked Secretary Nicky Michael to read the poll votes into the minutes.

Poll Vote 11/30/2020 Vote yes or no to add Assistant Chief Brad Kills Crow as an additional check signer for the Tribal Council. Vote was 4 yes, 0 no and 3 abstentions (Brad Kills Crow, Homer Scott & Nicky Michael). Poll Vote passed.

Poll Vote 12/03/2020 Vote yes or no to end the acceptance of COVID-19 applications as of 12/11/2020. Vote was 4 yes, 1 no (Joe Brooks) and 2 abstentions (Chief Chet Brooks, Homer Scott). Poll Vote passed.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve Poll Votes as read into the minutes and Rust Brown seconded. The vote was approved unanimously. 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Reports:

Treasurer Rusty Brown read the Financial Report for October giving month end totals for all grants, departments, investments and housing. Joe Brooks made the motion to approve October, 2020 financials pending audit. There was discussion regarding a difference of \$1000 in 106 funds and Joe Brooks believes it is for catering from General Council. Treasurer Rusty Brown will check with accounting for confirmation. Brad Kills Crow seconded motion. The vote was approved unanimously. 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Treasurer Rusty Brown read the Financial Report for November 2020 into the minutes. Joe Brooks moved to accept November 30, 2020 financials pending audit, Jeremy Johnson seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously. 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Chief Brooks asked if there were any questions or remarks regarding the monthly reports. Jeremy Johnson had a question on the IT report on backup quote w/KKI asking for more information and explanation of work. He also requested suggestion from IT regarding more upgrades that can be financed with the COVID funds.

Curtis Zuniga made statement regarding equipment needed to work remotely and when employees might expect to begin receiving it. Been waiting for months to receive equipment for remote working.

EPA report asked for permission to solicit a formal contract with a consulting firm/person to assist in Climate Resilience Grant process in concert with the Delaware Nation and Shawnee Tribe.

****NOTE THERE WAS NO VOTE TO PASS THE MONTHLY REPORTS****

New Business:

Jeremy Johnson made a motion to approve a contract to engage for CFO services the accounting firm of Findley & Cook to be paid out of IDC funds. Rusty Brown seconded motion. Vote passed unanimously. 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Jeremy Johnson made the motion to approve a contract for the 2020 audit prep with Findley & Cook accounting firm to be paid out of IDC funds. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously, 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Jeremy Johnson made a motion to donate 1,000 masks to the Stockbridge Munsee Delaware and 2,000 to the Moraviantown tribe in Ontario Canada. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously, 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Homer Scott asked who was now in charge of burials and opening of gravesites at the Delaware cemeteries. Homer and John Sumpter previously handled. The MOA with the city is for maintenance only and it covers all Washington County Delaware cemeteries. Levi Randall suggested a committee for burials and Curtis Zunigha stated that he had applied for and received a NPS tribal heritage grant that can help to train the committee in Delaware burial

rites. Joe Brooks made a motion to appoint Homer Scott, Curtis Zunigha and Levi Randoll to form a committee to teach burial customs and Jeremy Johnson seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously. 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Jeremy Johnson made a motion to rescind a motion made in November meeting regarding funerary expenses being paid out of COVID Cares funds as they are not an allowable expense per the COVID regulations. Rusty Brown seconded motion. Vote passed 6 yes, 1 no (Nicky Michael) and 0 abstentions.

Homer Scott and Nicky Michael thanked Lenapeowsi, Delaware Tribe and Cherokee Nation for donating to provide a Christmas drive through with gifts and treats to native children in the area.

Executive Session:

Joe Brooks made the motion to take a 10 minute break and enter into Executive Session at 3:45 pm. Jeremy Johnson seconded motion. Vote passed 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

Tribal Council was called back into session by Chief Brooks at 4:44 pm.

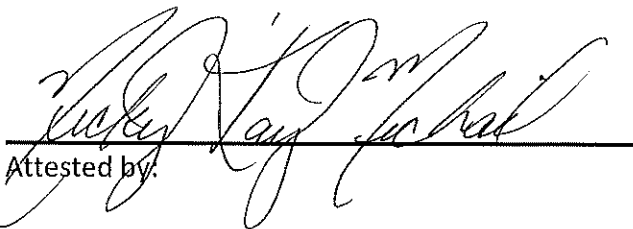
Brad Kills Crow made the motion to hire Jimmie Johnson as Tribal Operations Manager and Homer Scott seconded motion. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention (Jeremy Johnson). Jeremy is related (brother) to Jimmie and did not take part in the discussion during Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Joe Brooks made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Jeremy Johnson seconded. Vote was 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Attested by: