Call to Order by the Chief:

Assistant Chief Brad Kills Crow called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

Prayer:

Secretary Nicky Michael gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Secretary Nicky Michael called roll and present were Assistant Chief Brad Kills Crow, Secretary Nicky Michael, Treasurer Rusty Brown, members Joe Brooks, Homer Scott and Jeremy Johnson. Chief Chet Brooks was absent. A quorum was present. Jeremy Johnson made a motion to excuse Chief Brooks and Rusty Brown seconded. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain.

Rusty Brown motioned to approve the agenda as written. Homer Scott seconded motion. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Homer Scott motioned to approve March minutes with no corrections. Rusty Brown seconded. Motion passed. 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained.

Reports:

Secretary Nicky Michael read the Poll Vote into the minutes

Poll Vote 3-23-2021 Vote to permit Enrollment Department to verify tribal member information requested by Law Enforcement Vote passed 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain.

Joe Brooks motioned to approve the Poll Vote as read into the minutes, Jeremy Johnson seconded. Motion passed. 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Curtis Zunigha asked for a clarification regarding the 3-23-2021 poll vote and discussion followed.

All departments turned in a monthly report and they were all accounted for by deadline. Jeremy Johnson motion that reports be approved and Rusty Brown seconded. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstained.
**Unfinished Business:**

Jeremy Johnson motioned to sign outstanding minutes as written for December 2020 and February 2021 meetings. Homer Scott seconded. Motion approved 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Joe Brooks motioned to approve tabled Resolution 2020-08 and Jeremy Johnson seconded. Discussion began with Nicky Michael asking Curtis Zunigha if there had been a full docket at his time in charge. Discussion covered what jurisdiction was covered in Kansas and that in the years of Chief Pechonick it was all counties from Kansas state line to Lawrence. Judge Harris-Ketchum spoke to the tribal council about the importance and necessity of the resolution. The court is funded by grant monies and the amount received is based on the number of cases in court. There have been no new cases in the court in over a year and that will affect funding. Rusty Brown stated he felt the resolution was inflammatory and should be stricken from the agenda. It was agreed among the council members that the Court is a separate entity from the Tribe and therefore they should handle their own business. Jeremy Johnson said it was best to be handled otherwise than with a resolution. Call for vote. Resolution vote failed 2 yes, 3 no (Brad Kills Crow, Jeremy Johnson, Rusty Brown) and 1 abstention (Nicky Michael).

March Financials were presented by Treasurer Rusty Brown. Joe Brooks motioned to table the March financials and Jeremy Johnson seconded. Discussion regarding the difference in the totals from February and March month ends and council member Joe Brooks asked for where the money had been spent. Rusty Brown agreed to contact Becky Carter with Findley and Cook for the reason. Curtis Zunigha stated that a portion of the funds were probably used to fund Cultural Resources budget that was approved in March meeting. Call for vote was made and Financials were tabled until May meeting. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain.

**New Business:**

Three bids to purchase a new vehicle for use by Family and Children Services department were turned in for approval of the lowest bid. Jeremy Johnson motioned to approve the purchase of a Ford Explorer in the amount of $34,409.00 from Doenges Ford. Joe Brooks seconded. Motion passed unanimously. 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the Statement letter from the Philadelphia Museum of Art to recognize Philadelphia as part of the ancestral homelands of the Lenape people and Jeremy Johnson seconded. Discussion with Rusty Brown asking if Brice Obermeyer and Curtis Zunigha have reviewed the letter and feel it achieves its purpose. Curtis stated they felt it did. Call for vote. Motion passed unanimously. 6 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain.

Joe Brooks motioned to approve the letter to Vice President Harris with revisions in regard to the FCC 106 policy. Nicky Michael seconded. Discussion that the letter is not strong
enough in language and Nicky Michael agreed the letter should have 3 strong points to reestablish the FCC policy. The letter should also be carbon copied to Deb Haaland.

Motion was made by Joe Brooks to approve Nicky Michael as the registrar for the Domicile as Charles Randall was the previous registrar and is no long on the council. Jeremy Johnson seconded. Motion passed. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained (Nicky Michael)

Rusty Brown motioned to approve the job description for an Executive Assistant for the Tribal Council, Trust Board and Tribal Operations Manager. Homer Scott seconded. Discussion where were funds to be paid from for this position. Trust Board and Tribal council funds. Vote was unanimous. 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained.

A motion to approve First American Museum’s request to use the Delaware Seal in exhibits was made by Rusty Brown and Nicky Michael seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-18 approval of check signers for CD’s held at BancFirst was made by Joe Brooks and seconded by Jeremy Johnson. Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-19 Policy on Hazard Duty pay was made by Rusty Brown and seconded by Jeremy Johnson. Motion was approved unanimously.

Nicky Michael motioned to approve Resolution 2021-20 Tribal Enrollment for March and Jeremy Johnson seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Joe Brooks motioned to approve Resolution 2021-21 to share enrollment status of tribal members with law enforcement. Homer Scott seconded. Discussion was to change title to release information instead of share. Motion passed unanimously.

Rusty Brown brought forth a resolution not on the agenda and motioned to approve Resolution 2021-22 establish a full-time salaried, assistant chief’s office. Jeremy Johnson seconded. Discussion Joe Brooks questioned the legality of establishing the position and feels this should go before the people to vote for Assistant Chief if he is to be paid a full time salary. Curtis Zunigha stated that the job duties should be more specific in the resolution. It was stated that Chief does not receive benefits, so the assistant chief should not be eligible for them. Joe Brooks stated he would vote for it the council members would bring forth a resolution to give the Chief of the tribe a raise in salary also. Call for vote. The motion passed with a vote of 4 yes, 1 no (Joe Brooks) and 1 abstention (Brad Kills Crow).

A motion was brought by Jeremy Johnson to change the outline of the agenda to follow the one stated in the Bylaws of the tribal Constitution. Nicky Michael seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Joe Brooks motioned to make a donation of $2,500 to the Pow-wow committee and Homer Scott seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nicky Michael stated that the Ioway tribe has given access to Eagle Feathers for graduates, and there is an application process to go through to receive one. She asked who on staff could follow up on the process. Jeremy Johnson thought the process should go through Tribal operations manager, Jimmie Johnson to follow up.

Nicky Michael brought to the attention of council an email from Tom Peckham regarding trust fund monies in Idaho court in addition to what has been received. There is a need to follow-up on this also.

Nicky Michael mentioned again the need to find a way to get email addresses for tribal members in order to establish a list for email blasts.

Nicky Michael gave the council a proposal from someone who would help to write tribal codes from the amount of $75 an hour.

A motion to grant $50,000 from COVID funds as requested by the director of Family and Children Services for Victims of Domestic Violence housing was made by Joe Brooks. Seconded by Jeremy Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Joe Brooks asked about what was to be done regarding a Limited Waiver for sovereign immunity for a MOA previously presented for approval from Tahkox e2, Allan Barnes and Keith Weber.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Jeremy Johnson and seconded by Joe Brooks. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Administrative Assistant to Chief Chet Brooks

Attested by: