

***CHEROENHAKA (NOTTOWAY) INDIAN TRIBE***  
***Tribal Council & Heritage FD Board of Directors & Committee Members***  
***Teleconference***  
**October 10, 2020, Saturday, 12:00 Noon**

**SUBJECT:** Teleconference: Tribal Council, Heritage FD, and Committee Members Meeting Due To COVID-19

**Dial In #: 1-605-475-6333: Password / Access Code: 1494169**

**Attendees:**

Chief Brown  
Vashti Clarke  
Caroh Holley – Has Proxy for Gary Burnette  
Sonya Lawrence  
Teresa Baxter  
Alex Whitney  
Thomas Hines  
William Lamb Howell  
Beverly El  
Ellis Wright  
Teresa Preston  
Mary Francis Wilkerson  
Karen Barrett

Opening comments by Chief Brown regarding the COVID situation with the schools etc. in district 4 in Courtland/Fanklin and the Old Dominion College as well.

Opening Prayer by Chief Brown @ 12pm

Alex gave 3 tribal words: Untchore (eat), Asunta (night), Antatum (snake)  
Chief Brown thanked Alex for his hard work and discussed again going to the studio in North Carolina to record the tribal language.

Reading of previous March Minutes was delayed to save time

Heritage Foundation account: \$18088.40 / Tribal Account \$6061.17

Outstanding Tribal Dues – Requesting a continuation of the audit with what is owed by tribal members asking Teresa Preston and Vashti Clarke and Tommy Hines to work on this

Chief Brown is still trying to get the similar lights to exchange out with dominion power changing the lights will help with the cost as we will be able to turn them off and on

Looking to get 10 saw tooth oaks for the ponds and will need assistance in getting them picked up and planted. Chief is trying to get Lewis Bateman to assist. Chief commended Lewis for his excellent grass cutting and the ponds look beautiful. Saw Tooth pines were voted on previously just need to be picked up and foundation card used to pay for.

**Status: Tribal Direction Sign Down as of Aug 4.** Directional Signage Program will repair and re-erect for \$700. Original cost was \$1,300 before my negotiations. Chief tried to get Curtis Contracting but he was busy. Directional signs came out to look wanted \$1300, was able due to clause in contract able to put up sign for \$700 instead. Letter drafted letter and written check #2057 for \$700. Chief concerned that the face may be damaged due to laying on its face in the ground as it would take several people to lift- Need Vote.

**Motion to pay \$700 to Directional Signs with check #2057 moved by T Hines and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teresa Preston**

College Book Scholarships (**\$300 per student**) Update from Beverly El. (Send Checks) This has been authorized and voted prior however for the minutes a second vote was required on names and amount.

Zia Happy Heart El (early childhood education @ Oglethorpe U)

Zoey Little Fern Richards (Child Psychology – special needs @ Temple)

Nia Windflower Orié (Communication Arts/Scientific Preparatory medical illustration VA Commonwealth)

**Motion to pay college scholarships to the above Scholars in the amount of \$300 each moved by Beverly El 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroh Holley**

**Motion to increase scholarship to \$300 motion by Beverly El 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Whitney**

Mary Francis requesting that going forward that students submit in May for payment by August as that is when most schools start. Chief Brown says we will take that into consideration dependent on when we get applications, but the suggestion is well noted.

**Motion to use the tribal account and the FD account will reimburse the Tribal account in the amount of \$900 for all 3 Moved by Ellis Wright and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tommy Hines**

Real Estate Tax 191.39 of which the FD account will refund the tribal check. Bill not due until December – **No Motion was made on this at this time**

Vashti Clarke announced that she will be resigning as she is not happy and that she will be sending all checkbooks and printer back to Chief Brown either by driving them or FedEx via her husband Quinn

Caroh Holley made statement that she was sorry to see Vashti go, she was a valuable asset to this tribe and did not agree to her stepping down, as indicated in her vote against the motion to step down, as she was a good treasurer and kept the account in order this was agreed on by Beverly El, and Mary Francis and Alex Whitney. William made motion however also stated that he generally did not agree with Vashti stepping down and that she was a good treasurer.

**Motion to accept Vashti's resignation by William Lamb Howell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex Whitney**

Chief Brown thanked Vashti for a job well done and also stated that we will need a new tribal treasurer as soon as possible. He will set up an email to be sent with the job qualifications and duties responsible.

Vashti states that she no longer wishes to be any part of tribal government and also resigns from Women's Group Leader and Woman's Group Garden Leader. Chief Brown also continued to ask if she wanted to be removed from the tribe all together and put on inactive roles, to which she responded **no** just all tribal government roles.

Chief Brown continued to say this is a very important role and will be looking to other tribal members to take over foundation Treasurers Business. If we cannot find someone possibility of looking to hire outside of the tribe. Caroh Holley stated that it may be better for an outside person to handle that for impartiality reasons.

Chief Brown recommending Foundation Account to write check to tribal operating account for Dues, and Tribal cards monies collected - **\$2,000** – Need Vote authorizing FD Treasure to write and send check to the tribal office, Attn: Tribal Treasurer.

**Motion for Foundation Treasurer to right check in the amount of \$2000 as a partial payment back to the tribal account for tribal dues and card payments. Moved by Thomas Hines 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beverly El**

300 Large Mouth Bass & Bluegill minnows released in ponds – must feed every day till December 2020 – cost: \$370 paid with check out of Tribal Account – FD to reimburse Tribal account – Need Vote.

**Moved by T Hines 2<sup>nd</sup> by E Wright to have foundation write check to tribal account for \$370 for the reimbursement of fish purchase**

**Status:** VA Humanities (VH) \$7,000 Grant. Final \$1,400 to be paid once 40 signs are put in place. VH rep will do a site visit to view the signs. NEED HELP to place signs and needs assistance to recognize the plants on the land since Caroh is in Baltimore and cannot travel to help due to COVID restrictions

We Need a 6ft White Pine Tree, Where can we find one? Represent Iroquois treaty of peace to be planted with the sign by the ponds asking for people to search on internet and let him know.

Thra-hun-ta (Newsletter) article input due November 15 for Fall/Winter Issue. Submit to Sonya by November Chief Brown mailed some to current address that have bounced back and Chief Brown said he would move them to inactive rolls. Beverly stated she did not receive it and Caroh said she would resend.

Chief Brown looking for someone to set up a turkey shoot on the tribal land and asking for board/council to reach out to friends/hunters that know how to set up a turkey shoot.

Owed to Lewis Bateman for land maintenance and grass cutting he is also working on the long house.

**Motion to pay Lewis Bateman to pay Lewis Bateman moved by William Howell 2nd by T Preston to have a \$250 check written out of the tribal account to pay Lewis Bateman**

Tribal Office, Kitchen, Cattashowrock Town need tribal member help to clean and put **New Palm Mats** on the Round House.

- Todd DuPreist spent two days on tribal land cleaning and weed eating he drove down from NC and Chief Brown is appreciative of his work.

Even though pandemic is going on there is a lot of interest in the tribal land especially with the Governor announcing 10/122020 as indigenous people day and no longer Columbus Day there will be more interest in touring our land.

Chief reached out to the Flex Bark people but it would be 23,000 to cover long house looking at a bark imitation no quotes yet

Dominion Energy Open Grant to renovate Cattashowrock Town (Need To Apply)  
ANA SEDS and Language Grants (Status – Chief has copies of previous Grants)

Dominion Energy email sent to grant committee to apply for a 24-30k grant and submit to dominion power the money is available – Sonya asked to have the email resent to her and she would look into writing the grant

Gazebo bid to put on screen tight (\$1,400 labor) Chief Brown donating bug light also, current quote is too much to put screen around 10x20 building Chief Brown looking in area to find a less expensive contractor.

Sonya Lawrence announced her uncle may be able to do that for a lot less money and Chief Brown asked her to have him call him to discuss.

**Status: CNE, LLC Update:** Tribal 8a Update (CNE, LLC): final (3<sup>rd</sup> input) packet submitted to SBA (Waiting 8a certification).

- CNE, LLC acquired 100% of the stocks in Dakota Intertek Corp. CNE, LLC Pending \$1M contract and a \$300K contract.
- Need to now find trial treasurer ASAP
- Progress blossoming
- Joint venture with APS
- Documentation signed working on bonding agreement from Dakota InterTek
- Looking sign documents for a business office located in Franklin VA that we will have office space and the ability to store documents in archive so they will not rot or be destroyed.
- Chief Brown says that once the CNE LLC is running fully we will be seeing some serious money and not only will tribal members see benefit but also the board members of CNE and treasurers

Fund Raiser Recommendations:

- **Boston Butt cookoff – sell for \$30 per Butt (must presale tickets)** possibility to make \$4000 pickup on tribal land/or delivery
- Harley Davidson Motorcycle ride through on tribal land. Chief to follow up, possible county western concert no alcohol allowed on tribal land
- November / December Turkey Shoot on tribal land – someone must set up. (see notes above)
- 2021 Tribal Calendar Sales Karen Barrett working on calendars email will be sent and post on FB
- T Hines suggestion to resend to former Redskins to have a fundraiser on land or ask for money 25-35k be happy to receive \$12-15

