

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

February 13, 2021, 12:00 Noon (ZOOM Meeting).

In Attendance:

Chief Brown
Ellis Wright
William Howell
Gary Burnette
Caroh Holley
Teresa Preston
Tommy Hines
Michael Skipper
Karen Barrett
Sonya Lawrence
Beverly El
Mary Francis Wilkerson
Rickie Boone

Meeting started at 1:20pm

- Reading of My Heart Song by Secretary and opening prayer by Chief RedHawk Brown

Chief discussed error on deposit spreadsheet pertaining to Carol Harrison payments and asked that \$10 be credited to her tribal accounts

Thank you to M Skipper for the work on the new Tribal Website – we are unable to post anything to the old website at this time. It appears the initiation of the new site removed the upload ability from the old site.

Overall Kudos to all Board and Council for their help as it takes all to bring the tribe to fruition.

Tribal and Heritage Foundation

- Treasure's Report: Membership / payment of administrative dues - status. Tribal and Heritage Foundation Bank account balance on hand as of 2/13/21: \$24,122.86
Tribal Bank account balance on hand as of 2/13/21: \$7,479.00
- Last Deposits Made to Heritage FD Acct: \$733 on 2/5/21 and \$1,553.02 on 2/8/21
- Last Deposit Made to Tribal Acct \$1,000 CNE Rent on 2/8/21

New Business:

- Winter Issue of tribal news letter (Thrahunta) published – need article input for Spring Issue. Thank you to Sonya Lawrence for all her hard work
- **Tribal Gazebo paid off in full \$2,145.21.** Thanks to those that made special donation.
- Need Screen Tight – cost \$700 - \$800 in Labor. Cost of materials pending.
- College Book Scholarships open for Second Semester (**\$300 per student - Vote**) Update from Beverly El on applications.

Beverly states that there have been no new applications and Chief Brown asked her to draft a letter/email for the secretary to send out requesting applications for 2021

Motion made to raise the book scholarship approved applications receive a \$300 stipend for book Scholarships Moved by C Holley Second by W Howell

Status Update: Federal Recognition Packet conference call with Congressman McEachin's office – Blair Wriston – Questions from Committee on Natural Resources. Chief Brown was asked how he thought other VA tribes would react as far as Cheroenhaka being Federal Recognized. Chief believes that this is due to the current reactions on the Lumbee tribe being Federally recognized.

- Preparing / compiling some 300 to 400 pages of supporting documents to be boxed and mailed to Congress - extracts from books, copies of tribal land deeds for Circle and Square Tract, Tribal History, large six inch thick 3 ring binder (scrap book) with tribal events, powwows, Presentations and other media coverage from 2002 - 2020, etc. Preparing list, will send to Council.
- Gary Burnette has located many newspaper articles (archived) that list references to dates and places of the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) resided and Chief Brown has requested him to make copies and send to him to use as supporting documentation

Open positions in the tribe needing to be filled:

- **Heritage FD Checking Account Treasurer Needed**
- **Assistant “Administrative” Powwow Chair Needed**
- **Tribal Women Group Leader Needed**
- **Tribal Word of the Week Speaker Needed**

Grant Status Update:

- 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!
Chief will begin putting up signs in the spring when the flowers start to bloom
Needs to make signpost to hang signs
- **Dominion Energy Open Grant** to renovate Cattashowrock Town - \$30, 000 (Need to Apply.)
Refurbishments grants to redo the village and other tribal areas and trails etc.
- **USDA Grant open need to apply-compost bathrooms along walking trails.**
- ANA SEDS and Language Grant – need to apply Chief Brown gas copies of the grants submitted prior so that it can be used as a template for those willing to help.
- Teresa Preston gave information on a 1.6 million grant to digitalize and share old recordings of tribal history - Chief asking Teresa to send the link to Gary to try and get more information
- Tommy brought up that Donnie Freeman has relatives that speak the Iroquoian language and could possibly help with this oral history in the language
- Gary brought up a structured formal and auditable way to demonstrate that we are executing the grant funds as indicated. Chief notes that the budget is the main document that is the auditable documentation.
- Caroh also brought up the types of reporting on federal grants and the type of auditable trail needed for reporting and rationale of proper accounting.

Chief is working on the 7th edition of the Waskehee and will be structuring the request for adds for the book.

- Recap 2021 Tribal Events – July and November Powwows hopefully we will be able to have these events

CNE, LLC Update: Tribal 8a Update (CNE, LLC): Waiting 8a certification.

- CNE, LLC owns 100% of the stocks in Dakota Intertek Corp- Bank Account controlled.
- This opens window for tribe to bid on government contracts
- Because we own Dakota Tek (Construction) we are asking them to send a quote on the construction of the museum on the tribal land

- Ownership of bank account from DakotaTek allows us to write checks for deposit into our BB&T

Fund Raiser:

- Fund Raiser Recommendations for 2021:
 - **Boston Butt cook-off – sell for \$30 per Butt (must presale tickets)**
 - Holly Davison Motorcycle ride through on tribal land.
 - November / December Turkey Shoot on tribal
 - 2021 Tribal Calendar Sales – great job by Karen in getting these calendars created
 - Other Ideas???

Cattashowrock Town Palisade poles need replacing – need 85 @ \$17 each from Agri Supply in Petersburg, VA. (Need Help to PICKUP and PUTUP)

- 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. Looking at a different faux bark to cover long house – Chief asking Teresa to check on this new product cost and name. This is slightly less thick than the rubberized bark on the small roundhouse

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 letters sent by tribal members?

UPDATE:

- 76 Tribal members have sent letters to Sen. Warner out of the 256 tribal members on the email roster that were sent the request to send a letter
- Chief asking for secretary to send this email to the newer members so they can send the letter in

Need Budget Committee to Prepare FY 2021 Tribal /Foundation Budget

- Chief asking Teresa Preston, Tommy Hines and Caroh Holley to assist with putting the 2021 budget together
- Tommy suggesting that we investigate hiring a bookkeeping service to maintain our outgoing/incoming expenses also suggesting the purchase of QUICKBOOK for a 30-40 bucks a month service that will allow multiple users and reporting
- Chief is trying to get new tribal member Candace Credle to come on board to work in the financial area
- Discussion on budget and request to Tommy Hines to create a spreadsheet encompassing exactly what is owed to the tribal account from the foundation for tribal member dues and land maintenance fees; Tommy stated that he will need assistance from Caroh as he does not have all the budget information.

Present Tribal “Certificates for a Centenarian” to two other tribal members that have **celebrated their 100 Birthday, one of which is 103 years of age. (set date for photo op).**

- Karen and Chief to try and set a date for a Monday or Tuesday to do photos

T Hines suggest for 2022 Tribal address it is asked that we use the title State of the Tribe as the title is a little cumbersome

Kudos given by William and Teresa to Chief Brown for all the work he has done; William Lamb expressed his appreciation of Chief Brown for moving the tribe forward and assigning the right persons to the tasks at hand. Teresa Preston also expressed her thanks.

Chief gave kudos again to all the tribal members who have helped to bring to fruition all the hard work over the years and to remember that the work of the many is always done by the work of the few!

In closing, WE Thank Alex Whitney for the super job he has done presenting the words of the week in our tribal Dar-sun-ke.

Close our meeting with prayer by Chief Brown at 1:56pm