

Tsalagiyi Nvdagi Council Minutes
January 16, 2021

Smudging started at 1:00 p.m. at Land of Spirits

Present:

Ugu Ron Black Eagle Trussell

Treasurer Linda Bear Heart Trussell

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest

Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham

Eastern District Chief Ramona Yellow Buffalo Calf Woman TePaske via telephone (Need proxy as required by IRS)

Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia Proxy assigned to Kassa Willingham

At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff Proxy assigned to Jennifer Forest

Justice Council Arlie Path Maker Bice

Sharon Evening Deer Bice

Jack Thunder Hawk Sheridan

Absent:

Pacific Northwest Chief Chet McVay

Northern District Chief Tom Adcox

Deputy Chief John Laughing Bear Stephenson Due to other obligations

Linda Bear Heart Trussell gave the opening prayer.

Ugu Ron Black Eagle Trussell asked for prayers for Pacific Northwest Chief Chet McVay and his wife and family as all had been struck with the Covid 19 virus.

The minutes from the annual Gathering on October 17,2020 were read and approved as read.

Treasurers' Report:

Received \$ 237.00 in payment for dues so far this year.

Ugu received a letter from long time member Larry Cooper in Hamilton paying dues for himself and daughter plus \$76.00 extra to go toward the road work.

Balance is \$5655.22

Scholarship Fund is \$1258.26

IRS Form 9N has been received back from the IRS.

Unfinished Business:

Our tribe has received a long awaited letter from the National Congress of the American Indians, that we are now recognized, and that our information is correct on their website. This has been in large part through At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff efforts with approval from Ugu Ron Black Eagle Trussell and the council. At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff's information is not yet correct on the website. Our standing is good until September, when it must be renewed.

When we go to the capital in Austin, we will be able to show that we are a recognized tribe by the National Congress of American Indians.

At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff and his brother are planning to attend the mid term conference, and will let us know in April how we may help make this possible. A letter from this Chief will be placed in the minutes.

New Business:

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest has located someone who has equipment, and is willing to help us get the road fixed. He is willing to donate his time and equipment to help us.

A metal sign is being made for the property stating this is tribal land and no trespassing. We will have a gate to put up and other warning signs.

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest said that since clans are an important part of the tribe, and we do not have all seven clans represented in ours, we need to try and get all seven clans represented. Suggestions were to talk with each and every member and figure out their strengths and weaknesses and adopt them into the clan that is their strongest area, because most of our tribe are long hair. Eastern District Chief Ramona Yellow Buffalo Calf Woman TePaske said there is a ceremony that goes with bringing a person into that clan, and suggested doing it at the next annual gathering.

Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia reported on the signs made for the tribal land in his letter to Ugu Ron Black Eagle Trussell. The two signs will be (\$85.49). Eastern District Chief Ramona Yellow Buffalo Calf Woman TePaske made a motion to pay for the signs and Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest seconded it. The motion passed by the council. The Southern District is also looking at doing a two mile pick up of trash on TX Dot 287/69, doing it in winter and spring.

Jack Thunder Hawk Sheridan said he has washed gravel to be put in the holes in the road when it dries up, and that he has his truck fixed. Since Brenda Nature Woman Sheridan broke her ankle, he cannot leave her for too long at a time.

Good of the Tribe:

Jack Thunder Hawk Sheridan asked permission to send a letter to the Governor himself and try to accelerate the meeting with him instead of going through all the aides.

Closing prayer was given by Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham at 1:55 p.m. Next Council meeting will be on Tribal Land, April 10, 2021, 1 p.m., weather permitting.

Lunch was held on the Land of the Spirits following the meeting.

After the meeting we talked about putting up a shed or covering to store some things such as garden or ground tools. At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff had talked about it also as a project idea. We will wait until the Spring meeting in April, for more discussion on location, and maybe have a drawing or blueprints. Jack Thunder Hawk Sheridan said he would talk to someone to maybe donate some posts.

Addendum: Letter from At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff.

Osiyo,

Well we finally got approved as a Member Tribe to National Congress of American Indians and we are listed in the Tribal Directory with corrected contact information.

As a Member Tribe/Nation we will have the opportunity to affect American Indian Policy at a Federal and State level United with many other recognized Tribes from across the United States. Our Tribal

Council now has a platform to introduce resolutions in support of American Indian issues across the board.

I would like to represent our Tribe at the 2021 Mid Year NCAI Conference and Marketplace at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska, June 20-24. As long as this will be an in person event rather than virtual I plan to attend.

My younger brother Jake Hoff – Lone Wolf who is a Tribal member would like to attend with me. He would be joining the NCAI as an individual Indian member under the Tribe and he would pay his own membership fee. We plan to raise money and pay our own way but any help the tribe wishes to provide would be appreciated. I will also be contacting NCAI with hotel and meal questions but the majority of the cost would be plane tickets, room, and board.

I ask you all for your support and any ideas or questions you may have.

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Chief William Hoff- Crazy Bear

At- Large District.