**Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe**

**November 7th 2015 Conference call**

Powwow Planning Conference call including an update on Fed Recognition via Congress HR 872: and also to include comments on the Timbervest DRAFT Land purchase contract.

**In Attendance:**

Chief Walt Redhawk Brown

Caroh Holley

Teressa Baxter

Beverly El

Karen Barrett

Charles Baxter

Joe Epps

Tommy Hines

Russell Gates

Deborah Mattahari

Young Brinson

**Grant:**

Press release - Governor put out press release of the grant awardees as of Nov.6th. Awarded but cash not in hand. Grant says free acquisition, normally an easement with this type of grant

**School Day:**

Only four responses for school guides currently have 600 plus school children - need more guides and demonstrators.

Chief Brown did not send out his mass email this year due to being busy Karen Barrett handled school day contacts to all schools from last year.

Estimating approx. 700 attendees $1800 in revenue

**Farmers Bank Account** – met with Teresa and Cynthia and got signature cards and copies of id mandatory to open a foundation account there we must open the account with $1000. Beverly El is donating a $1000 (putting check in mail) meanwhile Chief Brown will put the $1000 in the Farmers Bank Heritage Foundation account out his pocket and invoice the tribe for said funds. He will look to get his money back from the Foundation either after the powwow or after the sale of 14 acres of the timber we now own. Properly Moved by Tommy Hines and seconded by Joe Epps.

If Key bids the timber is will cost 5% as land holders we can bid out own timber; Chief has contacts of three loggers: Paul Burber, Kenny Allen, Marian Hofler and will give them the Tonage Report and wait for them to give back an offer.

Key Turner will flag the 100 foot buffer with blue flags on the Nottoway River this is mandated

Asking for $280,000 of which $260,000 of the sale of timber is the collateral. Timber is worth $295,000 but if sold in the winter may be worth more.

**Contract:**

Chief has Strawman outline with quick claim deed and is negotiating contract – requested seller pay survey and filing fees and hoping they will agree to share it.

Chief is going to JD Vans office to get copy of contract. Surveys cost $2500 filing fees cost $3500

Please send individual comments to Chief so he can compile for attorney. (T Hines comments attached)

Chief has negotiated for mineral rights – contract is muddy and needs to be broken up and clarified – $2700 good faith money and saying that they will keep if we don’t close when they want us to close. Chief is redlining the contract and waiting for other comments. Don Eddy trying to get the realtor fee he is representing the sellers.

\*\*Snow Hawk needs to be more involved Chief has requested her to call him would like her to demonstrate beading while Colette will demo corn husk dolls

**New members** – Chief will email the addresses for enrollment letters.

**Joseph Jullian Bateman A-96-3868**

Properly moved by Joe Epps and seconded by Karen Barrett\*\*waiving ($170) except admin and card fee due to all the work they do on the land

**Julian Bateman A-96-3867**

Properly moved by Joe Epps and seconded by Beverly El \*\*waiving ($170) except admin and card fee due to all the work they do on the land

**Bruce Bateman Jr. A-94-4543**

Properly moved by Teressa Baxter and seconded by Beverly El\*\*waiving ($170) except admin and card fee due to all the work they do on the land

**Aaron Michael Bateman A-95-657**

Properly moved by Tommy Hines and seconded by Charles Baxter\*\*waiving ($170) except admin and card fee due to all the work they do on the land

**Christopher Bateman A-93-2682**

Properly moved by Beverly El and seconded by Joe Epps\*\*waiving ($170) except admin and card fee due to all the work they do on the land

**Forever Bambo** – need about 20 mats approximately $700

Have had vandalism on property Sherriff has been out 2x

**Federal Recognition:**

Since June 30 2010 dealing with having our tribes name added to what was originally the Moran bill having 6 tribes recognized. When you read the bill it leads to think all tribes were recognized in 1983 which is incorrect. Now house resolution 872

Copies of the ethno historic snapshot to Senator Warner

Chief was on conference call for 2.5 hours - comment that they appreciate all the input however recommended that our tribes name not be added, even though worthy, cannot add name to senate bill without restarting the entire legislative process. Another bill will have to be done. Chief Brown will meet with Senator Cain they have all the information certifying all our information.

