

**Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting**

**August 28, 2024**

**Minutes**

Delaware Tribal Headquarters  
Forsythe Hall  
Bartlesville, OK

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chief KillsCrow at 6:00 p.m.

**Prayer**

The prayer was given by Curtis Zunigha.

**Roll Call**

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Chief Brad KillsCrow  
Assistant Chief Tonya Anna  
Secretary Lindsey Harris  
Treasurer Rusty Creed Brown  
Councilwoman Bonnie Jo Griffith  
Councilwoman Quay Hosey  
Councilwoman Shaunda Brooks

Chief KillsCrow declared a quorum was present.

*A. Approve Agenda*

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

*B. Guest Questions and Comments*

*Beverly Hicks, Carol Weaver, Laura Watters Maynor  
Jana Roth, Angela Franke and Gretchen Williams were recognized.*

**Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting**

**Motion-To Approve.** Councilwoman Griffith moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed with 6 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Brad KillsCrow	yes
Tonya Anna	yes
Lindsey Harris	yes
Rusty Creed Brown	yes
Bonnie Jo Griffith	yes
Quay Hosey	yes
Shaunda Brooks	abstain

### **Unfinished Business**

*(None)*

### **Reports**

#### *A. Treasurer's Report – July 2024*

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve the July 2024 Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

#### *B. July 2024 Monthly Department Reports*

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve the July 2024 monthly department reports. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

#### *C. LLC Board Reports*

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve the July 2024 monthly LLC Board reports. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

### **New Business**

- A. Ratify Poll vote dtd 8/5/24, to approve Resolution 2024-83 authorizing the use of the Tribal Seal by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Church's Giving Machines initiative.*

**Motion-To Ratify.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to ratify poll vote dtd 8/5/24. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

- B. Ratify Poll vote dtd 8/6/24, to vote for or against the Delaware Tribe's participation and the relationship with the Giving Machine initiative.*

**Motion-To Ratify.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to ratify poll vote dtd 8/6/24. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

- C. *Ratify Poll vote dtd 8/7/24, to approve Resolution 2024-84 and the supporting justification form to utilize Covid-19 ARPA-SLFRF funds to upgrade the Tribal website using Shield Bar Marketing.*

**Motion-To Ratify.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to ratify poll vote dtd 8/7/24 to approve Resolution 2024-84. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

- D. *Ratify Poll vote dtd 8/9/24, to approve the Master Task Agreement dated August 9, 2024 between the Delaware Tribe of Indians and Natural Nexus LLC for the administrative services and technical assistance under the Climate Resilience Grant.*

**Motion-To Ratify.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to ratify poll vote dtd 8/9/24. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

### **Resolutions**

- E. *Resolution 2024-85, A Resolution to approve tribal membership through August 28, 2024*

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve Resolution 2024-85. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

- F. *Resolution 2024-86, A Resolution to apply to the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Underserved Populations Grant application through the Oklahoma Office of Attorney General*

**Motion-To Approve.** Councilwoman Griffith moved to approve Resolution 2024-86. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

- G. *Resolution 2024-87, A Resolution to authorize the use of the Tribal Seal by Seamus Clune for the Permanent Bird Informational Signs at Lenape Arboretum and Muhlenberg Woods*

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve Resolution 2024-87. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

- H. *Resolution 2024-88, A Resolution to approve the 2024-2026 Lenape Seed Garden Budget*

**Motion-To Approve.** Councilwoman Griffith moved to approve Resolution 2024-88. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

- I. *Resolution 2024-89, A Resolution to utilize LATCF to purchase equipment for tribal record preservation*

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve Resolution 2024-89. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

*J. Resolution 2024-90, A Resolution to ratify the submission to the USDA 2025 Southern Education Grant to finance Sustainable fruit, vegetable, and traditional Indian crop production (SFVTICP) in geodesic domes through multigenerational education of Delaware Indian Tribe members*

**Motion-To Approve.** Secretary Harris moved to approve Resolution 2024-90. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

### **K. Motions and Notices**

**Motion-To Amend.** Councilwoman Griffith moved to amend the motion made on February 28, 2024 approving the CFED survey payment by striking “fund 150” and inserting “project code 3159.” The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

**Motion-To Approve.** Councilwoman Griffith moved to approve the contract for J. Trevor Hammonds as the Domestic Violence attorney dated 8/28/24. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

**Motion-To Change.** Treasurer Brown moved to change the November 27, 2024 Tribal Council meeting to November 20, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

**Motion-To Change.** Treasurer Brown moved to change the December 25, 2024 Tribal Council meeting to December 18, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve COVID-19 Relief Project Amendment for Work Ready Program 3169 to decrease the original budget by \$119,187 and close the project. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve COVID-19 Relief Project Amendment for Tribal Housing Unit Project 3181 to adjust the title and scope. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve travel for Chief KillsCrow to the Cherokee Nation Legislative Breakfast from August 30 – 31, 2024 in Tahlequah, OK. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

**Motion-To Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve travel for Chief KillsCrow to the New York Botanical Garden from September 15-18, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed with 6 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Brad KillsCrow	abstain
Tonya Anna	yes
Lindsey Harris	yes
Rusty Creed Brown	yes
Bonnie Jo Griffith	yes
Quay Hosey	yes
Shaunda Brooks	yes

**Motion-to Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve travel for Chief KillsCrow to the Red Tie Gala on October 4, 2024 to First Americans Museum.

