

## Tribal Minutes October 16, 2021

Present: Ugu Ron Black Eagle Trussell,  
Deputy Chief: John Laughing Bear Stephenson,  
Eastern US District Chief Ramona Yellow Buffalo Calf Woman Tepaske,  
At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff,  
Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia,  
Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest,  
Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham,  
Womens Warrior Chief/ Treasurer Linda Bear Heart Trussell.

Justice Council Members: Arlie Path Maker Bice, Sharon Clouded Panther Carter.

Proxies: Pacific Northwest District Chief Chet McVay, given to Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia.

Absent: Northern District Chief Tom Adcox.

Meeting led by Ugu Ron Black Eagle Trussell.

Opening prayer given by Women's Warrior Chief Linda Bear Heart Trussell.

Our tribe is continuing to grow.

Our 2 buildings are on hold while awaiting metal delivery. Areas have been discussed and prepared.

Thanks to Jack Thunder Hawk Sheridan for helping to fill in ruts on the road.

The Tsalagiya Nvdagi tribe has paid \$150 dues to the National Congress of American Indians. At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff has paid his individual dues so he can travel and represent our tribe if the meetings are open this year with the pandemic.

Items are on sale through our website. Texas Cherokee. Net. The Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia has come up with items to help support efforts to grow.

Two (2) possible scholarships coming up at \$500.00 each.

Elections next year. Four (4) Districts, One (1) National.

District Elections:

At Large District

Central District

Northern District

Treaty District

Qualifiers: Must live in Represented District, must be over 40 in age and a tribal member in good standing of the Tsalagiya Nvdagi.

National Election:

Ugu

Qualifiers: Must live in Texas, must be over 50 in age, and a tribal member in good standing of Tsalagi descent.

If you plan to run, notification must be given by April, before ballots are sent out. Write in candidates are eligible to run.

Everyone over 18 and in good standing (members have paid dues) may vote.

Serving Love Foundation, through the Eastern band in Idaho, is willing and able to share health related information.

A question has come up regarding sales of native produced goods and artwork. This has been addressed by the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People under Article 61 of 295, dated September 2007.

Activities planned or underway by District.

At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff: none at present.

Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham: working with gathering, nothing else at present.

Eastern US District Chief Ramona Yellow Buffalo Calf Woman: working on trash, Fran Dukes is now her Deputy Chief for Florida, Randy Thoene is working on the District Newsletter, looking for more Deputies for states.

Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia: provided native Arts and Crafts Law, selling items on website, Covid has slowed activities, has a new Deputy Len Ingram.

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest: thanked everyone for their help in this year's gathering, and is working on plans for next year.

Justice Council: Nothing to provide at this time.

Womens' Warrior Chief Linda Bear Heart Trussell: nothing at the moment, will work with the women throughout the year.

Brenda Nature Woman Sheridan provided flowers for the Memorial Garden.

The Council Meeting was closed at 1:37 pm.

Closing prayer was given by Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham.