

**Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian tribe
State of the Tribe Address
Ruth Campbell Library - January 26, 2019**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Walt Brown

COUNCIL AND BOARD:

Beverly El – Proxy for Vashti Clarke

Ellis Wright

Tommy Hines

Caroh Holley

William Howell

Gary Burnette – Proxy for Alex Whitney

TRIBAL MEMBERS:

Vanessa Clark

Sonya Lawrence

Josephine Franco

Joseph Epps

Brenda Kelly

Rita Dollberry Burke

Kerry Lee Burke

Phyllis Richards

Barbara Walker

Teresa Preston

Patricia Redwood

Waleisha Hunt

Colette Hayworth

Tammy Desnoyers

Tiffany Desnoyers

Karen Barrette

12:30pm Chief Brown is passing around information for people to look at while we set up for the presentation.

Meeting opened with prayer at 1:00 pm by Chief Brown

MONEY COLLECTED IN MEETING FOR DUES AND LAND TAX AND CALENDARS:

*Phyllis Richards \$200 money order admin fees \$50 and land tax \$150.00

Caroh Holley \$160 through United Way \$60 admin fee and \$100 Land Tax 2019 (*Chief Brown is saying that the money cannot be used for her land tax and dues- however, because there is no matching involved there may be a way to use it but he is unsure and it has been tabled until further research – money is still being donated***)

*Beverly El \$50 Admin Fees (check)

*Barbara Walker Admin Fees \$50 (check)

*Patricia Redwood \$150 check \$50 2018 Admin, \$50 2019 Admin

*Brenda Kelly \$50 Admin Dues (part of P Redwoods check)

*Josephine Franco \$50 admin fees

*Paulette Lawrence \$50 admin fee \$100 Land Tax (\$150 check)

- *Sonya Lawrence (formally Williams) \$160 check \$60 Admin Fee \$100 land tax
- *Shannel Clark \$60 cash Admin Fee 2019
- *Vanessa Clark \$50
- *Tommy Hines \$50 check
- *Tammy Desnoyers \$120 cash \$60 Admin dues and Tiffany Desnoyers \$60 Admin
- *Joe Epps \$200 check \$50 Land Tax, Karen Epps \$50 Land tax, Debbie Epps \$50 land tax, Jami Robertson \$50 land tax
- *Chief Walt Brown \$50 check admin 2019
- *Joe Epps 4 calendars \$60 check and Gladys Pedesco \$45 cash for 3 calendars
- *Ellis Wright \$30 for 2 calendars
- *Vanessa Clark 20 calendars \$300 10 calendars for Vanessa Clark and 10 calendars for Shannel Clark
- *William Lamb Howell \$15 cash for 1 calendar
- *Barbara Walker 1 calendar \$15

MONEY FROM FOUNDATION MAILBOX TO BE DEPOSITED:

- *Bernard Hedgepeth Sr. \$50 Admin fees
- *Lila Hedgepeth \$50 Admin fees
- *Brenard Hedgepeth Jr. \$60 Admin Fee \$50 land tax
- *Bernard Hedgepeth III \$60 Admin fees
- *Tarkisha (Keshra) \$60 Admin fees \$50 land tax
- *Doretha Lamison \$100 Land tax and \$50 Admin Fees
- *Christopher Brown \$60 Admin Fees
- *Reggie Adkins \$50 Admin 2018
- *John Wayne \$50 Admin fees

**TOTAL COLLECTED TODAY AT MEETING \$1855 + \$250 (new member) +
TOTAL FROM FOUNDATION MAILBOX \$750 to be deposited in Heritage Foundation
Checking Account**

TOTAL CHIEF BROWN TAKING TO BANK IS \$2855

Owed to tribal Account:

**\$550 from the \$750 collected from foundation box in January 26th2019 and...
From Todays collection \$925 for a total of \$1475 owed in February to Tribal Account**

New Members:

Angus Hines III – (need native name)

Roll: A-65-1278

DOB 12/23/65

208 Marshview Ct.

Carrington Virginia

\$250 - \$25 card \$60 admin \$165

****Properly moved and seconded that Angus Hines III be admitted to the
Cheroenhaka Nottoway tribe Beverly El/Ellis Wright**

Wilma J Atkins – Running Water

(\$250 previously recorded)

Roll: A-53-6491

500 Pinnacle Circle Apt. 1A

Newport News VA 23601

****Properly moved and seconded that Wilma Atkins be admitted to the Cheroenhaka Nottoway tribe Beverly El/Ellis Wright**

- As of January 25th, the available balance is \$34, 047.04. This includes a deposit of \$15,865.20 made on 1/18/2019 from USDA/NRSC for long leaf pine planting
- **Last deposit to the Heritage Foundation account was \$15865.20**
- **Tribal account balance is \$1142.30 as of January 26th**
- No December minutes were sent to Caroh who was absent due to a fall and pulled back muscle
- Chief requested that an email go out to see who took the notes and to have them send copy to Caroh (Karen took notes)
- Unable to have the money owed to Tribal account due to lack of notes from December Meeting
- Tribe sponsored 5 families (15 children) at Christmas for \$200 each in the amount of \$1001.23
- Invoice 31900354 Check written to DCR Invoice in the amount of \$6442.00 payable to Natural Area Preservation Fund check #1985 – ****properly moved and seconded Caroh Holley/Gary Burnette**
- Invoice 1327 Check written to Massie Contracting in the amount \$1200.00 check #1984 – ****Properly moved and seconded to pay Beverly El/Ellis Wright**
- Cheroenhaka Tract prep, fire breaks & burning (Massie Contracting) for planting leaf Pines (155 acres)
- Signed Fire Break & Burn Management Agreement with DCR
 - USDA-NRCS Incentive 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 (**see above bullets for detail on check payments**)
- We pay the Planting Contractor Superior Forestry Svc, Inc. – waiting invoice from contractor. Est. cost \$15,824.00 for 120 acres approx. 64,000 seedlings planted. USDA will pay our Foundation
- Chief Brown submitted Annual Report on Virginia Indians to the Governor
- Barbara & Dean Bourne Trust Grant - \$3,800. Sent Tax Exempt letter.
- Fort Lee and Fort Eustis Native Presentation net \$2,000 to our Foundation
- **102 Tax Papers to IRS 2018 (Problem corrected and mailed) approval received**
- Tribal 8a Update (CNE, LLC): Checking Account opened. EIN 34-4913116
- **Real Estate Taxes paid on 7.4 acres /Tax Parcel 75-12C - \$187.30 paid 12/4/18. Parcel under land use**
- Cattashowrock Town Palisade Village Cultural Signs UP on Hwy 58, East & West Side
- **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 to have assessment to see if well needs to be moved from current proposed area.
- 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. Will review Tribal Applications.
- Work required repairing Long House and Round House at Cattashowrock Town. Round house is in ill repair (AGAIN)
- Status: Stocking Ponds with Fish – met with Doug Boyce, Dept. of Wildlife & Fishers willing to stock fish for free with approval for ponds no bass or crappie (they will eat everything)
- Chief Brown asking for a committee for tourism and tours on the tribal land Need to have committee set up date and times schedule for people to do 3-4 hour shifts on Friday and Saturday
- Donation of cabinets for kitchen by Phyllis and Norm Richards – thank you
- Possible Kitchen enlargement needed

**FY 2019 STATE OF THE ADDRESS OF THE TRIBE
(TRIBAL OBJECTIVES / GOALS):**

- FOLLOW-UP ON FEDERAL RECOGNITION REQUEST/PACKET TO CONGRESS – SENATE AND HOUSE (SEN KAINE AND CONGRESSMAN WHITMAN)
- PREPARE FEDERAL RECOGNITION PACKET FOR SUBMISSION TO THE BIA
- CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DATA AND COORDINATION LEADING TO A TRIBAL 8A (CHEROENHAKA NOTTOWAY ENTERPRISES, (CNE), LLC)
- PREPARE AND PUBLISH ISSUE 7 OF THE WASKEHEE (TRIBAL JOURNAL)...SEEK PAID SPONSORS
- PRESENT THE 306TH SPOTSWOOD PEACE TREATY TRIBUTE TO THE VIRGINIA GOVERNOR ON ST GEORGE DAY – APRIL 23, 2019
- SUBMIT ANOTHER LETTER TO THE QUEEN REQUESTING PRESENTATION OF THE SPOTSWOOD TREATY TRIBUTE IN LONDON ENGLAND
- FOLLOW UP ON REQUEST FOR RETURN OF THE 131 HAND SITE SKELETON REMAINS AND NON SKELETAL REMAINS
- MARKET 2019 TRIBAL CALENDAR AND NEW T-SHIRTS
- REESTABLISH / REFORM TRIBAL FEDERAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE – CONTACT NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND: POC KALEE SALAVAR – 1-800-447-0784 (SEND FORMAL LETTER REQUESTING ASSISTANCE)
- DEVELOP AND MARKET A TRIBAL SPOKEN LANGUAGE CD – CHIEF BROWN, WOMEN GROUP LEADER VASHTI CLARK, AND ALEX WHITNEY (DOUG PATTERSON PRODUCER) – NEED FLUTE PLAYER(S)

