DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2021

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chet Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

Prayer:

Jeremy Johnson gave the invocation.

Roll Call:

Secretary Nicky Michael called roll and present were Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Brad Kills Crow, Secretary Nicky Michael, Treasurer Rusty Brown, members Joe Brooks and Jeremy Johnson. Member Homer Scott was absent. A quorum was present. Jeremy Johnson made a motion to excuse Homer Scott, Brad Kills Crow second and discussion followed. Joe Brooks stated that Homer had asked that he be counted as unexcused since he is out for grandson’s rodeo. Question was called and vote was 3 yes, 3 no and 0 abstention.

Jeremy Johnson motioned to approve the agenda as written. Rusty Brown seconded. Vote was passed unanimously.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Joe Brooks motioned to approve April minutes with corrections. Brad Kills Crow seconded. Motion passed. 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained.

A question on the April Financials was answered regarding a difference in amounts of a 106 accounts with an email from the Accounting Department. Jeremy Johnson motioned to approve April financials pending audit and Joe Brooks seconded. Vote was unanimous. 6 yes 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Unfinished Business:

The re-write of the letter on FCC consultations to the Vice President using stronger language is being handled by Brad Kills Crow and Brice Obermeyer.

Enrollment dates needed to satisfy request due to McGirt Decision are slow to be disbursed to members requesting them. Nicky Michael motioned to seek advice from attorney on how to proceed. Jeremy Johnson seconded. Discussion followed with Curtis Zunigha encouraging the council to contact the Federal Attorneys office for advice on how to proceed. A question regarding members enrolled when the tribe wasn’t federally recognized was brought up? Call for question and the motion passed unanimously.
Brad Kills Crow updated council on meeting with the Cherokee Nation regarding items like Child Care (working on it) and 638 requests (it is being looked into). It was decided that council should schedule a meeting with Chief Hoskins regarding the Indian Child Welfare issues.

Reports:

Treasurer Rusty Brown read the summary of the April financials and Joe Brooks motioned to approve financials pending audit. Brad Kills Crow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

All monthly reports were turned in and available in the packet given to the council. Jeremy Johnson moved to approve the reports and Brad Kills Crow seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. 6 yes 0 no and 0 abstain.

Rusty Brown offered a thank you to all employees who volunteered to help distribute food boxes throughout the month of May. Jeremy Johnson thanked Charla Mann for the re-worked packets that are more user friendly.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-23 Enrollment was read giving names of new tribal members. Nicky Michael motioned to approve and Rusty Brown seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

Joe Brooks motioned to go into executive session for personnel reasons, Brad Kills Crow seconded and motion passed 6 yes, 0 no 0 abstain. Regular meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Regular meeting returned to session at 2:50 pm. There was no action taken from Executive Session discussions.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Jeremy Johnson and seconded by Brad Kills Crow. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Attested by: