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Great News from the Office of the Chief

Chief Chet Brooks

We are very proud to announce that on January 11, 2016 the Delaware Tribe of Indians TAHKOX e2, LLC became SBA (Small Business Administration) certified. It has taken twelve years, since 2004, when our Tribe was last SBA certified. The last three years have seen much hard work on the part of our Tribal Attorney David McCullough, Tribal Economic Developer Tim Houseberg, and Tribal Member Jimmie Johnson, Manager of TAHKOX e2. All our Members should give great thanks to these three men. We would not have achieved SBA Certification without them.

On Monday, February 21, David McCullough, Tim Houseberg, Council Member Nate Young and I had dinner with SBA Native American Affairs Coordinator Nathan Segal. He presented us with the SBA coin pictured here to honor the Delaware Tribe achieving certification. Since then Jimmie Johnson and Tim Houseberg have met with SBA's Kansas City Coordinator twice, finalized our TAHKOX e2 business plan, and are working to achieve our third and fourth SBA contracts. The first

and second contracts have been completed in Guam.

In addition to the Environmental Engineering & GIS Services provided by TAHKOX e2, LLC, we are nearing completion of negotiations for a hydroponic vegetable growing facility near Bartlesville and waste-to-energy projects elsewhere. We must be successful in some of these projects for our Tribe to prosper.

The second great news came on January 21, 2016 when BIA Solicitor Barbara Coen called and informed us that she had completed her Carcieri review on our Delaware Tribe and implied that the Carcieri court decision cannot apply against the Delaware Tribe. We met with Mike Black and Barbara Coen in Washington, DC on Feb 21 and have now received written BIA confirmation that Carcieri will not apply to us and that we can now proceed with Trust Land application after these unfortunate years of delay.

In addition to the above highlights most of our Council has met three times with the Lawrence, Kansas work group concerning uses for our Lawrence land. We continue to meet quar-

terly with the Cherokee Nation. Bonnie Jo Griffith, Nate Young and I attended NCAI midwinter meeting at Washington, DC in February. All National Congress of American Indians general sessions and most breakout sessions were attended. While in DC we also visited with Oklahoma Senator Lankford and his Native American Affairs staff, Senator Inhofe's staff, and Congressmen Tom Cole and Jim Bridenstine's staffs. I also visited with a Dept. of Energy representative.

Wanishi wuli kishku Sikan: I am thankful for this good Spring Day. GOD BLESS THE DELAWARE TRIBE AND ALL LENAPE PEOPLE.

Wanishi
Chief Chet Brooks
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Commemorative coin presented to the Tribe by SBA Native American Affairs Coordinator Nathan Segal.

Elder Community Garden: "Give them a bite."

Lucy Young, our kitchen assistant in the Elder Nutrition program, has been placed in charge of the Elder Community Garden. About two months ago, the Tribe had a hydroponics model set up in the dining hall. Utilizing what has been grown, which includes lettuces, tomatoes and blue corn, Lucy has taken on the task of creating a community garden for our Elders to help with and to grow heirloom seeds for future use. The garden is located to the west of the parking lot near the Social Services building for easy access to the Elders who wish to assist. Lucy says that the garden has been tilled and they are waiting on soil samples which will come back the last week of March. They are getting ready to fertilize organically for preparation to move the hydroponics to the garden site. She said that they hope to accomplish the move beginning the first week in April; and is excitedly taking suggestions from the Elders and working with the almanac for this endeavor. The goal Lucy would like to see achieved in conjunction with the hydroponics would be that the growing season next year triple from this year. Canning possibilities and other suggestions are welcome so come check it out and thank Lucy for all of her hard work. ■



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52th Annual Delaware Powwow
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From the Desk of Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith

The first two weeks of 2016 brought some great opportunities to us.

We started off the year on a great note! On January 11 we received word that our U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) Business Development Program certification had been received. Our nine-year program term began on January 10. This certification will certainly help as we work toward economic independence.

The Tribe is also now involved in the hydroponics business, and we certainly think this will be a great business that should generate much needed revenue. We hope to employ as many Delaware as wish to put in hard work. This not only helps the Tribe with revenue but will generate employment for Delaware and others. A "hobby" hydroponics display was set up in Forsythe Hall. Ate our first lettuce out of it – DELICIOUS!!

Chief Brooks, Councilman Nate Young and I attended NCAI Winter Meetings in February. While we were in Washington, D.C. we were also able to visit with Congressman Tom Cole's Native American Aide, Congressman Jim Bridenstine's Native American Aide, and Senator Jim Inhofe's Aide. Additionally Chief and Councilor Young met with Senator James Lankford for coffee and then had a good visit with his Aide. We invited Senator Lankford and Congressman Bridenstine to come and visit with us here at the Center and have lunch with the Elders. They seemed very

receptive to the idea.

NCAI itself was another good learning experience. I sat through several sessions which included youth programs, domestic abuse, and Carcieri. Additionally, Senator Lankford spoke during one of the General Sessions. He gave a great presentation and was one of the few Republicans who spoke during the conference. I feel like he represented Oklahoma and Indian Country extremely well.

As most can tell, the new Child Development Center is almost complete. We are all anxious to see the finished product. Congratulations to Sherry Rackliff to her staff on another job well done!

An Elder garden is being put in on campus, and Lucy Young is busy getting all of the things she needs for it. This should benefit our Elder Nutrition program as well as put fresh produce on a few tables this spring and summer.

Through a joint effort by the Cultural Preservation Committee, the Elders Committee, the Tribe, and a donation, our wish for a stomp dance grounds is becoming a reality. This will certainly provide a place to host dances and cultural events right here on our property. I so appreciate the efforts of so many in making this happen.

For now I wish you all a great spring. May God bless our Tribe!

Wanishi!
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Tribal Operations Manager Report

Allan Barnes

He'! Delaware Tribe of Indians, spouses and friends. As I mentioned in our New Year's edition, it is my wish this article finds you well and hopeful for the prospects of 2016. I feel that focusing on the positive accomplishments our Tribal Council, Trust Board, department heads, and staff have achieved certainly will be a benefit to us all. Our staff recently completed an employee survey presented at our January All-Staff meeting and the results were extremely favorable and reassuring. Our team is proud of the work they do. As a small token, those that completed a survey received a small puzzle piece pin, which I have pinned to my ID lanyard. The purpose of this pin was to reinforce the idea that we are all a piece of the entire puzzle.

As a Tribal member, aren't you as well? Of course you are, and that is how I feel, whether you are an Elder or Youth, active or not, and even those that have passed on before us. We are all part of our Tribe's history.

Fortunately, our relationships with the BIA, existing grant funding agencies, and the Cherokee Nation seem to be at an all-time high. Respectfully, I want to acknowledge that has not always been the case, and I understand why some of our brave warriors and women may still carry a sense of distrust or even frustration if their hard work seemed to go to no avail. So, all I can ask is that we continue to push forward and continue with the progress we have made and thrive as the Lenape people. How? By work-

ing together toward a common goal.

Please pardon my getting personal, but I do want to thank all of you for your kind words and actual donations to the Education Scholarship Fund in memory of my father, Ray Barnes.

Now, onto what's happening on our campus and around our Delaware Tribe. Good news! The AmeriCorps team arrived on February 19th, and by the time you receive this paper they will have completed their project on March 30th. As of this writing I can tell you that the experience with them has been outstanding. The individuals on this team were excellent workers! They accepted every job willingly and with a great attitude. Walter Dye and Lindsey Harris in the Chelsea Housing department were extremely complimentary.

On March 10th the Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea hosted an AmeriCorps appreciation meet and greet, which was attended by several Club Board Members, the Chelsea School Superintendent, Olly Starr of the 100-year-old Pocahontas Club, and Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilperson Keith Austin. The Lewis B. Ketchum, Boys and Girls Club of Chelsea has been a long-standing Delaware Tribe project of which we can all be proud.

As changes occur, we have to adapt to them. What do we look for, in justifying that change is good and beneficial to our Tribe? I mention the preservation of our Enrollment Department as one of our most important challenges. That is why, after careful consid-

eration, we will be remodeling our Enrollment Department with the help of specifically designated funds from the BIA. Unfortunately, this does mean you had to close our Therapy Pool in order to create a secured and safe environment for our enrollment files, for your protection and your family's protection for years to come. Regarding the pool, as a Tribe we had to consider the benefit to all 10,000-plus of our membership versus the less than 20 persons who actually used the Therapy Pool. (By the way I was one of those 20!) But I will be glad to visit with you about that.

It is my hope that someday we will be able to construct a new fitness building on our complex, to include a Therapy Pool and meet the needs of both our Elders and Youth.

See you at the PowWow in May?

Submitted respectfully,
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Check Out the Tribal Web Site

Have you visited our Tribe's web site recently?

Go to: www.delawaretribe.org

From the Desk of Councilwoman Annette Ketchum

It is about the time of year that our citizens think about running for office for one of the vacancies that will be on the ballot in November for Tribal Council and Trust Board. It is a good thing to have interest in the election and wanting to service your tribe as an elected official. In a healthy Tribe, there are members who lead, those who are employed by the Tribe, those who are consultants, and those who serve as volunteers for the many programs and committees that function within the Tribe. Since I served so many years as a volunteer, as an elected councilwoman, and have been active in the culture and arts of our Tribe, I hope I can say a few words that will aid whomever aspires to get involved.

First, if you have never connected with your Tribe, volunteer to serve on a committee and go to monthly Tribal Council meetings. Listen and ask questions.

Second, if you have served on a committee and attended the bi-monthly meetings and observed, and you believe you are ready to run for a vacant office, get a copy of the Delaware Constitution, the Trust Document, and Tribal Court Regs. Read them.

Third, if you decide to file for candidacy, start as a tribal council person, a trust board member or a tribal court judge. Once you have been elected and served four years for one of those offices, then aspire to Chief, Trust Chair, or Head Justice.

Fourth, don't be discouraged if you do not win the first time you run. Join an-

other committee or volunteer for helping at an event or activity that the Tribe is sponsoring.

Fifth, don't run for office if you have a grudge or an axe to grind. Don't come with an agenda other than wanting to better the Tribe.

Sixth, be sure you work well with others. There is nothing easy or simple about serving in office. You can't have a "victim mentality", you can't have a closed mind, and you have to earn the respect of the office you are thinking about.

Seventh, don't expect praise or accolades for your service. Delaware are not known for much praise oratta boys. Sometimes you will be blasted and criticized severely.

Eighth, have the minimum skills of critical thinking, be able to type, do a lot of reading, and some travel.

Ninth, if you don't run for office, remember that it is those in office who make the decisions, you won't do that from the sidelines.

Tenth, if you have a degree in accounting, business, social welfare, or administration, perhaps you would be interested in working for the Tribe. The Tribe posts its employment openings on the Website.

I will be a candidate for Tribal Council in November. If you have any questions, please call me, 918-333-8865, and let's talk.

Have a blessed day,
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From the Desk of Councilwoman Dr. Nicky Kay Michael

Protect and Prepare

Kulamàlsihëmo hàch? I hope this article finds you well and in good spirits. Because my last article covered constitutional questions, I want to take this opportunity to provide a few highlights of projects I am personally involved as a Tribal Council member. In preparing this article, I felt that two strong themes were evident: protection and preparation. These are two values I exercise in daily life and it stands to reason I would do this for our people.

One of the most important projects we were able to achieve last year was to obtain Section 106 guidance from the Caddo Chairwoman Tamara Francis-Fourkiller. As a result we passed a resolution to increase our consultation prices. Section 106 is a federal program assuring cell tower companies consult with us before building or adding to an existing tower on or near our historic lands. Increasing the consultation fee significantly advanced our Delaware Tribal Historic Preservation's revenue stream. Previously, I was a consultant with the Delaware Nation in Anadarko where I witnessed why this program was critical to tribal development, and we hope to make these same beneficial strides to our language, culture, and history as the Delaware Nation. The Delaware Tribal Historic Preservation Office is preparing a resolution to assure the millions of dollars in annual revenues from these fees will return to the program as intended and we can strengthen our language, culture, and historic services. After all, the foundation of our people is our language and culture.

Along these same lines, in February and March 2015, we altered the path of a pipeline project that would have adversely affected our ancestral lands. I was able to achieve this due to my previous experiences working in historic preservation. To avert what would have been a disaster, I worked with the Delaware Nation and our Tribal Historic Preservation Office. This benefited our Tribe by preventing any destruction to our sacred site.

Recently the Tribal Council has shifted roles. In that regard, I was appointed to

chair the Grant Steering Committee. Many of our members and leaders view this committee as one of the most important to tribal development. In that regard, you will be able to view the minutes and actions of this committee on our web site and Facebook. We meet weekly with a clear objective and agenda. Grant writing has been a contested issue in our government, particularly "who" is writing and how much they should be compensated. Until a full time writer/planner is budgeted through an Indirect Cost process, the Grant Steering Committee will provide the guidance and processes of this position.

I bring close to thirty years of grant writing and development experience to the table. However, ample consideration should be given to address tribal needs before we can count on successful awards. Just as one example of preparation includes surveying our members for the strongest areas of need. Grant proposals are a science and are often need-based. For instance, many of our members would likely say a strong area of need are jobs. Yet, we cannot just say this without evidence. Therefore, please be ready to complete any surveys we send out. We could hire a very strong writer but lose a grant if our organization is not prepared and ready to meet the "needs" based on evidence.

Lastly, I want to relay how important each and every one of you are to our Tribe. Whether you live ten minutes, ten hours, or ten states away from our tribal headquarters, you have a voice. We want to know what we can do to better serve you.

Xu làpi knewël (I will see you again soon)

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Delaware elders — Charles Randall, left, Bonnie Thaxton and Lewis Ketchum — work out at the tribal facility on Tuxedo Boulevard.

Strength of mind, body; Delaware elders set fitness examples

By Tim Hudson
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Ice and weather advisories might stop lesser men, but not one Delaware Tribal elder intent on staying fit.

The tenacity of one specific elder, Lewis Ketchum, is literally becoming the stuff of tribal legend. It wasn't that long ago that the 102-year-old Ketchum braved the ice and cold to come into the tribe's elder fitness classes. And not only that, but he went back home to get a neighbor that he brings to the elder lunches.

"We're really proud of our elders," said Delaware Tribe of Indians Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith. "They are really dedicated and they all seem to really like the program."

"It's good exercise and I enjoy it a lot," Lewis said.

In addition to braving the weather, he's usually there early for coffee and fellowship with the other tribal elders.

Charles Randall, who had braved the ice alongside Ketchum, says every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m., come rain or shine or worse, the elders enthusiastically make their way to the tribal headquarters and he, along with his wife Mary, are in the number.

According to Tribal Manager Allan Barnes, the tribe considers anyone aged 55-plus to be an elder but there are several octogenarians and even some nonagenarians. "We have people all above the 55 mark," Barnes said. "Bonnie Thaxton will be 93."

The workout routine features a 45-minute exercise video that includes chair exercises, weight training and balancing exercises. Lewis's sons, Dee and the late L.B. Ketchum, both served as former Delaware chiefs, while his daughter Pat Donnell serves as an adviser to the Elder Committee. He says that he just wants to keep active.

"I've always been into sports," he says. "I used to play basketball and softball back in the day." He says he also participated in ballroom dancing, and doesn't actually remember how long he's been doing the elder fitness.

"Quite a while, and I plan to keep going as long as I can," he said.

See online at:

<http://examiner-enterprise.com/news/local-news/strength-mind-body-delaware-elders-set-fitness-examples#sthash.HgR4K7iW.dpuf>



Delaware Tribe gets approval to seek government contracts

By Tim Hudson
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Delaware Tribe of Indians officials have announced a major step that could mean big things for the tribe.

"We've been accepted into the U.S. Small Business Development Program," said Delaware Chief Chet Brooks. "This will make us eligible for certain government contracts."

The program accepted the tribe's newest LLC, Tahkox e2, which was announced in early 2015. The company is spearheaded by Jimmie Johnson and the tribal council.

According to Johnson, Tahkox e2 is "pursuing its aggressive penetration into the environmental engineering playing field it has already secured several commercial subcontracts."

"This program will have resources available including assistance in getting funding," he said. "We have been working toward this for a few years, and now that we have it the real work will begin."

According to the Small Business Administration, the next step will be to schedule an orientation session that could take up to four to six weeks. The tribe will also be required to submit a business plan.

"This is probably the number one business initiative for Native American Tribes other than gaming," Brooks said. "Some of the other tribes that have used this include the Cherokee and Choctaw."

He said the tribe participated in the program in the early 2000s in the form of doing payroll for the Boeing Corp. and that the tribe has big hopes for Tahkox e2.

"This is a big step and it could turn into a huge opportunity for us," he said. "We hope that this will eventually enable us to put more of our tribal members to work."

Brooks said the credit for the announcement goes to members of the tribe's staff.

"We couldn't have gotten this without the hard work of Jimmie, Jim Halsburg and our attorney David McCullough," he said. "We're ready to get to work."

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Community Services and Education

Community Services Programs

If you have questions, please contact Angela Krebbs at 918-337-6590.

Burial Program: Burial assistance for Delaware tribal members. The family may apply for up to \$500. The funds may be applied to expenses that are most beneficial to the family (i.e., funeral services, meals, wake, grave marker etc.). Documentation must be provided, including death certificate.

Dental Assistance: Assistance for dental services up to \$250. Services may include tooth repair, dental fillings, dentures or emergency services. Routine dental exams or cleaning are not covered. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

Elder Optical Assistance: Assistance for optical services to elders age 60 and over. Funds may be used for services, including glasses, physician's visits or related costs up to \$200 annually. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

Elder Prescription Medication Assistance: Prescription medication assistance to Delaware elders age 60 and over for pharmacy and related costs. Elders may receive assistance not to exceed \$900 per calendar year. Elders may apply more than once per calendar year until \$900 is reached. Funds may be disbursed to vendors on a monthly basis not to exceed \$75 per month for long term recurring medication. Elders must include a statement from the pharmacy showing the continuing service. This addresses Elders who have an ongoing monthly pharmacy bill and must renew application annually.

Emergency and Emergency Travel Assistance: Emergency assistance to Delaware tribal members. Funds are to be used for emergency situations. Assistance includes, but is not limited to groceries or related assistance, or health transportation costs. Applicants must utilize all other community resources prior to application. Funds are allocated up to \$200 and will be disbursed as

determined by the Community Service Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Medical and Hospital Equipment Assistance: Assistance to pay medical bills, including but not limited to medical equipment (purchase or rental), home health care, pharmacy, etc. not to exceed \$200. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

Rental Assistance: Assistance in emergency situations on a one-month, one-time, once-a-year basis. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$200. Eviction notice and/or other documentation must be submitted with the application. Approval of application must be obtained prior to payment. The Tribal member's name must be on the rental/lease contract. Payment will be made to the landlord.

Student Optical Assistance: Assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, college/universities, and vocational technology schools. Funds can be designated to pay for glasses, contacts, physician visits or related costs. Each request may not exceed \$200. Approval of application must be obtained prior to payment for services. One request per calendar year, not to exceed \$200. Payment for services will be made to the vendor.

PLEASE NOTE: The Community Services Committee has adopted income guidelines for all assistance programs with the exception of Burial Assistance. ■



Education Committee Assistance/Programs

Take advantage of these programs; they are here for you! If you have any questions, please contact Angela Krebbs at 918-337-6590.

The Education Assistance programs provide financial aid to tribal members of all ages from Pre-School to college, and also Adult Vocational Technology training. Programs available to our members are listed below. You can download the applications directly from our website www.delawaretribe.org. Just go the Services/Programs tab, and then scroll down to Educational Assistance. You can also contact Angela Krebbs, Social Service Coordinator, at 918-337-6590.

PROGRAMS

Academic Achievement Award: This \$100.00 award is available on a one-time basis to registered Delaware Tribal members who have graduated in the current fiscal/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 GPA (grade point average).

Athletic Assistance: This program is for registered Delaware Tribe of Indians students who need some type of assistance for students involved in school sponsored athletic programs (such as baseball, football, basketball, track, cheerleader etc.), for items required, but not provided by the school. (Such as shoes, baseball mitts, mouth pieces etc.) Students may be reimbursed up to \$50.00 per application per fiscal year may be funded. Applications are approved on a case-by-case basis. Awards are based on the availability of funds.

Drivers Education Assistance: Can be used to help defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility. This program has a maximum of \$75.00 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.

Education Assistance: This program is for students ages 6th thru 12th grade who are registered members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians who need some type of

assistance while enrolled in school, such as graduation expenses, ACT exams, summer school, band, choir, etc. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year.

School Supply Assistance: Helps registered members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians with the cost of purchasing the needed school supplies for children in grades Pre-K through 5th Grade. School Supply Assistance applications may be submitted from July 1 to September 30 or until funds are exhausted. Application deadline is September 30 of every year. Assistance is available up to \$40 per child with receipt of purchase. Please submit separate receipts for each application. Acceptable receipts shall only include the school supplies purchased. (No groceries or household items.)

Trust Fund Higher Education Scholarship: Delaware Tribal members are eligible for up to \$2,400 in scholarship funding. Full-time students may apply for \$300 per semester for up to eight semesters. Semesters do not have to be consecutive. Part-time students will receive \$150 per semester up to 16 semesters. Applicants must submit all required documentation. Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA (grade point average) in the last semester attended (high school, college, etc.) Students must reapply at the end of each semester. Award is made directly to student to insure that it does not interfere with their financial aid package from the institution. Scholarships will not be awarded for the summer semester. Scholarships are subject to funding availability.

Fall scholarship applications will be accepted from June 1 through July 31, spring from January 1 through February 28. ■

Indian Child Welfare

Sasheen Reynolds, ICW Program Coordinator

Our Indian Child Welfare (ICW) program receives a variety of requests that we try to respond to as we continually attempt to develop our program. The first step our program takes is to always establish eligibility for enrollment for the child/children involved, and to act as liaison with our Enrollment Department. Our second step is to provide some basic assistance for those children's parents, relatives, or guardians. This program is continually looking for adoptive/foster parents and I am trying to build a more efficient database of prospective families. I appreciate your patience and ask you to contact me to verify that we have your information. Our primary goal is to keep our Indian children from being separated from family, relatives, or Indian families but as important as that is, we also want to keep siblings together.

We have a Crisis Assistance

Program in the grant with the intent to prevent the break-up of Native American families in which children are identified as being at risk of abuse and/or neglect, or to reunify families who have been separated as a result of abuse and/or neglect. This grant is NOT intended to be a poverty assistance grant, but there are circumstances in which severe poverty could lead to the potential neglect of children. In that case the case would apply under the Crisis Assistance Program. If you are in need or have questions please feel free to contact Sasheen Reynolds, Indian Child Welfare Coordinator at 620-879-2189 or by email. I will have to observe your situation and see if there is any assistance that we will be able to provide you with through this program.

I have recently moved to a new location and thus have new updated contact information. I am currently working in the Caney

Office at 601 S. High St. Caney, Kansas 67333; my new phone number is (620) 879-2189. At this time I have not received my new fax number, but I will update as soon as I get the updated information. Thank you for being patient with me through this transition.

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Enrollment Department

Leslie Fall-Leaf

The Enrollment Department is very proud of the progress we have made over the last couple of years, and hope we are not just meeting our members' needs but are exceeding your expectations. Chris Miller and I have had the honor of working with a great number of you to provide enrollment cards, change your addresses when you move, your names when you marry, record the births of new babies, and the passing of your loved ones. The Delaware Tribe is now fast approaching 11,000 members world-wide and we strive to keep track of every single one of you. If you have any suggestions or comments that you believe will improve our level of service, please let us know. Comments, suggestions, and feedback are always welcome and should be directed to updates@delawaretribe.org.

As always, please be aware that new enrollment and replace-

ment ID applications may be obtained by either downloading them from the tribal webpage or calling and requesting them from our office. Remember that the most effective way to ensure prompt and timely service is to make sure all requested documentation is included with your applications. However, due to the high cost of postage and the volume of applications we receive, there is now a \$10 fee if you wish to have your documents returned to you through the mail. For security reasons we only send those documents via certified mail with a return receipt. If the fee is not received we will keep your documents in the applicant's permanent folder. There is no charge if you pick the documents up in person.

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Wellness Center

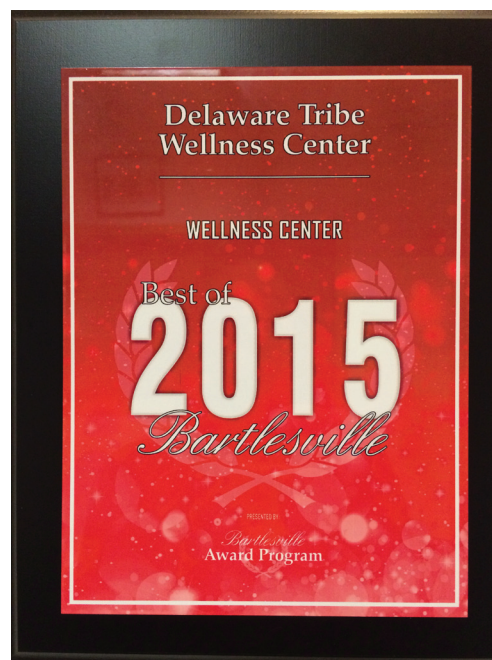
Mickey Morrison

With the weather turning warmer, now is the time to start coming indoors to work out in the air conditioning. For all Delaware and Cherokee tribal members it's free to work out at the Wellness Center. We have three treadmills, a Stairstepper, and an exercise bike, plus free weights. We have locker rooms with showers for both men and women. Members of any tribe with their tribal membership cards are \$10 a month, and for any non-Indian the cost is \$20.

The Wellness Center is open from 8 AM to 8 PM Monday through Friday and 8 AM to 1 PM on Saturday.

For more information call the main number at 918-337-6590.

Please note that there is no medical staff on duty so use equipment at your own risk. ■



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Elder Services

Mary Randall

Like everyone else, we in Elder Nutrition stay very busy.

In January we celebrated the following birthdays: Bucky Buck, Ellie Franks, and Lewis Ketchum on the 3rd, Keith Williams on the 6th, Howard Miller on the 12th, Judy Dull on the 23rd, and Gilbert Watters on the 31st. Carol and Dan Gray celebrated their 58th anniversary on January 17th.

February birthdays included Shirley Howard on the 5th, Loretta Brewer on the 6th, Karen Houk on the 13th, Diana Bird on the 15th, Daniel Gray on the 16th, and John Sumpter on the 24th. Our February anniversary was Ed and Kay Trottingwolf on the 15th.

March was a big month for birthdays, with Priscilla Mason on the 1st, Ruth Hammon on the 4th, Barbara Johnson on the 7th, Paula Pechonick on the 10th, Jack Tatum on the 12th, Bonnie

Jo Griffith on the 15th, Christine Mann on the 16th, Max Branson, Jr. and Betsy Duesi on the 17th, Maggie Williams on the 23rd, and Jack Dull and Josephine LittleSun on the 29th. Anniversaries were Eugene and Edna Fox on the 1st and Gilbert and Mary Watters on the 24th.

The Elder exercise group continues to grow with exercises on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome to join in for the exercise and camaraderie. Lewis Ketchum at 102 continues to set the pace for the rest of us.

The Elders Committee provided transportation for various trips for the Elders, with our usual stop afterward at Braums for ice cream. On February 10 we went to the Cherokee Casino in South Coffeyville, and a trip to the Osage Casino in Skiatook is planned for March 21st.

We have changed food ven-

dors and are trying many new items for our menu. We had chicken cordon bleu for Valentines Day, and recently had shrimp and frog legs. These as well as many other changes have been well received by our Elders.

We are excited about our upcoming Health Fair on Thursday, April 21 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Delaware Community Center. There will be fun, food and prizes and various vendors to promote good health and related issues. This is made possible through a MIPPA (Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act) grant (Priority Area 2, Grants to Title VI Native American Programs). Hope to see you at the Health Fair!

Wanishi!

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Cultural Resources Department

Anita Mathis

Hè, Tribal Members, friends and family!

Hope all are ready for spring. Looks like winter is over (that is what winter we had). Artifacts along with pictures and documents are still being donated; thank you! We also had a donation from a tribal member and her husband of a wonderful new showcase which was put in Forsythe Hall. It has a display of some of our donated items and will be changed out every few months.

Stop by and check out all that is new in the Library. We now have 1006 books cataloged,

ready to read and research. (Unfortunately at this time we are not set up to check out these books.)

The gift shop has many new treasures. Check out our web site at www.delawaretribe.org; at the bottom is a tab for the online gift shop. Or stop by and check us out. We are always adding new items. We now have available, again, the book *Talking Tombstones*.

It is getting to be that time of year again. Our 52nd Powwow will be held this year on May 27th-29th. If you plan on attending the powwow and would like to place an online order from the

gift shop, you may pick up your items at the powwow and save shipping.

As always, please bring in your pictures and documents, anything that pertains to the Delaware Tribe, to be copied and added to our archives to preserve and share with our future generations.

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Department of Family & Children Services

Curtis Zunigha

The Personnel Committee recently restructured the organizational chart to join two programs under one heading. The new Department of Family & Children Services includes Child Support Services and the Indian Child Welfare Program. Curtis Zunigha serves as department director. Both offices are located in the Caney, Kansas administrative services building.

Child Support Services

The Office of Child Support Services is funded by a grant from the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services/Administration for Children & Families/Office of Child Support Enforcement. The program assists applicants to obtain tribal court orders for child support payments. Our goal is to ensure both parents provide continuous financial support for their children. We promote functional co-parenting relationships to increase stable and self-sufficient families. We can locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity, transfer cases from other courts, modify and enforce court orders, and collect and disburse payments. Grandparents caring for children in the home may also be eligible to obtain child support.

The benefit of using our office is that paternity establishment ensures accurate tribal enrollment and inheritance rights. Tribal court jurisdiction allows more authority and flexibility in how cases are handled. And we use Native cultural sensitivity in administering every case. We can refer applicants to other offices and agencies to meet the need for other social services. Our office does not provide any legal services to applicants. Child Support Services can man-

age cases ordered in state courts or referred by state agencies.

The Child Support Services office is located at the tribe's Kansas headquarters building at 601 High Street, Caney, KS 67333. The telephone number is 620-879-2109. Office staff includes Curtis Zunigha (Delaware), Director; Arleata Snell (Assiniboine), Case Manager; and Crystal St John (Cherokee), Financial Specialist.

Contact the Office of Child Support Services to obtain an application or download one from the tribal website: <http://delawaretribe.org/wp-content/uploads/CSS-Application.pdf>

Indian Child Welfare

The ICW program provides assistance to children who are being displaced from their home or are experiencing abuse in the home or are being deprived of essential living conditions. The goal is to keep families together and in a safe and stable home. Program funds can provide limited assistance in crisis situations. ICW is funded by both federal and state grants. The Program Coordinator is Sasheen Reynolds (Delaware), phone number (620) 879-2189. For more details, see her article elsewhere in this issue.

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Housing Department

Ron Scott

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department has finalized the remaining documents for our HUD 2016 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) Block Grant programs. Our IHP was approved earlier this year, but as per HUD: "Funds for 2016 will not be available until Congress appropriates the funds and make them available to the Office of Native American Programs. We will be notified as soon as funds become available."

Here is a listing of activities we applied for in the 2016 IHP and a partial summary:

Elderly Homeowners Rehabilitation: to assist elderly homeowners who had either purchased or acquired their homes to make corrections and needed repairs to meet current codes.

Housing Management: preparation of work specifications for affordable housing, inspection for affordable housing, management of tenant-based rental assistance, mediation programs for landlord-tenant disputes for affordable housing, operation assistance for NAHASDA assisted units to include maintenance and utilities.

Housing Services: Operation for Native American Boys & Girls Club for housing counseling, youth activities for a large amount of low-income Native American families. The Native American families are generally from the families residing in our DTHD rental units in the Chel-sea area.

Rental Housing Rehabilitation: two vacant Current Assisted Stock (CSA) rental units have been identified for major repairs which will bring them up to code for future occupancy.

Modernization of 1937 Act Housing: to include site im-

provement, relocation, environmental review of affordable housing projects and architectural and engineering plans.

Delaware Acres Sidewalk Repair: repair of the sidewalks at the Delaware Acres low-rent complex, which are in need due to buckling; replacement of sub-standard sidewalks with level walkways to assist tenants of the low-rent complex and especially the elderly tenants from risks of injury.

Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance: for eligible Delaware Tribal members the DTHD will provide financial assistance to tribal members seeking homeownership on the open market.

Rehab Assistance: for NAHASDA Assisted Units; low-rent units to include, but not limited to, HVAC, installation/replacement, window replacement etc.

Mutual Help Repossess Rehabilitation: two units are planned for substantial rehabilitation; the units have no funds in their Monthly Equity Payment Account (MEPA). After rehabilitation, the units may be reassigned to new eligible homebuyers. In addition, an appraisal will be conducted to determine reassignment; or conversion to rental units.

Operation of 1937 Act Housing: operation and maintenance-related activities of housing units developed under the Housing Act of 1937 as required by NAHASDA. The type of assistance includes administration and planning, insurance and general operation of the units.

Operation/Maintenance NAHASDA Assisted Units - Rental: maintenance and operation type of activities such as replacement of appliances, and/or

other protective or preventative measures needed to keep a unit or its systems in working order. Assistance provided will be for low-income families residing in the rental units.

Recertification

The Delaware Tribe Housing Department had requested a policy amendment to the Tribal Council, and on February 16, 2016, the Delaware Tribal Council authorized and approved Resolution 2016-18. This authorized and approved the requirement that all applicants are to recertify every six months to remain on the waiting list, for any and all housing programs administered by the Delaware Tribe Housing Department (DTHD). The reasoning process is to certify every six months that: 1) your need, still exist for assistance, and 2) you are still eligible. If we receive no response or you are no longer eligible, your position on the waiting list, will be removed.

Post cards will be mailed out to all applicants we have on the current waiting list. Should anyone being assisted or who have already been assisted by the DTHD, please notify us so we can purge and clean our waiting list. The DTHD will mail out post cards because of cost considerations, and we may use post cards more often if we need to contact you for a short message. No personal information will be exposed. Please don't throw away any post cards you receive from us.

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Lenape Language Project

Jim Rementer

What's New

The National Science Foundation DEL grant enabled us to continue making improvements to the Lenape Talking Dictionary. Our one-year grant was extended to two years and it ran out at the end of August 2015. We have applied to NSF for another small grant but we have not yet heard any results. If we are funded it will start in June 2016.

We have also been adding a number of sound files for Lenape words, which until recently have lacked sound files. Since February 2015 almost 6,000 additional sound files have been added. Most recently sound files recorded with Reuben Wilson in 1967 were added. The Lenape Talking Dictionary now has 16,500 word files and 1,800 Sentence files. In the Stories section, there are nearly 50 stories and songs.

Newest Features

Our computer programmers did a month-long analysis of usage of the Lenape Talking Dictionary. That gave us a report showing which parts were being used most frequently, number of hits, and how long people stayed on the website. Based on the analysis of usage, it was decided that two of the features that needed improvement were the Lenape Lessons and the Spelling sections. Previously it was not possible to add sound files to those sections. The programmers updated the sections and that allows us to add existing language class materials along with sound files to the Talking Dictionary so that tribal members and interested people are able to use the lessons for the purpose intended.

Project History

In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. Much of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes made in past years with native speakers of Lenape. The Dictionary was officially online in February 2006. The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress, and we continue to convert audiotapes of Lenape speakers to digital format, from which we extract the Lenape words. These are then entered into the Dictionary and become immediately available on the Internet. We should mention that the sound files are not all of studio quality. Most were recorded whenever and wherever possible – sitting in someone's living room, on the porch, etc. We always appreciate your comments about the Lenape Talking Dictionary. We will continue adding to the Grammar and Lessons sections so you can start learning how to construct sentences in Lenape.

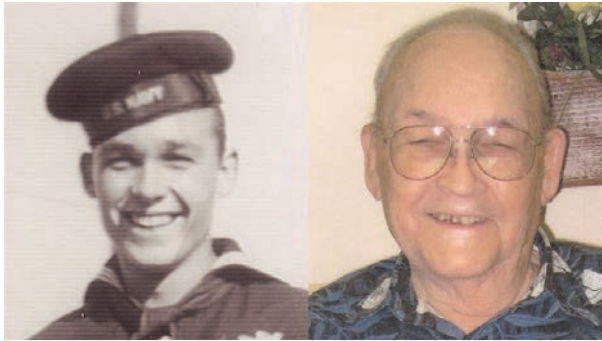
To view the Talking Dictionary, go to:

<http://talk-lenape.org>

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Obituaries



Herbert Barker

December 8, 2015

Herbert Barker, 91, died on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, from pneumonia, surrounded by members of his family. He was born in Culver City, California to Herbert Barker, Sr. and Lucy Marie Goley, the first of four boys.

During the Depression, the family moved back to Oklahoma where his parents had been born. He was quite proud of his Indian heritage, which is from the Lenni Lenape tribe and loved to tell stories of how he and his brothers played, hunted and fished in the woods.

After high school, he joined the Navy, where he proudly served on a Sub Chaser which participated in various major actions throughout the Pacific. He had many interesting stories about his time in the service which his family loved to hear. He was very proud to be included in the first Honor Flight from Ogden, Utah two years ago which took veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the memorials. He was excited to make the trip with his friends, Jesse Tracy and Malcolm Holt, along with the other veterans.

In 1948 he married Ruth Gasard, with whom he had three children, Lyn Elen Barker, Jan Louise Barker and John Anthony Barker.

He received his BA from UCLA while he and Ruth both worked to support their new family. At one

time in his professional life, Dad worked for a company which had a contract with NASA where he was able to work with the seven original astronauts as they prepared for the Apollo program.

After he and Ruth divorced, Herb married Barbara Gillis. When he retired, they were able to travel the western part of the country, which he really enjoyed. They finally settled in Ogden to be close to his oldest daughter and her family. Herb and Bobbie were together until her passing in 2011.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents and his youngest brother, Keith. He is survived by two brothers: Norman Barker of Shelton, Washington and Ray Barker of Heavener, Oklahoma; his three children; ten grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of The Gardens Assisted Living where Dad lived for five years and to the staff of Ogden Regional Hospital and the staff of Stonehenge of Ogden where he received excellent care. Also, we extend much gratitude and affection to Brandy Millward, Nicki Ninalga, Dr. April Krutka and Dr. Heidi Reganass of the Palliative Care Unit of McKay-Dee Hospital.

Services were held at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Honor Flight, www.honorflight.com ■



Ray Barnes

December 22, 1927–
February 19, 2016

Ray Barnes, age 88 and longtime resident of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, went to be with his wife in heaven on February 19, 2016.

Ray was the youngest of six children, born in Ramona, Oklahoma, on December 22, 1927. He attended school in Ramona and Chilocco Indian School. He joined the Merchant Marines at age 16, then served in the Army. Afterwards, he returned to Ramona and married Dena Neher. They resided in Bartlesville, where he attended Bartlesville Business College and began his 35-year career with Phillips Petroleum Company.

Ray and Dena moved to Ochelata in 1950, where they lived for 12 years, during which time he served on the Board of Education and became an active member of the Methodist Church. Ray also spent considerable time gardening. Ray was well known for growing sweet corn and having a green thumb.

Ray built a home in Bartlesville where he moved his family in 1962 and where he lived the rest of his life. Ray was active in coaching his son's baseball teams

and became an active member of East Cross Methodist Church.

Ray was a member of Bartlesville Masonic Lodge No. 284. He was a very active supporter of the American Legion baseball program. In his later years, Ray continued to be an avid reader, sports enthusiast and was very interested in national politics. Ray was well respected and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, four siblings and his wife of 62 years, Dena. He is survived by his older brother, Howard Barnes of Ochelata; daughter Karen Wilson and husband, Bobby; son Allan Barnes and wife, Karen; son Terry Barnes; and daughter Carole Henry and husband, Clarence. Also surviving are numerous grandchildren, great-grand-children, nieces and nephews.

Ray's memorial service was held at Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, February 22 at 11 am. A private family interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established and those who wish may send their contributions to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Education Scholarship Fund, 5100 East Tuxedo Blvd., Bartlesville, Oklahoma, 74006.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org. ■



If one of your relatives or close friends has passed, please send us an obituary. We will run it in the next *Delaware Indian News*. Obituaries can be sent to din@delawaretribe.org or to the Tribal Offices.



Riley Brooks-Owings

March 25, 2004–
January 19, 2016

Riley Jace Brooks-Owings was born March 25, 2004 to Amanda Bertelli and Shane Brooks. He went to his Heavenly home on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Riley was truly an amazing young man. His smile was radiant and his laugh infectious. Riley loved basketball, PS4, tennis, and reading fiction and fantasy novels. He could build any LEGO set he wanted in a flash. He wanted to grow up and join the Marines, or become a LEGO engineer.

Riley was a member of the Delaware nation and was very proud of his Lenape name, Siseliyet, which means "Little Buffalo." He enjoyed going to powwows with his father, stepmother, and stepbrother.

Please also pass along any birth or death announcements to the Enrollment Office at lfall-leaf@delawaretribe.org. Remember that the Community Services Committee has a burial assistance program if you need help. ■

Obituaries (cont'd)

Riley loved his brothers and spent much of his free time playing with and guiding his younger twin brothers. He loved his mother very much and was protective of her. He loved singing to her.

He never met a stranger and always wanted to be everybody's friend. He danced, joked and laughed his way into our hearts. The world needs more Rileys.

Riley is preceded in death by his brother, Zachary Brooks; great-grandfather Jerry First; great-grandmother Patsy Taylor; and great-grandfather Lonnie Harper, who cared for Riley daily and was his best friend.

He is survived by his parents, Amanda and Michael Bertelli, of the home in Anadarko, and Shane and Ramona Brooks of Shawnee; siblings Kayden Owings, Tanner Owings, Trenton Owings, Tristan Owings, Megan Scott, Jacob Bertelli, Braden Clutter, Payden Clutter and Mary Elizabeth Russell; his grandparents Lana Brewster, Sam First, Barb Mitchell, Larry Joe Brooks, Rosela and Aaron Wilson, and Rocky Brewster; his great-grandparents, a very special great-grandmother, his Gran-Nanny Nancy Harper, great-grandfather Floyd Taylor, Nancy Lindley, Garry and Jennifer Brewster and Waite Reynolds; his uncles and aunts, Haley Brewster, Ricky First and Rachel Smith, Anthony and Stephanie Wilson, Justin and Kristen Wilson, Ethan Wilson, Bobby and Shaunda Stanley, and Shane and Amanda Jones; great aunts and uncles, Tama Gilbreath, Carl and Gina Taylor, Chet Brooks, Billie Foreman, Owassa Davilla, Simona Foreman, Matthew Foreman, Leonard Foreman, Jena Masquas, Katherine Wilson, A.C. Wilson, Ted Brown and numerous cousins.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 25 at the First Baptist Church of Anadarko with

Bro. Ron Nelson and the Rev. Lynn Bellamy, pastor, officiating.

Services are under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko.

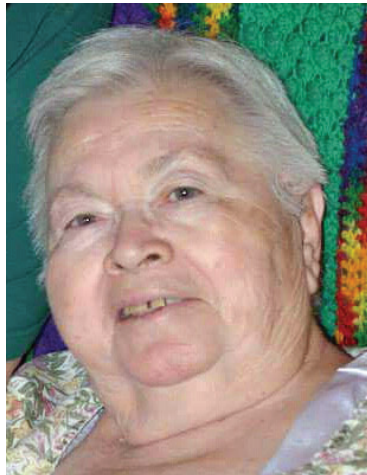
A Letter to My Son

Dear Riley,

You are my everything, my heart, my rock, my biggest fan. You're my sunshine. Your smile made my heart smile every day. You taught me what unconditional love is and I'm sorry this ugly world showed you different. You are my baby and I will hold you again one day. Until then, I will think of you every second of every day and I will try to hear your sweet voice guiding me.

You are amazing, my angel

Love,
Mom ■



Virginia Ann Infield Johnson

March 19, 1940–
December 23, 2015

Virginia Ann Johnson passed away at her home on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at the age of 75. Virginia was born in Bartlesville on March 19, 1940 to Gail and Ida Sarcoxie Infield. She grew up in Bartlesville where she met her husband Rob-

ert "Bob" Johnson. Virginia and Bob had four daughters, Debbie, Cheryl, Marilyn and Linda. The United States Air Force brought them to Midwest City, OK in 1965 and they established a home there. They were married 55 years before Bob preceded her in death in 2013. Virginia lived in that home until her passing. Her daughters were honored and privileged to take care of her during her last days.

Virginia worked in food service most of her life. She worked as a dietary manager at Midwest City Hospital for twenty years before being forced to take a medical retirement. Virginia was a very faithful and active member of her church. She loved the Lord God and served his kingdom on earth well. Her children know without a shadow of a doubt that Virginia is now in heaven with Jesus. Virginia had a passion for crocheting. She got to where she could crochet beautiful doilies without even looking at her hands. It just flowed naturally from her. She also made lovely handmade quilts. For the last several years she had made quilted lap blankets for nursing homes and shut-ins at church. Virginia loved well and was well loved by her family and a multitude of friends.

Virginia was a proud member of Delaware tribe. She is the granddaughter of the late Little John H. Sarcoxie and the first cousin of the present chief of the Delaware tribe, Chet Brooks. Her ancestry is from the Turtle Clan. She had quite the collection of turtles in honor of her heritage.

Virginia is survived by her daughters, Debbie Wayne and husband David of Vanceboro, NC, Cheryl Parks and husband Chris of Moore, OK, Marilyn K Johnson-Ragan and Linda Woolsey of Midwest City, OK; nine grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; four step-sons from Bob's

previous marriage, Rick Johnson of Broken Arrow, OK, Ronald Johnson of Crystal River, FL, Roger Johnson of Wagner, OK and Randall Johnson of La Porte, TX; two sisters, Francis "Frankie" Ramsey of Ontario, CA and Wilma "Billie" Miller of Pawhuska, OK; and one brother, Carl Infield of Pawhuska, OK.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers, Gail "Sonny" Infield and Kenneth "Kenny" Infield.

A memorial service was held at the Dewey Cemetery on March 19 at the grave site of her parents Gail and Ida Infield and her ashes returned to the earth. Virginia was a "WONDERFUL" mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be missed. ■



Virginia Ann Infield Johnson with her siblings: Carl Infield, Sonny Infield, Frankie Ramsey, Kenny Infield, and Wilma Miller.

Ray Dean "Buck" Slocter

December 9, 1929–
January 1, 2016

Ray Dean (Buck) Slocter went to be with the Lord January 1, 2016 in Edgewood, New Mexico.

He was born December 9, 1929 in Chelsea to Lena (Ketchum) Slocter and Ernest Slocter. He attended schools in the area and graduated from Talala High School. He enjoyed hunting and fishing along the Verdigris River and loved reading all western novels. He served his country in the Korean War. His career was spent in offshore drilling all over the world.

He is survived by one son, Chuck Slocter; a grand-daughter, Annamae Slocter; and a grandson, Kalle Robert Slocter, all of Edgewood, New Mexico. He is also survived by a sister, Joanna Dunawa of Claremore and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Delores Moore, and two brothers, Howard and Cloyd Slocter. ■



Right, Virginia Ann Infield Johnson with her grandfather, grandmother, mother, aunts and uncles, including Little John H Sarcoxie (Roll Number D119) and Francie Pierce Sarcoxie.

Obituaries (cont'd)



Jerry "Coach" Seigel

February 8, 1941–
March 5, 2016

Jerry L. "Coach" Seigel, 75, of Warrensburg passed away Saturday, March 5, 2016 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

Jerry was born February 8, 1941 in Vinita, Oklahoma, the son of Leslie and Anna (Barker) Seigel, their youngest son of ten children.

A 1960 graduate of Vinita High School, Jerry was a standout athlete and played football, baseball, and basketball.

Jerry attended and played football at Northeastern A&M Jr. College in Miami, OK, Fort Scott Jr. College in KS, and then for the Northeastern State College Redmen, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees.

In March of 1964, he and Sharon Bogle were married in Tulsa, OK and were married for over 50 years. They resided in Tulsa and Collinsville in Oklahoma before moving to Warrensburg in 1971. Continuing his passion for sports and education, Jerry taught and coached football in Tulsa and Collinsville for six years. After moving to Missouri, he coached track and football at Knob Noster for 24 years, including defensive coach for the 1984 Missouri Class 2A state champions.

Known as "Coach" to countless friends and former students, Jerry was also a member of the Cherokee and Delaware Indian Tribes, an avid outdoorsman, and a tremendous supporter and member of the Warrensburg Elks Lodge where he was the Elk of the Year in 2006.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Sharon, of the home; two sons, Doug Seigel and wife, Jacquetta, of Warrensburg, and David Seigel

and wife, Stephanie, of Leavenworth, Kansas; a daughter, Carrie Lee and husband, Jason, of Leawood, KS; eight grandchildren, David's children, Laura, Katie, Luke, Daniel, and Joey, Carrie's children, Cooper and Cassidy, and Doug's daughter, Jaylena.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nine brothers and sisters, Sonny, Buck, Gene, Helen, Ruby, Betty, Shirley, Colleen, and Jimi Lou.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 2 PM at Sweeney-Phillips & Holdren Funeral Home with Dr. Randall Neal officiating. Interment followed in Warrensburg Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tom Mullins, Briant Hunt, Chad Kosmiski, Luke Seigel, Cooper Lee, and Jim Gill. The family received friends Thursday from 12:30 until service time.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Show-Me Christian Youth Home or the charity of choice and can be left in care of the funeral home. ■

Veteran's Committee Report

Kenny Brown, Chairman

I've received e-mail from TACOM, army donation program, I am very optimistic about our Veterans Committee getting the M1 rifles for our honor guard. The TACOM donation director did some research on our tribe and sent some additional forms for Chief Brooks and I to sign; they were returned to TACOM in January.

John Sumpter and I purchased and delivered the Winchester fireproof gun safe to store the firearms when not in use.

On January 21, 2016, representatives from the Veterans Committee went to Choctaw Nation Community Center in Durant, OK to attend the National Native American Memorial discussion. The National Museum of the American Indian has been authorized by Congress to create a memorial honoring the service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces. The NMAI has invited Native American veterans to give ideas for the memorial.

On March 5, 2016, the Lenape Gourd Society and Lenape Color Guard was on duty at the Red Fork Pow Wow. The pow wow committee asked if we would host again next year. I said we would be honored to.

During the pow wow I was approached on behalf of a young lady, Cpl. Megan Lowry, U.S. Marine Corp, MP. She has seen our color guard and was impressed with our unit and asked if we let ladies join, and if so what are the requirements? I went to meet Megan, told her about our unit, noticed she was Native and asked if she was Lenape. She told me she is Cherokee/Creek. So I explained our associate member program and asked if she was still interested.

She said she was, so I brought her request to our members present. I introduced them to her and we thanked her for her service and welcomed her into our color guard unit.

Mark your calendar!

April 23, 2016: Veterans Committee auction at the Delaware Community Center, doors open at 10:00 am, auction to start at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be Indian tacos or chili for \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for children under 12 years.

If you would like to donate items get with Homer Scott, we can use your help.

The Veterans Committee is raffling off a Henry Arms "yellow boy" 22LR lever action rifle with octagon barrel.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or three tickets for \$10.00. Drawing will be Thursday evening May 26, Delaware night at Copan dance ground.

You will not have to be present to win and if for any reason the person drawn can not take possession of the rifle another ticket will be drawn later.

Order of the Day

Support those organizations that help our veterans and the families of our fallen warriors.

The next veterans meeting will be Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 1730 hrs., at the Delaware Community Center. ■

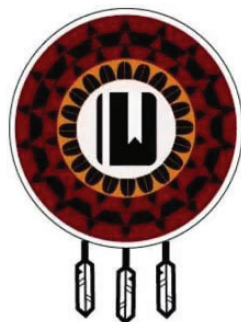
Donations for Education Scholarships Gratefully Accepted

We invite tribal members and others to contribute to a special fund for educational scholarships. Donors are recognized in five levels:

Brass Level	up to \$ 100
Silver Level	\$ 100-500
Gold Level	\$ 500-1,000
Wampum Level	\$ 1,000-5,000
Wampum Belt Level	above \$ 5,000

Send donations to

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Trust Board, Education Committee
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK 74006-2746**



Our Community



Health Fair

Join us for the free Health Fair
Sponsored by
Delaware Elder Services
Thursday, April 21, 2016
10:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Delaware Community Center
5100 Tuxedo Blvd
Bartlesville, OK

FUN—FOOD—PRIZES

Vendors

Amedysis Home Health	Kathy Wiley Hearing Aides	Cherokee Nation WRHC PHN Nurses
Cherokee Nation Dietician	Brookdale Senior Living	Visiting Angels
Tallgrass Estates	Adams Parc	Graves Menu Maker Foods
Alzheimer's Assn—Tulsa	Plus Others	

DELAWARE WAR MOTHERS RAFFLE



Chief Eagle Robe
Red/White/Blue
64" x 80"

\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5

Drawing to be held

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Tickets may be purchased
from any Delaware War
Mothers member or

stop by the Elder Nutrition Program and visit with
Mary Randall. Drawing to be held Sunday evening
towards the end of the powwow.

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

52nd Annual DELAWARE POW-WOW

May 27, 28 and 29, 2016



Fred Fall-Leaf Memorial Campgrounds
3 Miles East of Highway 75 on Road 600

<u>Head Singer:</u>	Anthony Kemble
<u>Head Man Dancer:</u>	Matthew Gray
<u>Head Lady Dancer:</u>	Luana Murphy
<u>Master of Ceremonies:</u>	Brad Kills Crow & Neal Lawhead
<u>Arena Directors:</u>	Dude Blalock & Chris Soap
<u>Host Gourd Dance Groups:</u>	Lenape Gourd Dance Society & Osage Gourd Dancers
<u>Host Northern Drum:</u>	Red Land Singers
<u>Color Guard:</u>	Lenape Color Guard
<u>Stomp Dance MC:</u>	David Tyner



2016 Delaware Pow-Wow Princess

Haley Madden



Schedule of Events

Gourd Dance

Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dance Contests

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 p.m. til close

Stomp Dance

Friday and Saturday nights following the pow-wow

ALL SPECIALS ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bet Football Game – Men against Women – Saturday at 11:00 a.m. –
area between the Markley Camp and Fred Fall-Leaf's Home

Sunday Morning Church Service – 10:00 a.m. at the arena

Winners announced and prize money paid out at the end of the Pow Wow on Sunday night.
Winners must be present and in dance clothes to receive prize payout.

ANYONE SELLING MEAT PIES OR OTHER FOOD ITEMS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE

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Minutes of the Tribal Council, November 2015-March 2016

Tuesday, Nov 17, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Nicky Kay Michael, Ph.D, Tribal Council Secretary

Called to Order: 5:40
Prayer: Annette Ketchum

Attendance

Chief Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Councilwoman Michelle Holley, Councilman Nate Young.

Welcome Guests

Guests present: Leslie Jerden, Beau Watt, Paula Pechonick, Anna Pechonick, Nancy Sumpter, John Sumpter, Mary Watters, Gilbert Watters, John Thomas, G. Levi Randoll, Jean Lewis, Cece Biggoose, Johnny Barker, Ron Scott, and Dana Murrell.

Approve Agenda

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve. Councilwoman Ketchum seconds. All in favor.

Approve Minutes

Councilwoman Ketchum moves to approve with corrections or additions.

Chief Brooks has one correction. P. 3 regarding the Trust Funds. He says the Trust funds have recovered but he was referring to the Stock Market and would like that changed.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.
All in favor.

Note: In the last *Delaware Indian News*, minutes labeled "Special Meeting, Saturday, Nov 7, 2015" should instead have read "Regular Meeting, Wed, Nov 3, 2015." We apologize for the oversight.

Approve Financials

Councilwoman Shea moves to approve pending audit. Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

Councilwoman Michael asks about the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). It states \$240,730.06. Does that include the \$87,000 from the consultation?

Yes.

All in favor.

Unfinished Business

Tribal Manager: Allan Barnes states that there is a Department Head report and says everything is going well.

Housing Director: Ron Scott will be asking for resolutions next meeting.

CODE OF ETHICS PROPOSAL

This document will supersede the "Code of Conduct."

John Sumpter is recognized and requests that the Trust Board and Judges be consulted. He does not approve of developing rules without informing the rest of the leaders. He also disagrees with putting the Tribal Council members to hear complaints. That should be the Tribal Court.

Councilman Young states we are the legislators and Congress has the power to police its own members.

Nancy Sumpter is recognized. She agrees with John. She states the Tribal Council would have too much power and let the Court do its job.

Councilwoman Holley motions to table the Code of Ethics until the Trust Board and judges have the opportunity to review.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.
6 in favor
1 opposed (Young)

LAWRENCE PROPERTY AND APPRAISAL

Jean Lewis, CFO, reports that we pay \$2,000 on the house and

\$2,000 on the land, which is assessed on the use of the land—agriculture.

Councilwoman Holley states that she asked for these documents due to the General Council members asking for the appraisal value.

CFO Lewis points out that this information is on the document.

Councilwoman Holley notes: \$20,700 for the land, \$248,700 for the house; For this year then, 23k, 10k, 15k combined is total tax appraisal amount. Big difference from the 1.2 million.

CFO Lewis points out that yes, this is correct. However, this is not fair market value which will not reflect what fair market would be.

Leslie Jerden is recognized. She has experience lending to agriculture businesses in the past. She explains how a bank would lend based on those numbers. A bank would lend by 15% above the tax card.

Lawrence Property appraisal: Tribal Manager Barnes is directed to obtain an appraisal.

New Business

RESOLUTION 2015-48: TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2014-48 ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY

Tabled from October 7th.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve.

Councilwoman Holley explains that it reflects the verbiage in our Code of Ethics and removes entities and LLC.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.

4 in favor (Young, Griffith, Shea, Brooks); 3 opposed (Holley, Ketchum, Michael)

RESOLUTION 2015-60: TO HONOR THE SERVICE AND DEDICATION OF MEMBER, JAN BROWN

Councilwoman Shea motions to approve with correction of her name to Janifer.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.
All in favor.

Councilwoman Griffith reads the announcement for her services. She motions for the Tribal Council to donate the meat and paper goods for Janifer's services on Sat.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.
All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-61: TO COMMEMORATE THE LAST OF OUR DELAWARE FULL BLOOD ELDERS BY PROVIDING \$1,000 FOR FUNERAL EXPENSES

Discussion revolved around the number of verifiable Delaware full-bloods. Enrollment has stated there are only two verifiable.

Nancy Sumpter is recognized. She supports providing for our full-blood Elders and voiced concern that this really isn't that much in consideration of the costs of funerals. She also believes that the Tribal Council should have planned and had the check ready for when it was needed.

Councilwoman Michael stated that there was a proposed poll vote but the question arose whether the death of a full-blood Elder met the criteria of a life or death situation. Mr. Jackson's family needed the assistance for a traditional feed.

Chief Brooks announces that he wanted the record to reflect if the Tribal Council does not approve of this resolution, he would send the \$1,000 to his family personally.

Councilwoman Shea motions to approve with amendments to pay to the executor of the services and omits the number of full bloods.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.
All in favor.

MOUNTAINTOP EDUCATION

Maria Suggett requests a letter of support for Web-based language education programs. She wants to use Lenape as the inaugural language.

Councilwoman Holley motions to approve a letter of support.

Councilwoman Shea asks Councilwoman Michael if she is personnel in the organization.

Councilwoman Michael states she will help with Lenape because they need a speaker but she does not get paid. Even so she will abstain.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds. 6 in favor. 1 abstaining (Michael).

COMMUNITY HIGHER EDUCATION

This organization is reaching out to Tribes in Oklahoma. They provide career-focused education and leadership skills. Their recent switch to non-profits enables them to provide a 25% tuition scholarship to any of our tribal members. We would need to sign an MOU.

Councilwoman Michael motions to approve.

Councilwoman Shea seconds.
All in favor.

GENERATIONS INDIGENOUS

Councilwoman Holley explains that this is two-pronged initiative through the White House. The first is a Native Youth Challenge. The other is a Tribal Leaders challenge, which was discussed at NCAI. She would like to ask our leaders to join along with other Tribal Leaders to mentor and assist youth.

PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Shea motions to provide turkeys to each of the employees for Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

Councilwoman Shea provides the new Holiday schedule for the employees, which includes 11 holidays. Delaware Day and Indigenous Day were removed.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to approve the Personnel Committee Holiday schedule.

Councilwoman Ketchum seconds.

All in favor.

The last recommendation is to provide a Christmas Party on December 18th for the employees. We will provide sandwiches and gift exchange.

Councilwoman Ketchum motions to approve.

Council Griffith seconds.

All in favor.

ELECTION BOARD

Councilwoman Griffith motions for Edna Havens to be the Chair and Cass Smith to serve on the Board.

Councilwoman Holley seconds.

All in favor.

EDITORIAL BOARD

DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Michael discusses developing an Editorial Board to safeguard and protect the *Delaware Indian News* and social media. As the Secretary, she is "charged" with communications so she wants to get the information out to tribal members accurately with as many checks and balances as possible. We are looking for members in the Tribe who want to volunteer. We do not have the capabilities to pay an employee to do this but there are likely tribal members who would want to do it. We are developing our Twitter and LinkedIn account and it will take a team.

Councilwoman Griffith asks who is on it and states she thinks we need to decide who we want on it collectively. Do we want Trust Board members or a Judge?

Councilwoman Holley says she doesn't think so. Her opinion of an Editorial Board is to take the control out of the hands out of our elected officials. She doesn't want anything to do with it.

Councilwoman Griffith asks if that would that take Nicky out of it?

Councilwoman Michael states as the Secretary she is charged with overseeing it but she can't influence it politically.

Councilwoman Griffith states that we need more time to think about this.

Councilwoman Michael states she has been asking for this for six months now and if we are going to continue to wait then at the very least for the *DIN* cc Greg and Dana on top of your submission to me.

The deadline for the *DIN* is December 10th.

Leslie Jerden asks if she can volunteer for the Editorial Board. Councilwoman Michael says she would be great.

Other New Business

Councilwoman Ketchum reads a letter and donation of \$1,000 for the stomp dance grounds from Arlene Micucci.

Councilwoman Michael states that the Smithsonian is requesting to use the Popcorn song for an exhibit. Discussion revolved around the idea that the exhibit would become public information. Groups back East are taking the information from museums and appropriating it for themselves.

Councilwoman Ketchum asks if there is an upshot to assuring that our information is legitimately from our Tribe.

Attorney David McCullough explains possible alternatives, including copyright.

Councilwoman Griffith motions for Councilwoman Michael to return the call and assess whether the checks and balances are suitable to protect the exhibit.

Councilwoman Holley seconds. All in favor.

Todd Weaver is writing from Latten, Pennsylvania, about the School District. He wants to propose that the new stadium they are building be named after the Lenape.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to have Councilwoman Michael return the answer cordially declining

the offer. 6 in favor, 1 opposed (Ketchum).

Councilwoman Shea motions for executive session, 7: 36.

Called to order at 8:06.

Councilwoman Griffith motions to adjourn, 8:07.

Tuesday, Dec 1, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Dana Murrell Administrative Assistant to the Chief

The regular meeting of the Delaware Tribal Council, December 1, 2015, was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chief Chet Brooks. Prayer was offered by Annette Ketchum and Benita Shea called the roll. All councilmen/women were present except Secretary Nicky Michael. Guests present as follows: Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Jean Lewis, Ron Scott, Dana Murrell, Johnny Barker, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Anna Pechonick, Allan Barnes, Curtis Zunigha, Anita Mathis, Nancy Sumpter, Bonnie Thaxton, Barbara Wallace, Cece Biggoose, and Jason Jones.

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Nate Young and seconded by Bonnie Griffith. Passed 5 yes, 1 abstention (Chief Brooks). The minutes of the November meeting were not available.

