

***CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) INDIAN TRIBE***  
***Tribal Council & Heritage FD Board of Directors & Committee Members***  
***ZOOM / Teleconference***

May 14, 2022, 1:00 PM (ZOOM Meeting).

**SUBJECT:** ZOOM / Teleconference: Tribal Council, Heritage FD, and Committee Members Meeting

**ATTENDEES:**

Teressa Preston  
Tommy & Nora Birchet  
Caroh Holley - C  
Michael Skipper  
Chief Brown  
William Howell - C  
Chris Skipper  
Carol Harrison  
Sue Thompson  
Shelia Hinton  
Vanessa Clarke  
Beverly El  
Ellis Wright - C  
Gary Burnette – C  
Mary Francis Wilkerson  
Kitty Boone  
Rickie Boone - C

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Open Meeting with Iroquois Prayer / My Heart Song (Tribal Dar-sun-ke) - Tribal Secretary
  2. **Tribal Council / Heritage FD Board of Dir Roll Call: Note proxy (Secretary)**
  3. Recap and approve Minutes from last meeting (note corrections and approve)
  4. **Old Business:**
    - Treasure's Report: Membership / payment of administrative dues - status. Tribal and Heritage Foundation Bank account balance on hand as of 5/11/22: **\$34,462.02**
    - Tribal Bank account balance on hand as of 5/11/22: **\$4,321.86**
    - Turn In Dues/ Land Tax ./ Donations to FD Treasure:
      - o **Last Deposits Made To Heritage FD Acct: \$1,785 on 5/11/22**
      - o **Last Deposit Made To Tribal Acct \$1,500 CNE Rent on 5/11/21**
      - o **Foundation account owes tribal account money – need to stratify what is owed**
    - **Status:** Saw Tooth Oak Trees (10 ft tall) @ \$100 each – Need to Pick-up from Tidewater Tree Tran planters, Inc. **Need 10 more to go around Ponds (Need Help to Plant).**
- New Business:**
- FY 2022 Foundation IRS and State Tax Report - 102 and 990 Filed at **H&R Block thank you to Kitty and Tommy for the hard work. \$367.00 to file**
  - Tribal newsletter (Thrahunta) – need article input for Summer Issue. – **send input to Sonya Williams**
  - **Chief has done several presentations over the last 2 months, and we still have calls for**

### **Presentations upcoming**

- **Tribal Gazebo:** Need Screen Tight – **cost \$700 - \$800 in Labor.** Cost of materials pending.
- **College Book Scholarships** open for Semester (**\$300 per student - Vote**) **Seniors to book scholarship has been added. Update from Beverly El on applications.**

### **Candidates**

- Ziya Happy Heart El
- Nia Wind Flower Ori
- Ryan Red Thunder Hines

**Motion made by Gary Hines 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Holley** to award Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) college book scholarship funds to the three candidates Ziya, Nia and Ryan on behalf of the tribe.

### **Status Update: Federal Recognition:**

- o Continue Preparing / compiling some 300 to 400 pages of supporting documents to be boxed as attachments for Federal Recognition.
  - o Chief has been working on this for several years and working with congress and senators to try and get this moved through (Tim Cain, Donald McEachin, Whitman, and Bobby Scott)
  - o If you haven't sent your letter to congress, please contact tribal secretary to get the information.
  - o We are now looking to submitting to BIA, Sue Thompson has volunteered to help with getting documents together with Chief Brown
  - o Tribal Oath of Allegiance need from all Tribal Members!
  - o Zoom meeting with Congress Bobby Scott
  - o Gary Burnette suggesting getting in touch with NARF to help with the legal aspect of working with BIA – Chief Brown says he has worked with them before and that we need to get our documents together before we can get help from NARF
- **Tribal Women Group Leader Needed** - Chief asking Shelia Hinton if she may consider
  - **Tribal Word of the Week Speaker Needed (Water Blossom will resend past words of the week as a refresher)**
  - **Media Rep Needed** -
- ### **Grant Status Update:**
- o **TC Energy** has Powwow Grants up to \$5,000 – need to apply asap. – Chief asked Gary to look into
  - o **Dominion Energy Open Grant** to renovate/refurbish Cattashowrock Town Palisade Village - \$30, 000 (Need to Apply ASAP.) Teresa Preston and Chief Brown working on this
  - o **USDA Grant open need to apply-compost bathrooms along walking trails.**
  - o **ANA SEDS** and Language Grant – need to apply possibly next year we need to look at this seriously it is a 3k grant
- July 2, 2022 Green Corn Powwow – Set up and Repair of house repair – **Discussion.**
    - o Work required to repair Long House and Round House at Cattashowrock Town Matts blew off round house they were not tied on properly and secured to the frame.
    - o Thanks to Colette Hayworth and Becky Winslow (Honorary Tribal Members our three sisters garden has been planted.
    - o Gary will set up survey genie for volunteers for front gate kitchen and frybread also will set up dancer registration if needed.

- **CNE, LLC Update:**

- **Fund Raiser:**

○ Fund Raiser Recommendations for 2022:

- **Boston Butt cook-off – sell for \$30 per Butt (must presale tickets)**
- **Can get the meat at a discount need someone to cook**
- **Chris Skipper offering to set up a store site on the web to sell / presale fundraiser items – Chief asking for a draft and to see which payment method would work best**
- **November / December Turkey Shoot on tribal land**
- **2022 Tribal T-shirts...Red or Yellow or Blue are the suggestions Chief will ask to see a sample in red**
- **Other Ideas???**

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5. **Need Budget Committee To Prepare FY 2022 Tribal /Foundation Budget???**

○ Kitty will put together a budget group to get budget done

6. **Close our meeting with prayer**

“may your walk in the sacred circle of life make better the walk of another – those that will follow in our walk – the young tribal members and those not born as of yet).

Thank you.

Chief Brown