- SEEK AND APPLY FOR ANA SEDS AND LANGUAGE GRANT
- APRIL / MAY CULTIVATE AND PLANT THREE SISTERS GARDEN / PLANT TOBACCO
- MAY 18, 19, & 20, 2019 PRIMITIVE SKILLS GATHERING AND **TRIBAL BBQ/CHICKEN PLATE FUND RAISER** – CATTASHOWROCK TOWN (T-MODEL FORD TOUR GROUP – 25 TO 30 CARS)
- 25TH GREEN CORN DANCE POWWOW – JULY 6, 2019
- SEPTEMBER: NATIVE AMERICAN REVIVAL – CRUSADE FOR CHRIST (THE GREAT AWAKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT) 12 NOON AT CATTASHOWROCK TOWN
- 26TH ANNUAL CORN HARVEST INTERTRIBAL POWWOW AND SCHOOL DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2, & 3, 2019
- GRANT / FUNDRAISER TO COVER LONG HOUSE WITH FLEX BARK - \$25,000 (DOMINION ENERGY GRANT).
- REINFORCE / REBUILD LONGHOUSE FRAME WITH FLEX PIPE
- PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF VIRGINIA. BYRD THEATRE, RICHMOND VA (NOV 2019)
- ATTEND TRIBAL SUMMIT & POWWOW AT VA TECH & WILLIAM & MARY COLLEGE
- CURTIS CONTRACTING COMPLETE TRIBAL FISH PONDS AND LANDSCAPPING.
- CONTINUE COORDINATION WITH DEPT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERS TO STOCK TRIBAL PONDS WITH FISH
- PLANT SAW TOOTH OAK TREES AROUND THE PONDS - GET QUOTE FROM CONTRACTOR. TERESA PRESTON WILL DONATE THE TREES.
- MAKE ALL TRIBAL CARDS WITH "NEW" TRIBAL ID CARD MAKING MACHINE – DOUBLE SIDED (CAROH HOLLEY – TRIBAL ROLL KEEPER
- CONTINUE PARTNERSHIP WITH ASV (14 YEARS)
- \$1,000 FUNDRAISER RAFFLE TO COVER ROUND HOUSE WITH FLX BARK
- CONTINUE COORDINATION WITH US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BUILD WALKING BRIDGE
- ESTABLISH COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- APPOINT TOUR GUIDE CHAIR TO COORDINATE ON SITE TOUR GUIDES FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT CATTASHOWROCK TOWN – MARCH THROUGH NOVEMBER FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM
 - REVISIT POWWOW CHAIRS AND RE-APPOINT A POWWOW COMMITTEE CHAIR (THREE CO-CHAIRS – WILLIAM LAMB HOWELL; TAMMY DESNOYERS.
 - REAPPOINT POWWOW COLOR GUARD COMMANDER (WILLIAM LAMB HOWELL) & DEPUTY COMMANDER
 - REAPPOINT GARY BARNETT AS FUND RAISER COMMITTEE CHAIR - TRIBAL CULTURE CENTER AND MUSEUM
 - REAPPOINT CHAIR OF TRIBAL WOMEN GROUP (VASHTI CLARKE); NEED CO-CHAIR
 - TRIBAL LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – CLEAR AREA TO LUNCH KAYAKS AND CANOES, PLACE FOR IROQUOIAN WATER DRUM CEREMONY – SCOUTS, AMERICA CORPS ON THE BANK OF THE NOTTOWAY RIVER
 - REESTABLISH GRANT COMMITTEE
- INITIATE PAPER PROCESS TO NAME BRIDGE CATTASHOWROCK TRAIL BRIDGE LEADING TO TRIBAL LAND
 - ORGANIZED THE TRIBAL GREAT NADAWA DRUM GROUP (DRUM ON BOARD)
 - PUT IN DEEP WELL ON POWWOW GROUNDS (\$4,800 + COST FOR ELECTRICIAN)

FY 2018 STATE OF THE ADDRESS OF THE TRIBE (TRIBAL OBJECTIVES / GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2018:

- FOLLOWED UP ON FEDERAL RECOGNITION REQUEST/PACKET TO CONGRESS – SENATE AND HOUSE (SENATOR Kaine) PACKET SUBMITTED TO CONGRESSMAN ROB WHITMAN)
 - PETITION FOR RECOGNITION SUBMITTED TO SEN Kaine
 - NEW PACKET SUBMITTED TO CONGRESSMAN WHITMAN
- PRESENTED THE 305TH SPOTSWOOD PEACE TREATY TRIBUTE TO THE VIRGINIA GOVERNOR ON ST GEORGE DAY – APRIL 23, 2018. TRIBUTE ACCEPTED BY THE LT GOVERNOR.