Assistant Chief Anna withdrew her motion

**Motion-to Approve.** Assistant Chief Anna moved to approve travel for Chief KillsCrow to the Red Tie Gala, October 4-5, 2024 in Oklahoma City. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

**Motion-to Approve.** Councilwoman Brooks moved to approve travel for Chief KillsCrow to attend First Americans Museum Indigenous Day Celebration on Monday, October 14, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

**Motion-to Approve.** Councilwoman Brooks moved to approve travel for Assistant Chief and Councilwoman Harris to attend Ohio Tribal Nations Conference from Monday, October 21 – Friday, October 25, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 2 abstentions.

Brad KillsCrow	abstain
Tonya Anna	yes
Lindsey Harris	yes
Rusty Creed Brown	yes
Bonnie Jo Griffith	yes
Quay Hosey	yes
Shaunda Brooks	yes

**Motion-to Approve.** Councilwoman Brooks moved to approve travel for Chief KillsCrow and Councilwoman Harris to attend First Americans Museum Honoring Jim Rementer on Friday, October 25, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed with 6 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Brad KillsCrow	yes
Tonya Anna	yes
Lindsey Harris	abstain
Rusty Creed Brown	yes
Bonnie Jo Griffith	yes
Quay Hosey	yes
Shaunda Brooks	yes

**Motion-to Approve.** Councilwoman Brooks moved to approve travel for Councilman Brown to attend Pennsbury Re-Burial from Friday, October 25 – Tuesday, October 29, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed with 6 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Brad KillsCrow	yes
Tonya Anna	yes
Lindsey Harris	yes
Rusty Creed Brown	abstain

Bonnie Jo Griffith	yes
Quay Hosey	yes
Shaunda Brooks	yes

**Motion-to Approve.** Councilwoman Brooks moved to approve travel for Chief KillsCrow, Councilwoman Harris and Councilwoman Griffith to National Congress of American Indians conference from Sunday, October 27 – Friday, November 1, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed with 5 yeas, 0 nays and 2 abstentions.

Brad KillsCrow	abstain
Tonya Anna	yes
Lindsey Harris	abstain
Rusty Creed Brown	yes
Bonnie Jo Griffith	yes
Quay Hosey	yes
Shaunda Brooks	yes

***Announcements***

Assistant Chief Anna made the following announcements:

The Tribe’s campus will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024 for Labor Day.

Title VI will be closed Friday, September 20, 2024 so the elders can attend a picnic in the park at Miami.

Just a reminder that Tribal Council now has an “Ask Tribal Council” button on the website for anyone’s use to ask questions directly to Council members.

2nd just a reminder for any questions you can ask tribal council by going to our website to the ask tribal council button or you can e-mail [TCquestions@delawaretribe.org](mailto:TCquestions@delawaretribe.org).

Currently we have 20 questions that are unanswered so we are going to publish them in the Delaware Indian News that way everybody will have the questions and the answers. We have three more questions that we decided we can answer tonight.

**Question 1**

I would like to see an interactive map to show the location of all tribal members either on the web page or in the Delaware Indian news

**Answer**

We're going to try to get a map of the United States to where you can click on it and see the actual membership in that state.

**Question 2**

How are at large members going to be able to receive information on candidates in the upcoming election will there be a place somewhere we can ask questions of them and get answers?

**Answer**

Each candidate can submit a bio and photo in the DIN for free. They can also buy an ad space in the DIN. We talked about adding the bios for a small fee, to the website and face book to be more readily available. The bios usually have phone numbers and email addresses for asking questions.

#### Comment

A comment was submitted that they were not in favor of the Latter-Day Saints poll votes.

Pow wow committee is seeking members. Email Dana Murrell at [dmurrell@delawaretribe.org](mailto:dmurrell@delawaretribe.org). The questionnaires will be taken until 5pm, Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Fill out a questionnaire if you are interested in being on the Pow wow committee.

**Motion-to Enter.** Treasurer Brown moved to go into executive Session for personnel matters. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

The meeting entered executive session at 7:25pm

**Motion-to Exit.** Councilwoman Griffith moved to exit executive session. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

The meeting exited executive session at 7:47pm

**Motion-to Approve.** Treasurer Brown moved to approve resolution 2024-91, a resolution to elevate the Chief Financial Officer's organizational position to be directly supervised by the Tribal Council. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Councilwoman Griffith made the announcement that October 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm will be the Delaware Tribe Ranch Open House.

#### Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn.** Secretary Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed with 7 yeas and 0 nays.

Chief KillsCrow adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm

Dana Murrell  
Executive Assistant