Unfinished Business

Allan Barnes, Tribal Manager, reported that he has spoken to Tim Keller Appraisal Firm in Lawrence, KS, about doing two appraisals on the Lawrence property—one to include the house and its acreage and the other on the agricultural land. Mr. Keller quoted \$2,400 for the two appraisals and would do them the end of January 2016. A motion was made by Michelle Holly and seconded by Bonnie Griffith to call for the appraisals. Passed 6 Yes.

New Business

Resolution 2015-62 to establish a social media position was pre-

sented by motion made by Bonnie Griffith and seconded by Nate Young, discussion followed led by Michelle Holley and others from the audience. Benita Shea re-seconded the motion which passed with 5 Yes, 1 No (Holley). Chief asked that Council vote by show of hands.

Resolution 2015-63 To Establish the Process for Submitting Meeting Minutes was presented by motion of Bonnie Griffith and seconded by Nate Young. Nate was asked to read Chapter 15, Section 48, 11th Edition of *Robert's Rules*, pertaining to Form of the Minutes. Chief made a point by question to clarify that *Robert's Rules* states that minutes are not to be a transcription. Nate answered in the affirmative. Discussion followed with audience offering remarks. Motion passed with 4 Yes, 1 No (Holley), 1 Abstention (Chief Brooks).

Other Business

Bonnie Griffith showed the Christmas card that the Tribe will send this year.

Michelle Holley announced the annual Lenapeowski Christmas Party will be December 19, at 1:00 p.m., which includes a dinner, gifts, and photos with Santa for children and youth to 18 years. Invitations will be sent and RSVP is requested to her or any member of the Lenapeowski board. A Stomp Dance will follow the party. Michelle said the Trust Board has donated funds and a motion was made by Bonnie Griffith and seconded by Benita Shea for the Tribe to donate \$500. Passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

Benita Shea announced that the employees received Thanksgiving turkeys, with Mary Randall, Director of Elder Nutrition, adding that three turkeys were donated by employees to be used for the Lenapeowski Christmas Party and others donated to Elders.

An employee Christmas Party will be on December 18. A motion

was made to provide three iPads as door prizes for the employees. It was then amended to add four iPads to be used by Lenapeowski to teach language. Motion was made by Benita Shea and seconded by Bonnie Griffith. Passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

Motion made by Nate Young and seconded by Bonnie Griffith to go into Executive Session to confer with Attorney David McCullough at 6:35. 6 Yes

Returned at 7:20 and Chief Brooks announced a Special Tribal Council meeting would be held on December 8.

Motion was made by Nate Young and seconded by Bonnie Griffith to approve a Letter of Intent with Jah Roots, LLC, for the purpose of researching a hydroponics business in Caney, KS. This will be a non-binding LOI and it passed 6 Yes.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm by Bonnie Griffith and seconded by Benita Shea.

Special Meeting Tuesday, Dec 8, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Dana Murrell Administrative Assistant to the Chief

The special meeting of the Delaware Tribal Council, December 8, 2015, was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chief Chet Brooks. Prayer was offered by Joe Brooks and Benita Shea called the roll. All councilmen/women were present except Secretary Nicky Michael and member Annette Ketchum. Guests present as follows: Jimmie Johnson, Anita Mathis, Joe Brooks, Dana Murrell, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Johnny Barker, Allan Barnes, Beau Watt, Paula Pechonick, Gregory L. Randall, Cece Biggoose, Jean Lewis, and Leslie Jerden.

A motion was made to amend the agenda to move the SBA dis-

discussion into executive session then have discussion with the audience by Bonnie Griffith and seconded by Nate Young. Passed 4 yes, 1 opposed (Michelle Holley), 1 unaware of the motion. Discussion among council members Michelle Holley, Bonnie Griffith and Chet Brooks followed clarifying the motion.

Nate Young motioned to approve the minutes as written for the December 1, 2015 meeting. Benita Shea seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bonnie Griffith made the announcement that the Wellness Center has received the Best of Bartlesville award and will be receiving a plaque to display.

Nate Young made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:44pm. Benita Shea seconded. All in favor.

Meeting called back to order at 6:55pm.

Unfinished Business

Motion made by Benita Shea and seconded by Bonnie Griffith to send a response letter to the SBA from the Chief's office answering the questions the SBA had regarding the 8(a) application in process.

David McCullough explains to the audience what the SBA had requested from the Tribe. Discussion followed.

Motion passed 4 yes, 1 abstention (Chief Brooks).

New Business

Bonnie Griffith announced the 15th Annual Friends of Sobriety Powwow on New Year's Eve had sent the Tribe a request for donation. She reads the letter and makes the motion to donate \$300 to the event. Michelle Holley seconds. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 7:11 pm by Bonnie Jo Griffith.

Tuesday, Dec 15, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Annette Ketchum, incoming Secretary

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Tribal Council convened at 5:30 p.m. with Chief Chet Brooks asking Curtis Zunigha to offer prayer and Secretary Nicky Michael to call roll. All members of the tribal council were in attendance. Chief welcomed guests and asked for the agenda to be approved. Motion made by Bonnie Griffith, seconded by Benita Shea, affirmed, all in favor.

Minutes of the November 17, 2015, were reviewed, motion made by Bonnie Griffith and seconded by Annette Ketchum, and passed 6 yes, 1 no (Benita Shea). Motion made to approve minutes of the December 1, 2015, meeting was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Michelle Holley, and passed 6 yes, 1 no (Nicky Michael). Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Benita Shea, seconded by Nate Young, and filed for audit.

Unfinished Business

Chief asked for additional reports by staff to add to those in the packet and Tribal Manager, Allan Barnes, reported that the regularly scheduled directors' meeting tomorrow (12/16) is cancelled and the next meeting will be the January meeting. He announced that on January 6, 2016, the police department in Bartlesville will conduct a shooter class in Forsythe Hall.

Child Enforcement Director Curtis Zunigha explained the status of the Kansas Department for Children and Families MOU. He said although it has been represented to the Tribal Council for review, he got a call and the attorney who worked on the MOU is gone and the new attorney wants some time to put her approval on the document, which Zunigha hopes will be ready by January, 2016.

He also reported that the MOUs with State of Oklahoma's and Cherokee Nation's departments for children and families will be completed soon for review by the Council. He explained that each entity and the Tribe must have the proper documents in place so as to transfer child enforcement cases to the Delaware Tribal Court.

The Code of Ethics which was tabled November 17, so it could be reviewed by the Trust Board and the Tribal Justices, was left on the table due to its not yet having been received by either group for review.

Michelle Holley reported that she has enlisted the Delaware Tribe into the Indigenous Native Leaders Youth Challenge and asked that she be appointed as the contact person for the organization, as the liaison between it and the Tribe. Motion made by Bonnie Griffith, seconded by Nicky Michael, passed 6 yes, 1 abstention (Holley). The Delaware Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea will be included in the Challenge.

Chief Brooks made a motion, seconded by Nate Young, to relieve Nicky Michael of the Office of Secretary of the Tribal Council while continuing to serve as a member of the Council. Lengthy discussion prevailed with several citizens from the audience questioning the change in officers. Councilwoman Michael had no desire to be replaced and a vote of 4 yes, 3 no passed; followed by a motion by Bonnie Griffith, seconded by Nate Young to seat Annette Ketchum as secretary. Motion carried 4 yes, 2 no, 1 abs (Chief Brooks).

New Business

Resolution 2015-64 to approve nine new Delaware for membership was read and motion made by Nate Young, seconded by Benita Shea and passed 7 yes.

Resolution 2015-65 to change the designation of four homes from mutual help housing to rental units was read, motion made by

Bonnie Griffith, seconded by Nathan Young, followed by discussion. Walter Dye, staff, and Ron Scott, director, of the Housing Program explained that mutual help housing are homes that are available for purchase by qualified Delaware and because four units have been empty for a prolonged time period the housing director is asking that those units be re-designated as rental units, as there is a demand for rentals. At any time and as needs change, rentals may be re-designated back to mutual help housing. The vote was 7 yes and carried.

Resolution 2015-66 asking for the 106/Historic Preservation (THPO) income from fees collected to be distributed to Language and Culture, 40%; Archives and Documentation, 20%; Museum and Library, 10%; THPO salaries, 20%; and Indirect Cost, 10% was read. Motion to accept made by Nicky Michael, seconded by Michelle Holley, with discussion following. Brice Obermeyer, NAGPRA Director, explained the fund's uses. It was stated that had there been a quorum at the November General Council, this would have been brought to the floor. It was stated that the funds are now discretionary in use. It was stated percentages is a good idea and that at some time percentages should be designated for use. Vote was 2 yes, 5 no, and denied.

Resolution 2015-67 to establish an unbiased and objective editorial board for the *Delaware Indian News (DIN)* and other electronic/social media under the secretary was read. It was discussed that a social electronic media resolution was already voted December 1. It was stated that the duties of an Editorial Board for the *DIN* must be defined before it goes to a vote.

Motion was made by Nicky Michael and died for lack of a second.

Resolution 2015-68 to return to one regularly scheduled tribal council meeting per month on the third Tuesday was read. Motion

made by Michelle Holley, seconded by Annette Ketchum, with discussion following citing many reasons for and against at the table and in the citizenry. Vote was 3 yes, 4 no and denied.

Other New Business

Joe Brooks, a veteran, requested that the flags be flown properly on the flag poles in front of the headquarters building. He also believes the Tribe should learn to adhere to its current constitution and questioned the need for a revision.

Judge Randall requested his hope that the Tribe will complete its work on Constitution Reform, and stated the Tribal Court needs remote access to the Codes on the shared drive.

Bonnie Griffith announced that the Tribe received the Bartlesville *Enterprise* newspaper's Wellness Award, which will be in place for a year, with a plaque she asked be mounted on the wall in the Wellness Center.

Nicky Michael announced that in a conference call with the Nation Institute Sister Organization at Harvard University she received an affirmation that the Center will review our Constitution at no charge to the Tribe. In the past Harvard was charging for this service.

Nicky also wants to have a CD listing of all the Smithsonian Collection. Brice said he will contact the Smithsonian and thanked her for the information.

Michelle Holley said the Sand Hill Indians are using our seal and wants to get a process started whereby the Tribe will trademark the seals—both old and new. Michelle made a motion to engage David McCullough to send a letter to Sand Hill Indians to cease and desist in the use of both the DTI old and new seals, seconded by Bonnie Griffith, passed 7 yes.

Annette passed out two histories of two Kansas Delaware councilwomen, Linda Graff and Carolyn Rowe, to the Council to review. Ms. Rowe provided these to help

acquaint the DTI Council with the KD Council.

Chief called for a short break at 7:55 pm. Meeting resumed at 8:06, with Tim Houseberg reporting on his activity in Economic Development for the Tribe. He provided a written report and elaborated on it, highlighting progress on *Carceiri* judgment, FTT in Caney, and 8(a). Tim also advised the Council that LegalZoom will provide a trademark in 30 days for \$1,000 and suggested that Attorney McCullough would be approachable and he would be paid \$1,000, not LegalZoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Merry Christmas to all!

Tuesday, Jan 6, 2016 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

At 5:40 p.m. Chief Chet Brooks called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Tribal Council to order, with Annette Ketchum offering a prayer, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and calling roll. In addition to Brooks and Ketchum, Bonnie Griffith, Benita Shea and Nicky Michael were in attendance, with Michelle Holley absent. Chief Brooks welcomed the audience.

Ms. Griffith made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a third resolutions 2016-03, to be added under New Business; seconded by Mr. Young, and passed 4 yes, 2 no (Michael, Ketchum). December 15, 2015, minutes were approved with motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea, including a correction to Other New Business, Page 3, Item d. changing "American Law Center" to "Nation Institute Sister Organization." Passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Ms. Shea to accept the Code of Ethics for the Tribal Council. Discussion

followed with questions from the audience regarding the Code and who wrote it. Chief Brooks explained that this Code of Ethics is for the Delaware Tribal Council only and not for any other elected body. It does not apply to the Judges or Trust Board. It was written by Mr. Young. This document supersedes the original Code of Conduct written by Tribal Court Judge Charles Randall. If the Court and Trust Board wish to prepare their own Code of Ethics, they may do so. Mr. Young offered his help. The motion passed 4 yes, 2 no (Michael, Ms. Ketchum).

The revised Tribal Seal Protection Ordinance was introduced as the next point of business. Attorney David McCullough spoke on the Seal, stating that three years ago the Tribe registered its Seal with the State of Oklahoma, but Trademark protection was not included. He said the cost of getting the Seal trademarked by his office is \$650 for preparation and \$385 for filing fee and this does not include defending it. Mr. McCullough suggested the Tribe hold off on sending the cease and desist letter until the TM was registered and then he can send a letter to offending group back East and include the serial and registration numbers to put the group on notice. We would have statutory protection. Ms. Griffith made the motion to accept the revised Tribal Seal Protection Ordinance and Dr. Michael seconded it. It was pointed out that there was an ordinance passed in March, 2015; both Ms. Griffith and Dr. Michael changed their motions to include that the new ordinance will supersede the previously voted ordinance.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Griffith to accept Mr. McCullough's offer to TM the tribal seal. Mr. McCullough explained that the Tribe is protected now by the fact that the filing in State of Oklahoma is a legal action taken so violators are

breaking federal law now by using the seal. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Unfinished Business

Dr. Michael addressed Mr. Randall about a conference call to University of Arizona, Udall Foundation, pertaining to assistance with Constitution Reform and learning what charges are involved. Mr. Young wants to join the conference call. The Tribal Council was in full agreement that this information-search expedition may be beneficial.

New Business

Resolution 2016-01 to Approve the Pre-development Expense and Consultant Agreement for Hydroponic Development was read and motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young, with discussion following. Chief Brooks explained we are hiring a consultant to prepare needed paper documentation pertaining to the business. Consultant Chip Harriford, III will be paid approximately \$10,000 plus \$1,000 expenses and Mr. McCullough will receive the balance of \$9,000. The business will most likely be in Caney, KS, adjacent to the Caney offices. This prospective business will allow the Tribe a 51% ownership position with no recourse financing and no collateral. The investment firm is United Commercial Mortgage of Sonora, CA. Passed unanimously.

Resolution 2016-02 to Establish an Unbiased and Objective Editorial Board was read and motion was made by Dr. Michael, but failed for lack of a second, with agreement that revision must be made and guidelines must be established first.

Resolution 2016-03 to Establish Regular Tribal Council Meetings Every Tuesday Evening at 5:30 P.M. Beginning January 12, 2016, was read. Motion made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Young. Questions and discussion followed. The res-

olution supersedes the previously passed meetings resolution. Motion passed 3 yes, 2 no (Michael, Ketchum), 1 abstention (Brooks). Motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young was made to discontinue the Monday Conference Calls which are now being held. Passed unanimously.

The Tides Foundation Grant was brought to the floor and Brice Obermeyer reported on the meetings he, Anita Mathis, and Curtis Zunigha have had with the Delaware Nation of Anadarko, Delaware Elders and Cultural Preservation Committees, and the meeting to be held later this month in Canada with the Canadian Delaware. Dr. Obermeyer further reported that the Tides Foundation Planning Grant is due February 15, 2016, and Leslie Jerden, tribal member, is writing the grant at no charge to the Tribe. He said he wants the Tribal Council to make suggestions to Ms. Mathis or send him an email. Mr. Zunigha added that he will have a resolution prepared for a Council meeting in February which he needs to accompany the grant application.

Chief Brooks spoke regarding the Brotherton Reservation in New Jersey. A report from Tom Julian is in the packet for each Tribal Council member to read. Chief believes the report is accurate. He explained that the Indian Non-Intercourse Act written by the U.S. Government establishes that Indian land cannot be taken or sold by anyone else and Chief Brooks included some of the history of the Brotherton Reserve. Mr. McCullough and Dr. Obermeyer both commented on the fascination of Brotherton.

Council took a 15 minute break, returning at 7:42.

Other Business

Ms. Griffith presented a form from Grand Gateway asking for the Tribe's representative to its board and made a motion to re-appoint Rick Barnes, who currently serves as the representative; seconded

by Mr. Young and passed unanimously.

Ms. Griffith reported that the Lawrence, KS, City/County Working Committee meeting has been scheduled for January 25, 2016, in Lawrence at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Young that she, Chief Brooks, and Mr. Young be appointed to attend the NCAI Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 no (Michael). Dr. Michael requested that written and visual reports be provided to Council by attendees on return.