Chairman of senate always been against the bill and that tribes must go through the BIA. Because he has a bill he wants passed he is agreeing to tag this former Moran bill along with it to get it passed.

Russell Gates – Nansemond one family line are mostly white doesn’t understand why we have been down river-ed but he appreciates the Chief work. Nansemond only have 26 people in their tribe.

**Tribal Kitchen:**

10x20 shed (bill needs to be paid as of today) has been wired for electricity Mr. Batemans nephew did the wiring, insulation is being put in and paneling will be set up with 2 6ft and 2 4ft tables, we have small freezer. Need a generator currently using one from tribal office. Lowes has generator 8250 WATS is $699.

Blueberry, sweet potato and peach – we can get them already made for $1.5 a piece and sell for $3.00 Mary Ross willing to help out in kitchen 200 jacks 335 sold at 3 each $385 and corn on the cob & hotdogs possibly

\*\*Joe paying for corn and water salt and butter for corn

If we can get people for the kitchen we can grill hot dogs hamburgers etc. and make the jacks this would be excellent source of income

3 other food vendors will be available – Francis Rose (owes 275) Jumpy Straford (paid 175) and Jimmy total $825

**Contracts in hand by Chief Brown**

Incas Music Art – Cesar Rojon (?) $170 owes $5

Jumpee Strafford (food vendor) Sweet heart food $275 (paid)

9 at $150 =1350

8 at $175 = 1400(??)

Chief is asking Debra to send out the bulk email since Caroh is having issues with gmail recognizing her as a spammer and cannot send bulk emails

**Powwow Cost:**

Host Drum $1000 w/3 rooms @ $150

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Head Male Dancer $250 with one room

Head female dancer $250

Arena director Donnie freeman room for two nights $100

Aztech Dancers 500 with room for 3 nights $15

MC $400 plus one room $50

Sound System Glenn $100

$500 Day Money $250 each day

Putting up tents/chairs - Robert Vinson $600

Portajohns $275

Water

Papertowels

Toilet paper

Propane

Need $5000 in hand by end of powwow – projecting more than that to be received over the two days – Franklin Fall Festival same day as our powwow – Chief to get announced on the radio and flyers passed out to notify of our powwow as well – flag on social media during the week

Do inventory of current supplies by name and item

\*Needs tri fold of animals - needs picture of animal and tribal word

\*asked Teresa to have one of her daughters to do tri fold poster for language booth

Set up on the 12th email to go out from Chief and asked via Deborah to forward it to all in the tribe

**Tribal member will not get food vouchers** decision that no one will get a food voucher

Camper has been repaired $250 Mary Ross sending check Chief paid out of pocket for repair. Sleeps 6 people.

$1000 in the Foundation Account –

Checks will be turned over to Teresa from the vendors to be added to the account

Land Donation from Bruce Cutler $100

**Presentations:**

1pm 85th of November Military Seaman requesting presentation for Native American recognition $700

Tidewater Community College religious class on the 1st of December 2015 no stipend negotiated

November 11th Veterans Day at noon presentation to the woman’s group at village at woods edge in franklin

Need an invoice, put routing and account number on the invoice and they can direct deposit the money in the Foundation account.

Need to get a **square** to use that links directly to foundation account (research cost) can find at Walmart may be $100 plus 3% per transaction fee ($9.88 at Walmart) must have the right software on phone. To be used in history booth as the major seller. **Best Way To Go**

Counsel members and foundation need to research how to use the credit card machine that was donated to us 3 years ago. 2.2% per transaction

Personal email to last year’s guides chief to send list to Caroh to put out.

Furniture payment late once or twice has not been 30 days late chief wants to set up automatic deduction but no money coming in to the tribal account $248 coming out of Foundation account for sheds.

Chief has asked Teresa Preston to send spreadsheet of tribal dues to Caroh so she can be back up.

350x50=1750 per year if people would pay their admin fees! Another email will go out pertaining to admin fees less than a $100 in tribal account

Tribal License plates 450 signatures – design was beautiful need to get it out to tribe (Young Brinson) to research

Mary Wilkerson working with Special Olympics to see if they can do something on the land

Look for email on setup and final count on the schools, tour guides guidelines (35 minutes max in village)

Chief is requesting Debra do the mass emails to the tribe until Caroh gets the gmail account working again

Meeting adjourned at 12:23