Cattashowrock Town Palisade poles need replacing – need 75 @ \$17 each from Agri Supply in Petersburg, VA. (Need Help to PICKUP and PUTUP) Chief Brown to pick up as already approved and will be charged to the Foundation bank card

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- We have not received one response from Warner

- Chief Brown will reach out and try to find another Congressman/Senator to sponsor our Bill
- Committee on Natural Resources recently recommended to the House, HB 1964, to Federally Recognize the Lumbee Tribe of NC via Congress. (Wonder what Congressman Donald McEachin is doing for us???)
- Bobby Scott says he is unaware of what is going on. Chief is putting it out there that by the end of 2021 that we will be Fed Recognized

Caroh (tribal Secretary) states total of 76 tribal letters have been sent at this time to Warner

**Tribal Application received from Robert I. Turner**, same geneology line as Chief Brown Father and Mother (Turner / Westbrook). Need Tribal Membership Vote.

**Vote to Accept Robert Turner as a member of the Cheroenhaka Nottoway Indian tribe Moved by Ellis Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroh Holley**

**\$250 Check was stratified:**

\$60 admin dues

\$25 card

\$165 land tax

FY 2020 Internal Audit of Foundation Checking Account – Form Audit Committee. Chief is asking that this be done before the FD treasurer duties are reassigned to someone else.

Chief will send email regarding the final audit

- Chief asking T Baxter T Preston and T Hines to handle internal audit before duties are turned over to new FR treasurer
- Form Budget Committee and Prepare FY 2021 Tribal Budget

Chief to Present Tribal "Certificates for a Centenarian" to three tribal members that have celebrated their 100 Birthday, two of which are 102 and 101 years of age. (set date for photo op). Ellis Wright mother and Karen Barrett sisters Chief looking for dates to do photo opt and get this out in the local papers.

**NOVEMBER 6, 7 & 8, 2020 SCHOOL DAY AND 27<sup>TH</sup> CORN HARVEST POWWOW**

**STATUS:**

**GO OR NO GO?**

**Motion and Vote (Please consider the Pandemic when voting)**

**Moved to Cancel by T Hines 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Holley to cancel the Powwow and School Day for November 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> due to the COVID pandemic**

Further conversation surrounded the fact that this is a deadly disease and that the tribe could be held liable if we hold an event and people get sick.

Beverly El also announced her resignation from the Board and Heritage Foundation at this time. She will be continuing as educational chairperson and coordinator (Scholarship Fund). Beverly will be sending her letter of resignation.

Chief Brown will entertain new council and board member at the next meeting

Alex 3 New Words Aquatio (Young men), Ohonog (skin), Osarst (squirrel)

**Motion by Ellis Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroh Holley to close out meeting with prayer**

Meeting closed with prayer @ 211pm

Notes taken by: C L Holley Tribal Secretary

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**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. **Requesting that Alex present 3 tribal words (Dar-sun-ke) and 3 sentences.**
  4. Read and approve Minutes from last meeting (note corrections and approve)
  5. **Old Business:**
    - Treasure's Report: Membership / payment of administrative dues - status. Tribal and Heritage Foundation Bank account balance on hand as of 10/10/2020  
\_\_\_\$18088.40\_\_\_\_\_
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    - **Status 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 – current Status???? – WE NEED THE REPORT)**
    - Turn In Dues/ Land Tax ./ Donations to FD Treasure:
      - o Last Deposits Made To Heritage FD Acct: \$450.00, 10/09/2020 Bal: \$17,738.49 as of 10/9/2020.
      - o Last Deposit Made To Tribal Acct \$1,000 CNE Rent: Bal\_\_\_\_\_
      - o Dominion Power Electric Payment Made \_09/18 \$132.10 and \$96.13\_\_\_\_\_
    - 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:**



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    - Other Ideas???
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- Work required to repair Long House and Round House at Cattashowrock Town :
  - Lewis Bateman working on the frame of the Long House.
  - Will have to purchase covering for the Long House.
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- 7. **Seeking Federal Recognition Point Runner in the US Senate....**Status: Email Letter to Senator Mark Warner some 60 sent. **No response from his office as of yet!...how many sent by tribal members? (Status???)**. **WE may have to reach out to another Senator....I am looking into this possibility.**
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- 13. **NOVEMBER 6, 7 & 8, 2020 SCHOOL DAY AND 27<sup>TH</sup> CORN HARVEST POWWOW STATUS:**
  - **GO OR NO GO?**
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- 14. In closing, requesting that Alex present 3 new words in our tribal Dar-sun-ke.
- 15. 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