Brief discussion about Tribe's Facebook admin person.

Jean Lewis, CFO, and Ron Scott, Housing Program Director, addressed the Tribal Council to report that bids are being let for new metal roofs on 14 units in Delaware Acres. This is part of the 2015 IHP, and of course, Indian preference is specified.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea.

Tuesday, Jan 12, 2016 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

Chester Brooks, Chief, called the meeting of the Tribal Council to order at 5:37 p.m. He asked Annette Ketchum to pray and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. At roll call, Chief Brooks, Ms. Ketchum, Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, and members Michelle Holley and Nate Young were in attendance. Absent was Dr. Nicky Michael. Chief welcomed the audience, guests, and employees. The guest list included: Nancy Sumpter, Johnny Barker, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Ron Scott, Anita Mathis, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Anna Pate-Pechonick, Jean Lewis, CeCe Biggoose, Dana Murrell, Jana Roth, and Allan Barnes.

Chief Brooks announced that the Tribe has received its 8(a) certification from SBA. He acknowledged Tim Houseberg, Point Person, David McCullough, Attorney, Jean Lewis, CPA, and the Tribal Council for the persistent work done to obtain 8(a) certification.

Motion was made by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Young to approve the December 8, 2015 Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes, with a correction to delete "to" in the second paragraph. Motion passed 4 Yes, 2 abstentions (Holley, Ketchum). The January 5, 2016, minutes were reviewed and motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young, and passed 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Holley).

Chief Brooks stated that on November 8, 2015, the Tribal Council attended a Strategic Planning Seminar and the outcome of that seminar is reported in the January *DIN*. He asked that all citizens read the article and volunteer to serve on one of the five areas that were covered in the *DIN* by calling him. The Tribal Council members volunteered to be responsible for one or more of the areas. They are: 1) Community and Social Services, Ms. Holley; 2) Grants, Ms. Holley and Ms. Shea; 3) Cohesive Tribal Council, Mr. Young and the entire Council; 4) Cultural Preservation and Language, Ms. Ketchum; and 5) Economic Development, Ms. Griffith, Chief Brooks, and Ms. Shea.

Suggestions made were: Ms. Shea believes one of the greatest needs is to have a full-time grant writer employed by the Tribe. Ms. Ketchum believes a budget needs to be prepared to determine how the Tribe will spend future income from economic development. Chief will attend a Teamwork Course to better meet the needs of a cohesive Tribal Council. Ms. Holley believes we should not forget that we have employees, namely Jim Rementer, who writes Language grants.

Jana Roth, an administrator and educator of 23 years and Director of Indian Education at Sapulpa, asked to address the Tribal Council. She said she has learned, as a member of the State of Oklahoma Council of Education, that the Delaware Seal is not included on the Oklahoma State Department of Education website with all the other tribes' seals. She would like to have permission to have the Seal included and to also prepare a history of the Delaware to be placed on the site. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously passed. Ms. Ketchum will provide verification that the Delaware Tribe approves her actions.

The Council continued with the first item on the Action Log and discussed the Constitution Revision. Chief Brooks has read constitutions from the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Osage Nations of Oklahoma and the Seminole Tribe of Florida as a way to become familiar with how other tribes' constitutions compare to the Delaware Constitution and found the Seminole to be most similar, while the other three were different mainly in that they have an executive branch, the chief has veto powers and they have various grounds for removal from office. His point is that the Tribe should seriously consider constitution change with amendments, each stand-alone for voting, and dispense with total overhaul of the Constitution which would take about three years. Since he was presenting his opinions, Tribal Judge Charles Randall said he would like for the Tribal Council to all present their suggestions for amendments by January 19, and review the K.U. Law School suggestions for change and possibly use them as amendments. Judge Randall also said the information from the Native Nations Institute is available on-line for those who want to hear it. This was in re-

sponse to Ms. Holley's report of a conference call she, Dr. Michael, and Judge Randall had on January 7. Ms. Holley said that training modules are available from the Institute at a cost of \$60/pp and funding sources are available from BIA, ANA and NCAI, to name a few.

Mr. Young suggested that a thank you of some kind should be given to the law students who worked on our Constitution changes. A meeting for dinner on January 24 in Lawrence is a plan that will be pursued.

It was noted that the Secretary of Interior ultimately must approve our amended constitution.

The list of Action Log items was discussed as follows:

Surplus Assets

Tribal Manager Allan Barnes reported that ads are on Facebook and the web site to sell the two vans to the highest bidder(s).

Motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Griffith was made for Dana Murrell, Administrative Assistant, to advise Tim Houseberg he is on deadline to provide information as to the cost of getting the power washer repaired, sold, etc. Passed 3 yes, 2 abstention (Holley, Shea).

Ron Scott was asked to report on the Oologah land that is surplus. He said the survey is done, no appraisal is done, and there is approximately 8-10 acres that is zoned residential. We have no real estate agent at the present. The Delaware Housing Program has been blocked by the CNO from building on the property, although it is flat and has the utilities available. Mr. Scott is going to contact CNO Housing to see if it will purchase the acreage and report to Mr. Barnes by Friday January 15 because the Tribal Council would like to add this item to the agenda for the DTI/CNO meeting January 18.

Carriers: No action as Chief Brooks has been unable to contact Barbara Coen, Solicitor in WDC.

Year End Money: Mr. Barnes talked to Mike Longan at Miami Area Office BIA, and he was surprised that we have not heard the status of the funding and will get back to Allan this week.

Grants: The Violence Against Women grant questions as to if CNO will utilize the DTI for some portion of the grant is on the January 18 agenda for the CNO/DTI meeting.

Ms. Holley reminded that a Grants Steering Committee was established in July 2015 and to date has no grant guidelines or procurement procedures in place and she made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young to get these guidelines and procedures prepared by January 26. Motion passed 4 Yes, 1 No (Griffith), 1 Abstention (Shea).

Solar Energy: Thomas Boxley reported to Mr. Young that this is no longer an item.

Election 2016: Chairman Edna Havens has a copy of the 2014 Election Guidelines and she is searching for 2-3 more members for the committee.

Lawrence Property: Update is to get Mr. McCullough's legal opinion with options for the Pine Lease on the Sod business.

Allan affirmed that an appraisal would be forthcoming by the end of January.

A suggestion by Ms. Shea was made that the Tribe try to rent the house. Allan has not tried to rent it, as he has not been told to do so.

Ms. Griffith was appointed by the Working Group in Lawrence as the liaison between the Tribe and the City/County in Lawrence. A motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Shea that the Tribal Council affirm that. 4 Yes, 1 No (Holley), 1 Abstention (Griffith) Ms. Griffith said the Working Group has a grant to pay for the Tribal Council's lodging and gas when traveling to Lawrence, KS.

Roads: Ms. Holley reported that the Roads director, Sylvia

Dempsey, brought training materials to the Tribe in November and she is mapping the inventory on the list so as to confirm the list. (Barbara Street is not on the list; Ohio Street is) Ms. Holley is the point person w/Mr. Barnes for the Roads Grant for the Tribe.

Chief Brooks asked for a break at 7:28 p.m. The meeting was resumed at 7:38 p.m.

Editorial Committee: No one is working on this and Ms. Ketchum suggested that Dr. Michael work on preparing the guidelines, as she was very much in favor of having the Tribal Council members not oversee the *DIN*. The decision will be left to Tribal Council.

Letter of Intent for Mr. Jackson: No action

Tribal Seal: It was noted that there is a copyright statement on the website placed there in the last administration. Ms. Holley stated that Atty. McCullough is working on the Trademark.

Hydroponics: Work in progress.

Mr. Young made a motion for Ms. Griffith and Ms. Shea to attend the 2016 RES in Las Vegas, March 21-24 and get the early bird discount, seconded by Ms. Griffith and passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

Ms. Ketchum asked if the Tribal Council could meet with Tom Julian regarding Brotherton/NJ and a time, 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, was set and Chief Brooks will contact Mr. Julian.

Adjournment motion made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Griffith at 8:02 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan 19, 2016 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

Chief Chet Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. and asked Joe Brooks to offer a prayer, and Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. An-

nette Ketchum called the roll and in addition to Chief Brooks and Ms. Ketchum, Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, and members Ms. Michelle Holly, Dr. Nicky Michael and Mr. Nate Young were present. Chief Brooks welcomed the guests and introduced Ms. Shana Walker, Parliamentarian, who assisted during the meeting. The guest list included: Curtis Zunigha, Joe Brooks, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Beau Watt, Paula Pechonick, Allan Barnes, Ron Scott, Nathan "Buck" Young, Roger Stewart, Ricky Stevens, Anna Pechonick, Johnny Barker, Homer Scott, John W Sumpter, Nancy Sumpter, Jean Lewis, Leslie Jerden, Susan Cade, Jason Jones, Cece Runnels, and Dana Murrell.

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the agenda; however Mr. Young asked for point of order: Item II Unfinished Business cannot include Reports, per *Robert's Rules of Order*. Ms. Griffith withdrew the motion and made a motion to approve the agenda with Item III Reports, Item IV New Business and Item V Adjourn, Ms. Shea seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Chief Brooks asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Young made a point of order: The minutes must be read aloud, per *Robert's Rules*. Secretary Ketchum read minutes of the January 12 meeting. Corrections included: Page 2, "Seminole Nation" was changed to "Seminole Tribe"; "only" was changed to "mainly"; Page 3, under Grants, "violation of" was changed to "violence against"; to Editorial Committee an additional sentence was added, "The decision will be left to Tribal Council"; and on Page 4, "copy write" was changed to "copyright". Motion was then made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the minutes with corrections and it passed 4 Yes, 3 Abstentions (Young, Holley, Michael).

Chief Brooks asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Mr. Young made a point of order: The Financial Report must be moved to Item III Reports, per *Robert's Rules*. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea and unanimously passed.

Unfinished Business

The Action Log was tabled by motion from Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Dr. Michael after a point of order was made that those items on the Action Log were reports and were to be moved to Item III Reports. Motion passed with 5 Yes, 2 No (Griffith, Young).

Other Unfinished Business

Dr. Michael quoted *Robert's Rules*, saying that she was appealing Resolution 2016-03 as unconstitutional. According to *Robert's Rules of Order* the Chair may or may not accept the appeal and he chose to not acknowledge the appeal.

Motion was made by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Holly to excuse Dr. Michael's absence January 12. Mr. Young asked for a point of order, stating she did not notify the Council and ask to be released from attendance. However, when the question was called for, Chief Brooks called for a ten-minute recess at 6:48 pm. Joe Brooks received news of his grandson's death and announced it, asked for prayers and left the audience. Upon returning to session at 6:58 p.m. Chief Brooks asked to be excused due to his nephew's death and motion was made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Dr. Michael to adjourn, which passed with 1 abstention (Chief).

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2016 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

Chief Brooks called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Delaware Tribal Council to order at 5:42 p.m. and asked Annette Ketchum to pray and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by the roll call. In addition to Chief and Secretary, Assistant Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Michelle Holley, and Nate Young were present. Nicky Michael was absent. Ms. Holley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ketchum that Dr. Michael be given an excused absence. Motion passed: 3 Yes, 2 No (Young, Griffith) and 1 Abstention (Shea). The Council will review previous resolutions regarding absences. Ms. Ketchum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the Minutes. Passed 6 Yes.

Mr. Barnes returned to the lecture and reported 1) AmeriCorps will be visiting our campus February 18 with 8-10 members; and 2) on January 6 the department heads were trained in Active Shooter Program. On January 28 all employees, staff, citizens, and elected persons are all invited to an Active Shooter Program presented by Steven Donnell, a Delaware citizen.

Mr. Barnes suggested that the Council determine if our employees who are licensed to carry firearms may do so on campus, rather than leaving their arms in their cars since, if the arm was needed to protect from an attack, the employee would not be able to use it.

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Jimmie Johnson, manager of Tahkox e2, reported that the meeting with the Tribal Council and David McCullough was well received today and the next step to be taken is orientation in Kansas City by SBA for him. He and Mr. McCullough are working on an 8(a) Business Plan. After the plan is successfully approved, business can begin.

CFO Jean Lewis reported that the \$124,338 awarded from BIA Year-End Funds were earmarked for the Enrollment Department to purchase new fireproof file cabinets, remodel and enlarge its space, and provide training. Ms. Lewis noted that Housing Program Director Ron Scott could not attend this evening as he is on deadline tonight.

Chief Brooks asked for a recess at 6:39 p.m. Meeting resumed at 6:56 p.m.

New Business

Ms. Lewis continued with a request that Chief Brooks sign the 2015 Audit Engagement Letter she received from Turner & Associates auditing firm in Vinita for the October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, period at a quote of \$12,000. Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea and passed 6 Yes. Mr. Young com-

mented on the prudence of changing auditors every five years.

Ms. Griffith remembered she had failed to make the following reports under "Reports." Chief Brooks allowed the following:

She said she and Chief toured the Child Care Building under construction recently. The completion date is set at March 31 and a public sidewalk is being poured along Tuxedo Blvd.

The Council will check on a large hole in the field where dirt is being removed and used as fill for the area around the new building. Suggestions were made that the ground needs to be leveled by the contractor after the soil is removed to eliminate dangerous conditions and drainage problems.

Lucy Young, kitchen employee and master gardener, would like to build a community garden on the campus. Site will be approved by the Council.

On February 18 our Hydroponics consultant, Chip Harriford, will be here to set up a hydroponics model in Forsyth Hall and be available to answer any questions elders may have.

New Business (continued)

Chief Brooks asked if Council has reviewed the changes to the Personnel Policy and Ms. Holley explained the main changes in the dress code. Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young to table the policy until February 2 meeting. Passed 4 Yes, 1 No (Holley), 1 abstention (Brooks) Ms. Shea stated she has resigned from the Personnel Committee. Discussion on enforcement of dress code followed with Mr. Barnes stating he will do that.

It was the Consensus that Code of Ethics will be brought up next week by resolution.

Constitution discussion was out of order from how it appeared on the agenda, and Ms. Holley asked that point of order be noted. Chief Brooks then asked for suggestions from the Council. Mr. Young suggested asking our former chiefs,

Curtis Zunigha, Dee Ketchum, Joe Brooks, Jerry Douglas, and Paula Pechonick, if they would meet with the Tribal Council to give input on the Constitution as regards amendment changes. Ms. Ketchum made the motion, Ms. Holley seconded a motion to set a date for the meeting of the Tribal Council and former chiefs in a Town Hall Meeting, which Mr. Young asked that the motion could be restated to exclude "Town Hall Meeting" so we could meet candidly. The motion was restated, re-seconded and passed 6 yes.

Mr. Young, having placed "Committees" on the agenda, asked that it be stricken.

Chief Brooks said **Resolution 2016-04, to Approve Tribal Membership**, was left off the agenda. Mr. Young made the motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, and passed 6 Yes.

Adjournment motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Ketchum was passed at 7:46 p.m.

Joe Brooks thanked everyone for their prayers for his family in the loss of his grandson, Riley.

Tuesday, Feb 2, 2016 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

Chief Chester Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. and asked Joe Brooks to pray and Chief led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, followed by Roll Call by Secretary Annette Ketchum. In addition to Chief Brooks and Ms. Ketchum, Assistant Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, members Michelle Holley, Nicky Michael and Nate Young were present. Guests in attendance were: Nancy Sumpter, Roger Stewart, Anna Pate-Pechonick, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Anita Mathis, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Leslie Jerden, Nathan "Buck" Young, Stella Shoff, Dana Murrell, Ja-

son Jones, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Teresa Clark, Paul D. Secondine, and Curtis Zunigha.

A motion was made by Ms. Shea and seconded by Ms. Griffith to amend the agenda to allow Stella Shoff, a suicide prevention specialist, to address the Council. Ms. Shoff gave a short talk and gave each councilman/woman a packet.

Motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea to accept the Minutes with corrections: On Page 1, "resend" was corrected to "rescind" and on Page 2 "S" was changed to "\$", and the minutes passed 5 Yes, 2 Abstain (Holley, Michael)

Unfinished Business

Ms. Holley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, to accept the changes to the Personnel Policy, which included changing various places in the policy where "H.R. Director" or "Tribal Manager" appeared, "Personnel Committee" was used; and Page 7, #16, the dress code explained "business casual." Mike Taylor expounded on the Policy and said he and the Tribal Manager would enforce the dress code. The Personnel Committee established the Policy to handle problems. The motion passed 4 Yes, 3 No. Mr. Young made notice to the Council that he will bring a resolution to abolish the Personnel Committee at the next meeting.

The Action Log items were discussed:

Constitution: Chief Brooks reported he has talked to former chiefs, Brooks, Ketchum, Zunigha and Pechonick and they will meet with the Tribal Council February 9 at 3:00 p.m. to get their input about amendments to the Constitution.

Power Washer Van: Chief Brooks said Tim Houseberg is in New Mexico. He will not have any power washing jobs until late March and he does not want to invest in the repair of the washer until that time, but he wants the Tribe to keep the washer.

Oologah Land: Ron Scott, Director of Housing Program, is working and progressing on this project and a written report was provided to the Council by email.

Election November 2016: Chief Brooks reported that Edna Havens has withdrawn her name from the Election Committee chair and LuAnn Hainline has agreed to take that position. Ms. Holley has emailed Cass Smith a copy of the Election Guidelines for 2014.

Lawrence Property: The Pine lease is still pending. Pines visited the Tribe last week with new proposals.

Lawrence Property Appraisal: It was reported that it should be completed by next week.

Lawrence Working Group: Meeting February 8 in Lawrence.

Roads: Ms. Holley reported she and Sylvia Dempsey are currently working on updating a long term transportation plan and will be meeting to report to the Tribal Council when the work product is ready to present.

License Plate: Ms. Holley reported CNO AG Hembree will be available to meet and discuss the mock-up of the license plate in a few weeks. She was told there are certain fonts and size of print that cannot be changed as it is governed by CNO State Compact.

Seal Copyright: David McCullough is working on this.

Hydroponics: There will be a (workshop) meeting on February 16 with the Tribal Council and Tim Houseberg, David McCullough, Chip and Scott Harriford, Allan Barnes and Jean Lewis to discuss the progress of AquaCulture LLC business set up.

The Guidelines and Procedures for Grant Steering will be turned over to Allan Barnes, Tribal Manager, and Jean Lewis, CFO, as they are the only remaining members of the Grant Steering Committee. The Editorial Committee Guidelines will be brought up next meeting under Old Business. Discussion on these two committees

determined that neither should be tabled again.

Chief said he will look into getting training for the Tribal Council in *Robert's Rules of Order*.

New Business

Resolution 2016-05 To Rescind Resolution 2016-03 and Re-establish Regular Tribal Council Meetings to the First and Third Tuesdays of the Month at 5:30 P.M. was read and a motion by Ms. Holley, seconded by Dr. Michael, with a Point of Order by Mr. Young, overruled by Chief Brooks. Lengthy discussion followed, including members of the audience and passed 4 Yes, 3 No.

Chief Brooks added he would like to have the Council Conference Calls on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and have the Tribal Council meet in workshop on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of Council meetings at 3:00 p.m. The Council consensus was favorable.

Resolution 2016-06 To Rename the Delaware Enterprise Authority and Approve Amendments of the Charter with the Appointment of Members to Follow Thereafter was read and motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, and passed 5 Yes, 1 No (Young), 1 Abstain (Shea). Chief Brooks will bring recommendations of three Commission members, with summary resumes for each person, to the next meeting.

Resolution 2016-07 To Authorize Tom Julian to Continue Work with the Dept. of Interior to Establish the Tribe's Historical Connection and Rights to the Brotherton Reservation in New Jersey was read. Dr. Michael made a motion, seconded by Ms. Holley, and passed 5 Yes, 1 No (Young), 1 Abstain (Brooks). Chief Brooks learned from the attorney that Mr. Julian, upon completion of his five-year contract, has two more five-year contracts at his discretion. This resolution does not bind the Tribe to any

more time than what is stated in Mr. Julian's contract.

Resolution 2016-08 To Authorize Submission of a Grant Proposal to the Tides Foundation, Administered by the Mica Group was read and a motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Ketchum. Discussion followed with this being explained to be the Phase II of three possible grants from the Tides Foundation for a Delaware Culture Center/Museum. Passed 7 Yes.

Resolution 2016-09 was stricken.

Resolution 2016-10 To Show Appreciation for the Efforts of the Kansas University Law School Working on the Tribe's Constitution Revision was read. Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 7 Yes.

Curtis Zunigha reported he will bring resolutions to the Council in two weeks on the MOAs for Kansas and Oklahoma, since each state will be working with the Delaware court on Child Support Enforcement cases. He also said the State of Oklahoma is preparing a brochure to announce that the State will recommend tribal courts to try cases involving their tribal members even when filed in the State. When he brings the other two resolutions, he will bring a resolution for the State to use our Tribal Seal in the brochure. He is awaiting the MOA from Cherokee Nation.

Ms. Holley wants to go on record that she opposes Mr. Young's notice to bring a resolution to the next meeting to abolish the Personnel Committee. Mr. Young announced he withdraws his notice.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb 16, 2016 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

Chief Chester Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

and asked Homer Scott to offer a prayer. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Annette Ketchum called the roll and in addition to her and Chief Brooks, Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea and members Michelle Holley and Nate Young were present. Nicky Michael was absent. Chief Brooks welcomed guests. Those present were Beau Watt, Paula Pechonick, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Jean Lewis, Anita Mathis, Carol Young, Teresa Clark, Sarah Secondine, Leslie Jerden, Dana Murrell, Johnny Barker, Homer Scott, Cecilia Biggoose, Chris Miller, Curtis Zunigha, Titus Frenchman, and Ron Scott.

Motion to amend the agenda to allow Tim Houseberg to give a report was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 6 Yes. Mr. Houseberg reported that Tahkox e2 will be ready to accept 8(a) contracts as soon as the SBA orientation is scheduled and received by staff and Business Plan, that was submitted a week ago, is approved. He introduced Chip Harriford and Scott Harriford. Scott explained the hydroponics system that they have set up in Forsythe Hall. Chip reported the activity on the Tribe's hydroponics start-up preparations.

Minutes were reviewed by the Council and motion was made by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Shea. Accepted by vote of 5 Yes, 1 abstention (Holley)

Unfinished Business

Motion was made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Holley to pass the Guidelines and Procedures for Editorial Committee. Leslie Jerden, who will chair the committee, was present and will find volunteers to fulfill the committee's other four members. Chris will make the announcement on Facebook. Motion passed 6 Yes.

Ms. Ketchum made a motion to pass the Guidelines and Procedures for Grant Steering Com-

mittee, seconded by Ms. Griffith, and passed, 6 Yes. Wording added to the heading was, "Edited and Rewritten by Jean Lewis, CFO." Date to be added to document.

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young for the Tribal Council to approve a request from Helen Schnoes and Eileen Horn of the Lawrence Working Group to allow them to write a planning grant for the Group. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion passed 6 Yes.

Joe Brooks reported that Ms. Griffith had stated the Delaware flag is flying at the State Capitol in error. Ms. Griffith retracted her statement and apologized. Ms. Holley reported there is a protocol that must be followed to get a tribal flag installed on the flag plaza.

Reports

Motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Shea to adopt the Treasurer Report, pending audit was passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

The Action Log was reviewed. Subjects discussed were:

Constitution Revision: Chief Brooks reported that he had a fine meeting with four former chiefs of the Tribe. They all confirmed it is better to amend our Constitution, rather than a total revision and he plans to meet again as soon as possible and bring amendments forward.

Oologah Land: Mr. Young suggested that if the property were appraised, the CNO may be interested in purchasing it and make a priority that it be used for housing for Delaware members. Ron Scott, Director of Delaware Housing, said he has a prospective buyer who is still interested in purchasing the land. He will let the prospect know the Tribe is interested in selling the property. Mr. Scott explained that the land was purchased with HUD 37 Act money and if it is sold the monies will be recorded as Proceeds of Sale monies in the Housing Program.

Grants: Jean Lewis and/or Allan Barnes will proceed to check

with CNO to see if there is a portion of the Violence to Women Grant for Washington and Nowata counties in their grant, and if that portion might be sublet to the DTI to implement and be compensated accordingly.

November Election: Ms. Griffith will ask LuAnn Hainline to find Election Board members Sublease Property to the Pines. Mr. Young will send a copy of the Pine Sod Lease to David McCullough to review. Ms. Griffith will contact Dr. Kelly Kindcher at K.U. to pursue a University lease on the house on Tribe's 92 acres in Lawrence for visiting professors program.

Lawrence Working Group: March 15 Tribal Council meeting will be offered as a time when the Group may visit our campus and meet with the Council. Ms. Griffith will contact Nancy Thellman, Douglas County Commissioner.

Roads: Ms. Holley is working with Sylvia Dempsey, providing what is needed to meet a March 15 deadline for our Tribe's Roads Inventory and by mid-May it will be known if all criteria are met. It was also confirmed that the transfer from Kialegee Tribe of Roads money was completed, per Barry Hughes of the Miami Office.

Mock-Up License Tags: Ms. Holley reported that she and Todd Hembree, Atty. General CNO, has set a tentative meeting for first week in March to discuss tags. Mr. Hembree will be in Washington D.C. next week and hopefully may be approached on the subject.

Tribal Seal: Copyright in progress

Hydroponics: Met today and work is progressing as to the preliminary set up of the business.

A recess was taken at 7:03 p.m. and resumed at 7:22 p.m.

Announcement was made asking everyone to bring baked goods for the Cake Walk at the Stomp Dance February 20, doors open at 4:00 p.m., supper at 5:00 and dance

starts after supper.

New Business

Resolution 2016-11, To Submit An Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership Grant in 2016, was read, motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young, and approved vote of 6 Yes.

Resolution 2016-12, To Suspend the Delaware Tribe of Indians' Personnel Committee, was read, motion by Ms. Shea, seconded by Mr. Young, and failed by vote of 3 Yes, 3 No. A request by Ms. Griffith to Ms. Holley to provide Guidelines for Personnel Committee by March 1 Council meeting was made. Ms. Holley agreed.

Resolution 2016-13, To Approve an Investment Plan for the Development of the Lenape Cultural Center, was read. Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ketchum. Motion withdrawn and motion made by Ms. Ketchum died for lack of a second. Resolution failed.

Resolution 2016-14, To Approve Tribal Membership, was read and motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea was passed, 6 Yes. Council discussed why new members' names were excluded from the resolution. Dr. Michael will be consulted as to why this is.

Resolution 2016-15, Establishing Signature Authority on BIA Forms 4432, Eagle Parts Applications and Other Documents of Which Certification of Tribal Enrollment, Membership or Blood Quantum is Required, was read. Motion by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Holley was passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Griffith), following a discussion with Chris Miller and Jean Lewis.

Resolution 2016-16, To approve A Memorandum of Agreement with the Kansas Department for Children and Families, was read. Motion by Ms. Holley, seconded by Ms. Shea, and passed 6 Yes.

Resolution 2016-17, To Approve a Memorandum of Ag-

reement with the Oklahoma Division of Child Support Services, was read and motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Holley was passed 6 Yes. Curtis Zunigha, Director of Child Support Services, advised the Council that both resolutions will take some time for approve by each state agency.

Resolution 2016-18, to Amend the Housing Participant Eligibility and Program Administration Policy, was read. Discussion between housing director and Council to clarify the resolution followed and a motion was made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, and passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea at 8:18 p.m. for adjournment.

Tuesday, Mar 1, 2016 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

At 5:35 p.m. Chief Chester Brooks called the regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting to order and asked Annette Ketchum to pray, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief then welcomed all the visitors to the meeting. At roll call Assistance Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, and members Dr. Nicky Michael, Ms. Michelle Holley, and Mr. Nate Young, were all present along with Chief Brooks and Ms. Ketchum.

Motion made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Shea to approve the Minutes of February 16 as recorded and passed 5 Yes, 2 Abstain (Holley and Michael).

Unfinished Business

Motion was made to appoint members to the vacancies on the Grant Steering Committee by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Shea. Dr. Michael and Ms. Holley was approved by 3 Yes, 1 No (Young), 3 Abstain.

Motion was made to fill a vacancy on the Personnel Committee by Ms. Holley to seat Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Dr. Michael. Passed with 4 Yes, 3 Abstain.

Jean Lewis, CFO, explained that Mike Marshall of the Housing Program submitted construction specs for the ATG Enrollment Construction project because he wanted approval for the remodel in the Wellness Center Building by the Tribal Council before he lets the bids. Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea and passed 7 Yes.

Motion made to approve the Conference Call Guidelines by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Holley. After a discussion the motion passed 7 Yes, with some changes.

A discussion followed about the garden placement with Ms. Griffith reporting that Lucy Young and Mike Marshall had declined the previous 15 x 15 foot plot for the garden to the North because of water lines. A spot south of the Social Services building is under consideration. Ms. Holley reminded the Council that the garden is a Delaware Community Garden, as well as a garden to feed elders. She added that an overall review of a comprehensive plan needs to be referred to when adding, not only a garden, but anything, to the campus. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Ms. Shea to let Lucy "run with the garden" after extensive discussion. Vote was 6 Yes, 1 Abstain (Holley). Ms. Holley later asked to change her vote to Yes, without objection because she wants to work with Lucy so as to meet the Youth Challenge Program she is working on. Vote now stands 7 yes.

Reports

Chief Brooks, Ms. Griffith, and Mr. Young reported on their recent trip the Washington, D.C. for meetings with various Senators and Representatives from Oklahoma, and attend the Winter NCAI meetings. Chief, Tim Houseberg,

Economic Development, and David McCullough, Attorney, met with BIA and solicitor about the *Carcieri* decision and how the Tribe could be delayed as much as two years because the State of Kansas will sue the Tribe over putting Land in Trust, claiming Gaming. Atty. McCullough believes he can find a way to circumvent the two-year delay and it will remain to be seen.

Mr. Young expressed that the visit to Representative Tom Cole's office was excellent. The Tribe was asking for nothing, we are not a gaming or smoke shop Tribe, and we would welcome the visits of our representatives from Oklahoma to our Tribe. The Offices visited were Senator Inhofe's, Senator Langford's, and Representative Bridenstine's. The Chief also visited the Department of Energy. Ms. Griffith brought information back about violations against Native women for Dr. Michael and about Native youth leadership for Ms. Holley.

Recessed meeting at 6:47 p.m. and resumed meeting at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

Pennsbury Manor Museum has requested a letter from Chief Brooks in support of a grant it is writing for funding to work with the Tribe in telling the Penn story. Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Ketchum to provide a letter for Pennsbury. Discussion followed, and Dr. Michael asked that, "we are a self-governing [governance] tribe," be stricken from the letter. Motion passed 7 Yes.

Motion was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Ms. Griffith to table and rewrite both Lenape Farms Articles of Organization and Resolution 2016-19 which passed 6 Yes, 1 Abstain (Brooks). Clarification of the LLC vs. Corporation needs to be revisited. The Tribe awaits the loan documents for Lenape Farms.

Resolution 2016-20, to Authorize the Use of the Tribal Seal

by **Oklahoma Department of Human Services**, was read. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Mr. Young. Curtis Zunigha, Director of Child Support, explained that the Tribe sent its Request Form to the ODHS, who returned it, then the Tribe by means of a Letter of Authorization and resolution will approve the request. Motion passed 7 Yes.

Resolution 2016-21, To Modify the 20-Year Long Range Transportation Plan of the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, was read. Motion made to approve the modifications by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Griffith, and passed 7 Yes.

Chief Brooks received a letter from Delaware citizen, Grant Secondine, which he asked to be read into the record. Chief believes Mr. Secondine's requests do not align with the Constitution and Johnny Barker, IT, confirmed that the Tribe does not have the capability to fulfill the requests or to live-stream the meetings. Research and budget is needed.

Ms. Holley announced she will attend the Northeastern Oklahoma Regional Alliance (NORA) Education Summit in Pryor, OK, on March 7.

The Council thanked Carolyn Rowe, Kansas Delaware Councilwoman, for the cookies she provided this evening, commenting they are delicious.

