MINUTES

CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL AND HERITAGE FOUNDATION

CALLED MEETING

September 9, 2016

Ruth B Campbell Library, Franklin, VA

A meeting was called for the Tribal Council and the Heritage Foundation Directors for the purpose of discussing the contract for the purchase of land from Timbervest Forestry Products, Inc. The following were present for the meeting: Chief Walt Brown, Vice Chief Ellis Wright, Joseph Epps, Cynthia Brown, Teressa Baxter, Teresa Preston. Beverly El, Gloria El, Tommie Hines, Nancy Boone, Kacie Boone, Karen Barrett, Kiana Brown, visitor, Danny England, and William Land Howell joined by phone.

The meeting opened with a discussion on changes to the contract. The final closing date has been changed from 60 days as stated in the current contract to 90 days. This is necessary in order to give the grantor enough time to get the check cut and delivered. The contract will be signed effective January 15th. A survey is needed to be sure that there is equity between the measurements of acreage as used by the buyer of the timber ( Carolina Forestry Products, LLC) and tracts as used in the seller’s (Timbervest) contract.

Kea Turner, Forestry Consultant, has cruised the timber to appraise the tonnage on the proposed purchase of the Cheroenhaka Tract. The Timbervest contract requires a $10,000 good faith deposit. It must be deposited on Friday January 22, by close of business. The amount of $14,500 has been offered for the timber on the remaining 13 acres of our current tract. The amount of $10,000 will be deposited in an escrow account in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The closing will be held at Dan Crumpler’s office on January 15, 2016.

Cost of closing the sale includes $125 to Kea Turner for cruising the timber. This amount was paid by Chief Brown from personal funds. Ellis Wright moved and Joseph Epps seconded a motion to reimburse Chief Brown $125. The motion passed. Kea Turner will also need to be paid $75 for flagging the cut area and $200 to manage the timber cut for a total of $275. Tommie Hines moved and Ellis Wright seconded the motion to pay Kea Turner for the aforementioned expenses. The motion passed.

 Sam Harrison of Jarrett has been approached about doing the property appraisal. His fee is $2,000.

Currently we have $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Foundation on deposit at Farmers Bank in Courtland, and $2,310.00 in Foundation funds at BB&T in Franklin. We also have $295.38 in Tribal funds at BB&T. Chief Brown will pay for the appraisal fee of $2,000 from his personal funds but he will need to be reimbursed by the Foundation after the close of the timber sale.

Newest member Nancy Boone gave a brief synopsis of her work in real estate and other related work.

In a recent telephone conference call a motion to have Chief Brown, Vice Chief Ellis Wright , and Secretary, Cynthia Brown be the three official signers of the contract as called for in the Bylaws for the Foundation and that the motion be recorded in the minutes. The motion passed. (See attachéd resolution)

Atty. Dan Crumpler will require $200/hr to review the timber sale contract plus $400 for closing. The review will take place on Monday January 11th at 4pm at Dan Crumpler’s office in Franklin. On that same day at 9am Atty. Elliot Cobb will review and then file the timber deed. Chief Brown will also pay for this from personal funds.

A draft letter to Lauren Harper at Farmer’s Bank in Courtland was read stating the followIng: A resolution was approved to access each adult member of the tribe (335) the amount of $500 to be paid in 5 payments of $100 annually for 5 years, with the forcast of raising $33,500 per year to pay the loan balance. The resolution stated that a letter be sent to each adult member of the tribe and that the resolution be recorded in the Foundation and tribal minutes. (See attached resolution) Joseph Epps moved and Tommie Hines seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The motion passed and the resolution was adopted.

Bills

Macan’s was paid $100 for printing work but is still owed $138.35.

The monthly bill for the sheds on the tribal land has been paid for this month. The bill is $200 + each month.

Announcements and other business

Easement contract Review ??????

Donation Letters will need to be mailed soon.

State of the Tribe Address will be Saturday January 23, 2016 at 1pm, Ruth Campbell Library, Franklin VA.

Aren Barreett will be the Point of Contact for benevolence notifications and communication with families.

Teressa Baxter has asked to be replaced s Treasurer to the Foundation. 3 names are being considered: Claudette Orie, Tommie Hines, and Nancy Boone. The issue will be resolved at the January 23rd meeting.

There will be a closed meeting for the Tribal Council and Foundation Board members one hour priot to the STATE of the TRIBE meeting. The meeting is to review the minutes from the meeting addressing Tantarrian Taylor.

Land Purchase Contract Review

Page 2, #4 deadline date changed from 60 days to 90 days. Changes made were by strike-though and initialing in margins as per Ms Duvall, Timbervest atty. Emailed instructions. The members suggested that a copy of her emailed instructions be submitted with the signed contract. The contract calls for submission of an unaltered, signed contract.

On the signature page review Tommie Hines Moved and Joseph Epps seconded a motion that the designated signers be as already established by the Foundtion. The motion passed.

Chief Brown was asked to consult with the Reviewing Attorney as to the meaning and conditions of refund in full (pg. 2, #3c before the good faith money is deposited.

Funds Collected today

Tommie Hines leaves a check from Atlantic Bay Mortgage Co (his employer) and requests that the money go towards his land tax and admin fee for 2916. This is a revisit of the similar situation discussed a few years back with Lila Hedgepeth. The check was from Atlantic Bay and did not indicate that it was to be used on behalf of Tommie Hines. Without a letter to that effect it must be recorded as a donation from Atlantic Bay Mortgage. The check will be deposited in the foundation account until such a letter is received.

$250 check received from Joseph Epps to be credited as follows:

 Lawerence “Loud Thunder” Epps $50 Admin. Fee

 Joseph “Soaring Eagle” Epps $50 Admin> fee

 Karen “Little Beaver” Epps $60 Admin. Fee

 Deborah “Ana-Oter” Epps $60 Admin. Fee

 Jamie “Moon Blossom” Roberson $60 Admin. Fee

$250 check from Michael Anthony Barnes, 123 Lake Front Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434 along with an application for membership. Approval of membership was moved by Ellis Wright and seconded by Joseph Epps. Approval was granted by vote of the body. Native name will be “Firewolf”. Member number A-614588. His check will be credited as $80 annual admin fee, $20 member card, and $170 to land tax.

$50 from Cynthia Brown for 2016 admin fee.

$400 check from Beverly El to be credited as follows:

 Beverly El admin fee $50

 Gloria El admin fee $50

 Robert El admin fee $60

 Vashti Clarke admin fee $60

 Jade Hughes admin fee $60

 Ricardo Henry admin fee $60

 Edmond Slyvers admin fee $60

Ellis Wright submitted a check for $50 for 2016 admin. Fee.

Chief Brown and Eagle Eye reported the village is coming apart. Mats are needed for the Long House and other structures on the site.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Cynthia Brown, Secretary