

**Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribal Meeting**  
**Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**Ruth Campbell Library**

**Attendees:**

Chief Brown  
Teresa Preston  
Beverly El  
William Howell – has Tommy Hines Proxy  
Caroh Holley – has Gary Proxy  
Ellis Wright  
Vashti Clarke – has Alex Whitney Proxy  
Richard Wright

**SUBJECT:** Tribal Council/ Foundation Business Meeting Agenda

**AGENDA**

1. Open Meeting with Iroquois Prayer / My Heart Song (Tribal Dar-sun-ke)
2. **Roll Call: Note proxy**
3. Read and approve Minutes from Jan 26, 2019 meeting (note corrections)
4. **Old Business:**
  - Treasure's Report: Membership / payment of administrative dues - status. Tribal and Heritage Foundation Bank account balance on hand as of 1/25/2019: \$34,047.04
  - **Total outstanding Tribal Dues All Members DUE from 2009 – 2014 was \$101,991.00; however, we only received \$7,879 (Sparrow Hawk & Teresa Preston working on 2016-2018 – What is the current Status?)**
  - Turn In Dues/ Land Tax ./ Donations to FD Treasure
    - o Last Deposits Made To Heritage FD Acct: \$15,865.20 From USDA
    - o Last Deposit Made To Tribal Acct \_\_\_\_\_ Bal \_\_\_\_\_
    - o Dominion Power Electric (Tribal Land) Payment Due:
    - o Tribal Land (7.4 acres) Real Estate Taxes Paid (**Land Use Filed**) : **TP 75-12C:**
    - o New Tribal Members Application ( If Vote Required)
    - o Submitted Annual Report on Virginia Indians to the Governor
    - o Barbara & Dean Bourne Trust Grant - \$3,800. Tax Exempt Letter Sent
    - o **102 Tax Papers to IRS 2018 (Problem corrected and accepted)**
5. **New Business:**
  - Tribal 8a Update (CNE, LLC): Checking Account opened. EIN 34-4913116 / Census Data Sent to Partner CNE Manger Robert Duhart.
  - Cheroenhaka Tract prep, fire breaks & burning for planting Long Leaf Pines (155 acres)
    - o Signed Fire Break & Burn Management Agreement with DCR
      - USDA-NRCS Grant will pay \$9,521.95 – FD Acct Deposit pending.
      - Burn Cost **\$6,442** to DCR + Fire Break Cost **\$1,200** to Massie Contracting = \$7,642 Total Due (Check Sent / Paid)
    - o Need Vote to Pay the Planting Contractor, Superior Forestry Svc, Inc., per invoice from contractor **\$15634.56** for 120 acres approx 64,000 seedlings planted.

- Real Estate Taxes paid on 7.4 acres /Tax Parcel 75-12C - \$187.30 pd 12/4/18.
  - Cattashowrock Town Palisade Village Tour Guides Required – Setup Schedule (Fri / Sat)
  - **Deep Well Status** on Tribal Land: **Need to raise \$4,800** to have the well dug. Pre paid \$300 for permit to Southampton County. Need \$1,000 winner Raffle.
  - Dominion Power Electricity Bill Average Approx & 185.00 per Month
  - Tribal Member Elizabeth “Snow Lizard” Furrow received a Certificate in “Genealogical Research” from Boston University. Currently reviewing George Skipper line for an applicant.
  - **Work required to repair Long House and Round House at Cattashowrock Town ASAP.**
  - Status: Landscaping with Saw tooth Oak Trees / Stocking Ponds with Fish – met with Doug Boyce, Dept of Wildlife & Fishers
5. **Federal Recognition Update:** Receive call from Sen Kanie’s Office/ Spoke with Evan McWalters. Called and spoke with Congressman Whitman and Scotts Chief of Staff.
  6. Close our meeting with prayer (Pray for Venassa West & Baby Randy Brown)

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- Chief Brown arrived at 1230pm and began by passing out information for people to view and having Treasurer Vashti Clarke counting money that Chief Brown collected since the last meeting.
  - Vashti Clarke brought cupcakes for Beverly El and Teresa Preston all in attendance sang Happy Birthday.
  - Caroh Holley asked if Chief had made her Artisan Certificate to which Chief Brown stated that he never was informed of her requesting one and he had never seen anything she created or made. To which the response from Caroh was that she had asked several times and shown him fans shawls etc. as well as emailed pictures to him and the Board this was confirmed by Beverly El. and Vashti Clarke. Chief Brown says she needs to do it again because he does not remember.
  - Chief Brown also made request that Vashti and Caroh price out 5 draw file cabinets for filing.
  - Chief Brown gave William his list of venders and vender contract and is asking William Howell to get with Tammy and Alex to get all the email updates.
  - TOTAL FROM FOUNDATION MAILBOX \$750 (Not deposited from last meeting 1-26-19 by oversight) will be deposited with money from today’s meeting
  - Possible Fund Raiser Dinner in May (during the Knapp in) for raising funds for the deep well needed on tribal land.
  - Chief is asking to have another \$1000 raffle ticket Fundraiser to add money for the digging of the well and has asked Joe Epps about that.
  - A year and a half ago Colette (Amici) Hayworth said that she had a contractor willing to pay half of the expense of the digging however it has not come to fruition and Colette has not spoken on it again.
  - Vashti Clarke says that she will be having a conversation with Kara Brewer Boyd this upcoming week to discuss the deep well and the three sister’s garden irrigation.
  - Minutes from the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and corrections made. Moved by Beverly El and seconded by Teresa Preston that the minutes for January 26<sup>th</sup> be accepted with correction
  - Treasurer reports current balance in the Heritage Foundation is \$28,719.36 no outstanding checks effective 02/09/2019
  - Tribal Account \$1,142.30 effective 01/31/2019
  - Check is being written from the Heritage Foundation in the amount of \$550 to the tribal account today 02/09/2019 check number #2015 signed by Chief Brown and Vashti Clarke.

- The remaining \$925 owed will be paid out to the tribal account at a future meeting.
- Richard Wright turned in a check in the amount of \$215 for the balance remaining on his land tax \$115 and admin dues of \$50 for years 2018 and 2019
- \$250 check #1987 written to Christian Lane for Book Scholarship voted on at last meeting on 01/26/2019
- Dominion Power Electric Payment on 01/18/19 in the amount of \$301.55 and \$160.27 this was 3 months worth of bill. Vashti Clarke requesting the approval to automatically go in and pay the Dominion Power Electric bill on the due date of the 29<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- Chief Brown instructing Vashti to call Dominion Power and get the new balance or what is owed and get approval for payment. Chief needs to have the account set up for Vashti to be able to pull it up online and log in to pay it. Chief will talk to Teresa again.
- Tax exempt Letter to Barbara and Dean Bourne has been sent acknowledging their grant to the Tribe.
- Tribal 8A Tommy Hines and Gary Burnette are on the Board and need to put their names on the signature application for writing checks.
- Chief Brown has sent census data, the Tribal bylaws/constitution and ethno historic snapshot to CNE Partner Robert Duhart
- Patricia Redwood and Doretha Lamison did good work on collecting the census data for Chief Brown CNE LLC
- 252 537 2338 Roanoke Porta Johns says we owe \$825 dollars for porta pot maintenance. Chief Brown states we pay \$275 at each event that we have (4 Events) Chief Brown will be calling to follow up.
- Moved by Beverly El and seconded by Teresa Preston to Pay Superior Forestry Services \$15634.56 #1986 invoice c52740 for planting 120 acres of tribal land in long leaf pines (64000 seedlings planted). However we received an incentive payment USCD/NRS in the amount of \$15865.20 which nets the tribe \$230 after the payment of \$15634.56 to Superior Forestry.
- Vashti Clarke will attempt to make a schedule again for those who can come and do shifts for tourism of Cattashowrock won. Chief requesting email sent to all tribal members to see who can volunteer.
- Lizzanne 'Snow Lizzard' Furrow is currently researching the genealogy of Wayland George Skipper.
- Chief Brown received call from Senator Kaines office (Even McWaters) spoke with Congressman Whitman and Congressman Scotts Chief of Staff regarding sponsoring a federal bill for recognition.
- We started sending packages in 2010 requesting sponsorship. Chief Brown has sent another letter with all the information on when we sent above referenced packages and requests to have a bill sponsored for our federal recognition as well as each and every proof of our documented ethno history. (Chief Brown read the entire letter) Because of the racial integrity act we can never receive federal recognition through the BIA.
- Whitman's office recommended sponsoring a bill for federal recognition for the remaining 3 tribes of which the Patowomeck and the Cheroenhaka are onboard with this idea. The third group is incorporated and we are unaware of what their plans are. The Mattaponi was offered the opportunity to be on the previous bill and turned it down.
- Tabling the revival date for next meeting in March to decide if we will have it the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September.
- REVISITED: Properly moved by Beverly El and second by Ellis Wright that Caroh Water Blossom Holley is granted an Artisan Certificate with all rights as a native artist.

**NEW MONEY**

- Check from Richard Wright Sr. \$100 in dues for 2018 and 2019 (\$50 each) and \$115 for the remainder of his land tax.
- Admin Fee for Robert El \$60 and Edmond Silvers \$60 from Beverly El. Check in the amount of \$120
- William Howell \$100 cash for land tax

**Total \$435**

**\$780 from Foundation Mailbox as of 02/9/2019**

**\$750 from previous meeting in January not deposited in error**

**Grand total: \$1965.00 Chief Brown states he will deposit on Monday.**