Ms. Griffith called for adjournment at 7:37 p.m. All in favor. ■

National Memorial for the Native American Veteran

John Sumpter

On January 21, 2016, representatives of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Veteran's Committee made a trip to Durant, OK to attend a meeting concerning the Native American Veteran's memorial that will be placed at the Native American Museum in Washington DC.

Hosted by the Choctaw Tribe at their complex, this was the first stop in a series of meetings with different tribal veterans concerning their thoughts and ideas for the long-overdue national memorial for the Native American veteran dating back to the Revolutionary War. The idea was to gather ideas and thoughts for the design of the memorial that is open to tribal artists and it was brought out that this is open to all artists and not only for Native American artists.

Choctaw Chief Gary Batton opened the meeting with a welcome and the basic background of this project, and then introduced Kevin Grover of the National Museum of the American Indian, who then introduced the advisory board that was put together. Luckily, one of our Delaware Tribal Color Guard is sitting on that advisory board: Debra Mooney, 23-year-veteran of the U.S. Army. Co-chair Jefferson Keel spoke, and gave the history and background of the bill that got the memorial started. He restated that all tribes will get to have input and all artists will get to submit designs for this memorial.

The meeting was then opened up and the veterans attending were able to stand and give their ideas on how this should be carried out. There was discussion on the formation of a traveling exhibit with the winning design. There was much discussion from the veterans there and some fantastic ideas thrown about on this project. Since the meeting was only two hours long, things wrapped up fairly quick but much was accomplished in the way of presenting this to the various tribes.

If any of our Delaware tribal artists have an idea for the design of this memorial, contact Kenny Brown, Susan Cade or John W. Sumpter c/o the tribal center, and we will get the contact information to submit your ideas to the advisory board. ■



Tribal members gather at the Lenape Language Class conducted by Jim Rementer (center), Language Program Director. The classes are held the second and fourth Mondays at 5:30pm in the Social Services Conference Room at Tribal Headquarters. Regular class members also include councilwoman Annette Ketchum (not pictured).

Minutes of the Trust Board, November 2015-February 2016

Wednesday, Nov 18, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called November 18, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:16 pm.

Vice Chair Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary Roger Stewart called the roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Mary Watters, Treasurer John Sumpter, Secretary Roger Stewart, members Homer Scott and Joe Brooks. Member Verna Crawford was absent.

Chairman Chet Brooks states for the record Verna has now missed her second regular meeting and this forfeits her office by removal.

Guests, tribal officials and employees present included Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Dana Murrell, Bonnie Jo Griffith, and Allan Barnes.

Trust Board Meeting November 18, 2015 Agenda

Homer Scott moved to approve the agenda.

No second and no vote was stated.

Previous Meeting (October 19, 2015) Minutes

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes with any corrections.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks abstains since he wasn't at the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$3,989,656.64.

The October 31, 2015 balance was \$4,114,056.90. That is an increase of \$124,400.

Discussion: Wait till December's financials before preparing the budget. Jean Lewis is recognized. Suggests estimating using last year's budget so that the committees can work on their programs, then if needed reallocate.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the treasurer's report.

Roger Stewart seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports

COMMUNITY SERVICES: CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Community Services Committee met Monday October 12, 2015.

Joe Brooks reports seven applications approved: two Burial for \$1000; one Elder prescription for \$320.45; three Emergency Assistance totaling \$600; and one Rental Assistance at \$200. Total approved amount \$2,120.45.

The next meeting report will be for December 14, 2015.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION: CHAIR HOMER SCOTT

The Cultural Preservation Committee met November 2, 2015.

Homer Scott reported the cost is 5k for the clearing of the Stomp Grounds. The committees have all donated and with the \$1,000 donation at the Tribal Council meeting last night the 5k has been met. Looking at clearing and preparing the grounds beginning this week.

Discussion: Homer Scott, John Sumpter and Chet Brooks discussed the role models for the songs and dances are down to just two ladies after Jan Brown's passing. Suggests the passing of these dances on to other ladies and the songs to the young men to keep the Delaware culture alive using the videos and CDs. Drumming

and moccasin making as well as the language class.

Next meeting will be December 7, 2015.

EDUCATION: CO-CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Education Committee met November 9, 2015.

Three applications: two Athletic totaling \$100; one Education for \$50.

The next meeting report will be for December 14, 2015.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met November 2, 2015.

Committee was formed as follows: Chair, Mary Watters; Vice Chair Homer Scott; Secretary/Treasurer Bonnie Jo Griffith. For Halloween furnished the candy for the daycare kids' trick or treating. The kids and Elders both enjoyed that.

The next meeting report will be December 7, 2015

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Chair John Sumpter stated no meeting, so no report.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

No report.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIR ROGER STEWART

Roger Stewart said the committee met October 21, 2015. Delaware War Mothers took measurements for the vests. Held discussion on the stomp grounds and will have a float for the Bartlesville Veterans parade. Chili Cook off next year challenging War Mothers to a Chili Cook off.

Unfinished Business

Discussion: Joe Brooks would like to have each member's input regarding the budget for next year.

New Business

DONATION TO LENAPEOWSI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Joe Brooks made a motion to donate to the Lenapeowski Christmas party on December 19, up to the amount of \$500, just to cover what the Culture Preservation Committee cannot.

Discussion: What the committees could donate and how to be fair.

Homer Scott seconded.

Treasurer John Sumpter abstains he is a board member.

Motion carried 5 in favor.

Other New Business

Chairman Chet Brooks regarding Verna Crawford's removal from Trust Board

Joe Brooks moved to make Verna Crawford's absence unexcused.

John Sumpter seconded.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to remove Verna Crawford from the Trust Board.

John Sumpter seconded.

Discussion: Chairman Chet Brooks mentioned he did speak to Verna regarding her removal. She was aware of her position.

Joe Brooks mentions the vacancy needs to be posted on the Tribe's website for a minimum of 21 days and the interested party must provide a letter and resume to the Trust Board Chairman and be present at the next Trust Board meeting.

Motion carried all in favor.

Mary Randall is recognized. Announces the Chili cook-off between the Delaware War Mothers and the Veterans will be October 15, 2016.

Joe Brooks moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on December 16, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks mentions the inclusion of the old Code of Conduct and the New Code of Ethics for review. Discussion.

Homer Scott motions to adjourn.

Joe Brooks seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm

Wednesday, Dec 16, 2015 Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called December 16, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

Vice Chair Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary Roger Stewart called the roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Mary Watters, Treasurer John Sumpter, Secretary Roger Stewart, members Homer Scott and Joe Brooks.

Chairman Chet Brooks declares a quorum and welcomes guests.

Guests, tribal officials and employees present included Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Dana Murrell, Bonnie Jo Griffith, and Allan Barnes.

Trust Board Meeting December 16, 2015 Agenda

John Sumpter moved to amend the agenda to include the installation of a new Trust Board member.

Roger Stewart seconded.

Motion carried all in favor.

Joe Brooks made the motion to appoint Mary Jo Peterson as the new Trust Board member.

John Sumpter seconded.

Motion carried all in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks swore in new Trust Board member Mary Jo Peterson.

Previous Meeting (November 18, 2015) Minutes

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes with any corrections.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of October 31, 2015 was \$4,114,274.25. The November 30, 2015 balance was \$4,111,647.21. That is a decrease of \$2,627.04.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the treasurer's report pending audit.

Roger Stewart seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports**COMMUNITY SERVICES:
CHAIR JOE BROOKS**

The Community Services Committee had no meeting therefore no report.

The next meeting report will be for January 11, 2016.

**CULTURAL PRESERVATION:
CHAIR HOMER SCOTT**

The Cultural Preservation Committee met December 7, 2015.

Homer Scott discussed that the clearing of the Stomp Grounds had already began. The committee has approved a donation of \$500 for the Lenapeowski Christmas party on Saturday December 19th.

Discussion: Joe Brooks, Homer Scott and Chairman Brooks: the need to preserve culture with tapes and videos of the old ways, western Delaware's and building a museum.

Next meeting will be January 4, 2016.

Joe Brooks made a motion to go into Executive Session at the end of the agenda.

Roger Stewart seconded.

Motion carried all in favor.

EDUCATION: CO-CHAIR JOE BROOKS

The Education Committee had no meeting due to training, therefore no report. The meeting is rescheduled for December 21st at 1 pm.

The next meeting report will be for January 11, 2016.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met December 7, 2015.

Vice Chair Homer Scott led the meeting in Chair Mary Watters' absence. Jack Tatum led the prayer. The minutes for November 2nd were approved. The financials were approved with an ending balance of 11,351.55. There were no activities in November. December activities discussed were either a visit to Pawnee museum or Woolaroc lights on December 12th. Trip to Pawnee passed \$20 per Elder paid by committee. Changing meeting time discussed time stands at 12:30. Repair of ice cream machine passed cost is \$411.56. December 23rd is Elders Christmas party motion for Dirty Santa passed \$10-\$15 range. Motion passed to donate \$1,000 to the stomp grounds. All were invited to attend the Culture Preservation meeting January 4th.

The next meeting report will be January 4, 2016

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Chair John Sumpter stated no meeting so no report.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Chairman Chet Brooks stated no meeting. Tribe had received the 15% from the trust funds from all of this year.

**VETERANS COMMITTEE:
CO-CHAIR ROGER STEWART**

Roger Stewart stated the meeting is scheduled for this day at 5:30 so no report.

Unfinished Business**CODE OF CONDUCT/ CODE OF ETHICS**

Joe Brooks made the motion that the Trust Board does not approve until a joint meeting with the Tribal Judges and Tribal Council is held.

John Sumpter seconded.

Motion carried all in favor.

Joe Brooks made the motion that the official budget for 2016 be exactly the same as 2015 with carryover.

Homer Scott seconded.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried all in favor

Discussion: Chairman Chet Brooks asks about changing the next meeting time to allow his return from a training class on the same day.

Discussion followed.

Mary Jo Peterson moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on January 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

COC/COE

John Sumpter made the motion to schedule a Trust Board workshop January 13th at 5:30pm.

No one seconded.

Motion carried all in favor.

Joe Brooks asks for the Tribal Manager to join the Executive Session.

Joe Brooks motioned to go into Executive Session

John Sumpter seconded

Executive Session time 4:52

Back to order 5:49

Discussion: Elected officials and personnel however no action, no formal vote.

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion carried all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm

**Wednesday, Jan 20, 2016
Community Center**

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called January 20, 2016 Trust Board meeting to order at 5:38pm.

Vice Chair Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary Roger Stewart called the roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Mary Watters, Treasurer John Sumpter, Secretary Roger Stewart, members Homer Scott, Joe Brooks, and Mary Jo Peterson.

Chairman Chet Brooks declares a quorum and welcomes guests.

Guests, tribal officials and employees present included Mary Watters, Gilbert Watters, Johnny Barker, Dana Murrell, Allan Barnes, and Curtis Zunigha.

Trust Board Meeting January 20, 2016 Agenda

John Sumpter moved to approve the agenda as written.

Homer Scott seconded.

Motion carried all in favor.

Previous Meeting (December 16, 2015) Minutes

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes with any corrections.

Mary Jo Peterson seconded the motion.

Motion carried all in favor.

Discussion: COE meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of November 30, 2015 was \$4,111,647.21; The December 31, 2015 balance was \$4,045,448.62. That is a decrease of \$66,198.59.

Discussion followed regarding the stock market condition and the trust funds reinvestment monies.

Motion was made by John Sumpter to have a special meeting on Feb 3rd 2016 at 5:30 to discuss reinvestment monies into com-

modities instead of letting it roll over as it always does.

Roger Stewart seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 in favor.

Abstentions 2, CB and JB

Joe Brooks moved to approve the treasurer's report pending audit.

Mary Jo Peterson seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks motions to take a recess.

John Sumpter seconds.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting called back to order at 6:39pm

Committee Reports**COMMUNITY SERVICES:
CHAIR JOE BROOKS**

The Community Services Committee met January 12, 2016.

Joe Brooks reports two Dental totaling \$450; one Elder RX for \$204.13; one Medical for \$200. two Student Optical totaling \$400. Total approved amount \$1,254.13.

The next meeting report will be for February 8, 2016.

**CULTURAL PRESERVATION:
CHAIR HOMER SCOTT**

The Cultural Preservation Committee met January 4, 2015.

Homer Scott reported discussion of Stomp Dance coming up Feb. 20, 2016. Inviting the Shawnees. Meal at 4:30 pm, dance starts at 6:30. Money for the leaders and shell shakers. Please come support the dance.

Discussion: Donations received and any leftover goes back to the committee.

Next meeting will be February 1, 2016.

EDUCATION: CO-CHAIR JOE BROOKS

Joe Brooks reported six Athletic for \$300; one Drivers Ed for \$75; six Education Assistance for \$300. Totaling \$675.

The next meeting report will be for February 8, 2016.

ELDERS COMMITTEE: CHAIR MARY WATTERS

The Elders Committee met January 4, 2015.

Meeting called to order 12:57. Bonnie Thaxton led the prayer. The minutes for December 7, 2015 were approved. The financials were not available. 13 Elders went on the trip to Pawnee museum and dinner.

No Elder activity.

Tides Foundation grant presentation by Brice, Curtis and Anita.

The next meeting report will be February 1, 2016

REINVESTMENT: CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER

Chair John Sumpter stated no meeting so no report.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS: CHAIR CHET BROOKS

Chairman Chet Brooks stated no meeting. Tribe had received the 15% from the trust funds from all of this year.

VETERANS COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIR ROGER STEWART

Roger Stewart stated he didn't attend the meeting.

Approval of gun safe. \$ price on guns. Kenny got reply from DOD for M1s.

Discussion: purchase of safe.

Mary Jo Peterson moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on February 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd.

Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion carried all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm

**Special Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 3, 2016
Community Center**

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Chet Brooks called February 3, 2016 Special Trust Board meeting to order at 5:43 pm.

Homer Scott gave the invocation.

Secretary Roger Stewart called the roll. Those present were

Chairman Chet Brooks, Treasurer John Sumpter, Secretary Roger Stewart, members Homer Scott, Joe Brooks and Mary Jo Peterson.

Vice Chair Mary Watters was absent.

Chairman Chet Brooks declares a quorum and welcomes guests.

Guests, tribal officials and employees present included Johnny Barker, Dana Murrell, and Paul Bradford.

**Special Trust Board
Meeting February 3, 2016
Agenda**

Chairman Chet Brooks called February 3, 2016 Special Trust Board meeting to order at 5:43 pm.

Homer Scott gave the invocation.

Secretary Roger Stewart called the roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Treasurer John Sumpter, Secretary Roger Stewart, members Homer Scott, Joe Brooks and Mary Jo Peterson. Vice Chair Mary Watters was absent.

Chairman Chet Brooks declares a quorum and welcomes guests.

Guests, tribal officials and employees present included Johnny

Barker, Dana Murrell, and Paul Bradford.

**Special Trust Board
Meeting February 3, 2016
Agenda**

John Sumpter moved to amend the agenda adding under New Business, select another check signer.

Joe Brooks seconded.

Motion carried all in favor.

New Business**REINVESTMENT
OPTIONS**

Paul Bradford is recognized and invited to sit at the table.

Discussion of his background.

The Trust Board has discussion and debates regarding reinvestment options.

Discussion to set up next meeting time.

Chairman Brooks asked for a vote to hold the next Trust Board meeting on February 17, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd.

The vote carried with all in favor.

Discussion possible resolution needed.

Written legal opinion from tribal attorney.

Resolution regarding the brokerage co.

Contract for self.

Legalities regarding the Trust Document.

Contract states will not make a penny, however liable for 50% if loss.

John Sumpter made the motion.

Roger Stewart seconded.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Other New Business**ADDITION OF ANOTHER
CHECK SIGNER**

Joe Brooks moved that Roger Stewart to be added as a check signer.

Homer Scott seconded.

Motion carried all in favor.

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion carried all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm ■

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____

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Others Affected: _____

To have a name changed on the tribal roll, send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (examples: marriage license, adoption papers, divorce papers, etc.). Be sure to include your previous name or names since that will be the way it is listed on the roll. Including Tribal Registration number is helpful, but not required. Please include others in your household who are affected by this contact info change, including children, so that their records can be updated.

Send completed form to:

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