- SUBMITTED 2ND REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF THE 131 HAND SITE SKELETON REMAINS. CONDUCTED A SECOND VISIT TO VIEW THE REMAINS – SUITLAND, MD
- MARKETED THE 2018 TRIBAL CALENDAR
- SUBMITTED FEDERAL RECOGNITION PACKET TO US SENATE (SENATOR Kaine) AND CONGRESSMAN WHITMAN REQUESTING SPONSORSHIP OF OUR BILL FOR FED RECOGNITION VIA CONGRESS
- CONTINUED THE WORD A WEEK TRIBAL SPOKEN LANGUAGE VIA EMAIL – CHIEF BROWN, WOMEN GROUP LEADER VASHTI CLARK, AND ALEX WHITNEY, TRIBL COUNCIL MEMBER
- HOSTED THE 23RD GREEN CORN DANCE POWWOW – JULY 7, 2018
- HOSTED THE 24TH ANNUAL CORN HARVEST INTERTRIBAL POWWOW AND SCHOOL DAY – NOVEMBER 2, 3, & 4, 2018
- HOSTED THE 2ND ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN REVIVAL – CRUSADE FOR CHRIST (THE GREAT AWAKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT) WITH EVANGELIST CHIEF STEVE SILVERHEELS
- HOSTED THE 5TH ANNUAL PRIMITIVE SKILLS GATHERING AT CATTASHOWROCK TOWN
- PARTICIPATED IN AMERICAN INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF VIRGINIA. BYRD THEATRE, RICHMOND VA
- ATTENDED TRIBAL SUMMIT & POWWOW AT VA TECH. PRESENTED TRIBAL FLAG TO NATIVE CULTURAL CENTER.
- RECEIVED USDA/NRCS INCENTIVE FUNDS (\$25,387.15) TO PREPARE AND PLANT 155 ACRES OF TRIBAL LAND IN LONG LEAF PINES (TP 75-12, CHEROEHAKA TRACT)
- 64,560 VIRGINIA GROWN LONG LEAF PINES PLANTED ON THE CHEROENHAKA TRACT

- CATTASHOWROCK TRAIL BUSH HOGED WITH NEW PATH LEADING TO THE BANK OF NOTTOWAY RIVER
- CURTIS CONTRACTING COMPLETED 2 LARGE FISH PONDS ON TRIBAL LAND- LANDSCAPING IN PROGRESS
- PURCHASED TRIBAL ID CARD MAKING MACHINE
- BEGAN MAKING TRIBAL CARDS WITH "NEW" TRIBAL ID CARD MAKING MACHINE – DOUBLE SIDED (SOME 100 CREATED BY CAROH HOLLEY – TRIBAL ROLL KEEPER)
- CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH ASV (13 YEARS)
- PAID OFF LAND MORTGAGE AND CONDUCTED A MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY – CONDUCTED FUNDRAISER RAFFLE.
- GAVE TWO NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATIOIS, FORT LEE AND FORT EUSTIS – NET \$2,000.
- APPOINTED TRIBAL LAND MAINTENANCE MANAGER / GRASS CUTTING/ PALISADE FORT, FOR CATTASHOWROCK (LEWIS BATEMAN)
- CATTASHOWROCK TOWN LARGE BROWN CULTURAL DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ERECTED ON THE EAST AND WEST BOUND SIDES OF HWY 58
- CONDUCTED WOMEN GROUP CAMP OUT AT CATTASHOWROCK TOWN
- CULTIVATED AND PLANTED THE THREE SISTERS GARDEN
- REPLACED THE INTERPRETIVE WALKING TRAIL SIGNS
- RECEIVED IBM GRANT - \$2,000.00

- PRESENTED COLLEGE BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS
- PROVIDED CHRISTMAS CARE WALMART SHOPPING FOR 5 ADULT FAMILIES IN NEED TOTALING 15 CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE.
- ATTENDED THE DEDICATIOIN OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN MEMORIAL THE MANTEL IN RICHMOND VIRGINIA.
- ACQUIRED NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR POWWOWS – COST \$2,183.87. \$600 DONATED BY TRIBAL MEMBER KAREN BARRETT.