

Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe Southampton Virginia
Tribal Council and Heritage Foundation Board Conference Call
Wednesday September 5, 2018 8:30pm

Attendees:

Chief Brown (CM/HFB)
Caroh Holley (CM)
Vashti Clarke (CM/HFB)
Beverly El (HFB)
Ellis Wright (CM/HFB)
William Lamb Howell (CM/HFB)
Gary Burnette (CM)
Teresa Preston (HFB)
Tommy Hines (CM/HFB)
Karen Barrett (TM/PR)

AGENDA for tonight's call:

1. Tribal 8a update...resolution needed on tribal letterhead.

Resolution must specify that the Cheroenhaka Tribal Council and Board of Directors is willing to enter into a partnership with the Monument Construction Company. Chief is working with John Cook and others who are moving smartly to get this set up and completed.

“Motion by Council and Board to authorize Chief Brown as the Chief of the Tribe and Chairperson of the Board to enter into an agreement with Monument Construction and Soft Tech to create a C&E where in the tribe has 510 shares and pay \$510 upfront and Monument has 490 shares and pays \$490 upfront.”

- Motion moved by Tommy Hines and second by Ellis Wright
- Voted approved by Majority vote of Council and Board – Beverly El, Tommy Hines, Vashti Clarke, Gary Burnette, Caroh Holley, William Howell, Ellis Wright and Teresa Preston
- Gary has question pertaining to IBM IT contracts as he is governed by non-competition rules of IBM he would not be able to participate on the board as he is not allowed to compete against the company he currently works for (IBM)

2. Tribal Land and Village Cleanup for revival, removal of the rain rot hay bales from powwow circle and replace with new hay bales.

- \$200 worth of hay bales need to be removed from the circle and thrown away into the woods chief brown cannot do this anymore because of his knee
- Signs need to be placed and Chief needs help to place the signs at least 2 people

3. Grass Cutting /weeding required....need to purchase Bush Hog...6 ft or 5 ft.

- Motioned by Vashti Clarke to purchase a bush hog, 2nd by Ellis Wright to spend \$1300 to purchase bush hog, Chief will check on military discount or tax free whichever is less expensive.
- Grass needs to be cut and hay needs to be moved before Saturday. Chief needs help as he cannot do it all himself.

- 20 New hay bales must be purchased and placed in the circle
- Robert coming out tomorrow to set up tents and chairs for revival (cost?)

4. Need Kitchen crew to sell fish dinners at revival?

- Robert is doing Fish and French Fries (?)
- Currently have Gary Burnette and Vashti Clarke and Chief says Mary Ross is also working in the kitchen.
- Chief will write an email requesting tribal members to volunteer for various post and positions during the revival including kitchen, drum and offering
- Chief needs \$100 for change for the Kitchen

5. Revival directional signs needed. Are flyers up?

- Many CM have stated that they have printed and passed out flyers
- FB has event and the flyers are continually rotated to top
- Chief has taken walking trail signs and clan sign to be refurbished
- We are still trying to get the humanities grant and address it to Karen Wood
- Dominion Energy Cattashowrack town refurbishment grant – Chief has asked to have the copy of previous gr grant sent to T. Preston \$25,000 refurbishment grant
- We also need a plaque honoring the MOU investors

6. School Day Letters, Nov 2, 2018.

- Karen has sent out letters and emails to the school principals regarding the upcoming school day
- Chief wants to raise cost to \$5 per person for school day and wants to

7. Revival setup....Friday, September 7, 2018 9am to 5pm

a. Sound System – Glen

- Diamond Grove choir \$400 donation for them to come and sing

b. Hotel Rooms / special guest cost. Room Cost has gone up to \$60 a night

- Rooms needed:
Chief Silverheels 1 room
Jean Maybre (Bezelel dancers) 4 rooms
Shofar Blowers (do they need rooms????)
Chief Rudy and Regina Tagart 1 room
Chief Hunt 1 room

c. Drum

- Need 5 men in regalia to sit around the drum with Harlan for opening and closing

8. Repair of tribal office door (not discussed)

9. Need Women Group Update; Sparrow Hawk

- Chief requesting notes/minutes from Vashti Clarke regarding woman's group activities (each activity)

10. Hwy 58 Cattashowrock Town Signs update.

- Truck is fixed to have signs placed however person (?) is ill chief to check with his staff to see if anyone else can help (?)

11. Village manning scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays (not discussed)

12. Federal Recognition

- Chief sat next to Congressman Wittman and had conversation and he took our package.
- Also told Chief that the Nottoway Tribe has put in a request to be sponsored for federal recognition and that he did not know that they are incorporated (INC)
- Rumors are that Lynette Alston has been bad mouthing the tribe and telling Senator Kaine that we piggy backed off of them for state recognition
- Packet in to Rod Whitman, Congressman Meachan (sp)
- The congressman that came to our July Powwow has promised that if he is elected he will push a bill for us to be federally recognized
- Chief Brown is still going to do a package to BIA but notes that we will have difficulty with the 7 criteria especially documenting dates (due to Plecker) and showing 50% of tribal members participates in tribal activities.
- Teresa Preston is asking if deeds can prove the continuity of tribal community from 1900 - ? Also asking if there are many letters from Plecker – Chief says that the letter from Plecker did not mention tribes just names of people (which should show the surnames of the Tribe) chief states that none of the Cheroenhaka surnames on the 1800 census are in the Plecker letter.

13. Reimbursements and Bank information

- Ellis wrote checks to reimburse Chief Brown the money \$250 that he spent on the lunch with Rob Whitman (voted by council to reimburse) Foundation needs to replace the money to the tribal account.
- \$275 bill for porta-potties (duplicate for memorial day) Chief believes that this was paid Ellis to check on this as well as cleaning and removing the wasp nest