

Tribal Council Meeting
at Land of Spirits
April 16, 2022

Present:

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell
Warrior Woman Chief / Treasurer Linda Bear Heart Trussell
Deputy Chief John Laughing Bear Stephenson
Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham
Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest
Justice Council Member Sharon Cloud Panther Carter
Jack Thunder Hawk Sheridan
Brenda Nature Woman Sheridan
Samantha Bringer of Sunshine Sanders

Proxies:

Pacific Northwest District Chief Chet McVay
Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia
Eastern District Chief Ramona Yellow Buffalo Calf Woman Tepaski
At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff

The proxies for the Pacific Northwest District Chief and Southern District Chief were assigned to the Central District Chief for voting.

The proxies for the Eastern District Chief and the At Large District Chief were assigned to the Treaty District Chief for voting.

Note: When discussing council or tribal issues, always include UGU. Do not go behind UGU's back so there is no blindsiding on any issue.

Warrior Woman Chief / Treasurer Linda Trussell gave the opening prayer at 12:30.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell stated all candidates were in, and was asking the Council for stamps for 256 ballots to be mailed out.

Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham made a motion for paying for stamps and printing costs. Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf seconded the motion. No discussion on issue, motion passed.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell said the ballots would be printed in color so they would cost a bit more. Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham stated she will donate \$200.00 to tribe for printing.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell said to make checks or money orders out to tribe.

A discussion was brought up about donating to the relief effort in the Ukraine helping women and children.

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest said there were 5 organizations that had been mentioned or looked at, and recommended Doctors without Borders.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell brought up UNICEF as another choice to consider. The tribe doesn't have a credit or debit card, so now is a good time for the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report given by Linda Bear Heart Trussell.

Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham recommended a \$200.00 donation, which was seconded by Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell recommended \$1000.00 in the discussion. Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham amended her motion to \$770.00, seconded by Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest. Motion passed.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell instructed the Treasurer to write a check to Doctors without Borders for \$770.00.

Justice Council members are appointed, chosen by the tribal council subject to approval by the UGU.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell wishes to appoint Brenda Nature Woman Sheridan to the council, who is replacing Arlie Pathmaker Bice. Brenda Nature Woman Sheridan stated that she would be honored to be on the council, and was provided a copy of the Constitution from UGU.

Janice Grandmother Turtle Leggings Hall made a request to join the Justice Council to replace Eagle Claw. He is good with that. Two members of the Justice Council must always show up for Tribal Council meetings.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell received from Curtis Watson a package of heirloom seeds from Native Seeds Search, which are available to tribal members. This year 15 packets are available, where before only 10 were available.

A letter came from Native American Philanthropy. They are gathering information on working with tribes, and the information is available if anyone wishes to look at it.

We have 1 scholarship approved by committee.

At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff sent information from Lucille Contreras regarding the Texas Tribal Buffalo Project. They wish for our endorsement, the ability to show our Tribal emblem, and if we will donate \$250.00, they will sell our members Buffalo at fair market value. This was done in the form of a motion which seconded by Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest. IN discussion; UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell stated he had looked up the organization. Most of the meat goes to the Lipan Apaches. They deal with sponsors across the nation. They can use our website. If we join, he thinks individuals in our tribe can buy the meat. They are located in southern Texas. The motion passed by vote.

Motion made by At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff, read by Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest.

At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff made a motion to send the plaque and other items to the Governor's mansion before the elections as we have been unable to meet with Governor Abbot with ongoing affairs. Jack Thunder Hawk Sheridan stated the letters have already been sent, and Senator Hughes is trying to facilitate the meeting.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell tabled the motion till next meeting since the motion for the letters has already been done. The following passed by UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell to Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest to be read.

At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff has announced his selections for the Deputy Chiefs of the At Large District:

Linda Sue Buchholz for Arizona and New Mexico,

Curtis Watson for Oklahoma,

Rachelle Roby for Colorado and Utah,

Jake Hoff for North and South Dakota,

Roger DeCoster for Nevada and California,

Kent Malcolm for Nebraska and Kansas,

Dale Rogers for Alaska, Hawaii, and Pacific Island countries (Australia).

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell announced that according to the IRS, we are in good standing as a 501.3c as Tsalagiya Nvdagi Inc., as of January 2nd, 2022.

Talk about Facebook.

There was a post by Southern District Deputy Chief Lynn Ingram setting up a website Texas Cherokee .com. I didn't respond because I wanted to wait and see what it was about. Before it was taken down, responses were both positive and negative, mostly positive. Administer At Large District Chief Hoff took it down because of comments and complaints by Estellas. Chief Hoff spoke on protocol and nonprofit status, and brought it up on Facebook as a correction. Protocol, everything should have been through Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia. A lot of people haven't followed protocol, I have 3 pages. I brought it up in January, and I have been blindsided in Facebook and in Council. On protocol; each District should run things through the Principle Chief. I am ethical, an ethical UGU should bring items before the council. I have been disrespected. I don't care if you like me, respect the office. These comments were not sent out in January. I expect to see them in this meeting's minutes. I see nothing wrong in the website at this time. It is mostly history and education related at this time. I will continue to look, and will contact the individual. But it should have been brought to me.

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest made a motion for Sharon Cloud Panther Carter to research the copyright and trademark for our tribe. Seconded by At Large District Chief William Crazy Bear Hoff and Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham. The motion passed.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell to Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest, why do you have this motion and I don't? The web manager sent it to Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest because of potential ramifications. It should come to UGU, then to the council for approval, then consider payment. Any post should have come through UGU, then the council.

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell stated that the Arts and Crafts Certification is on hold. The person said the products he used to make his crafts were from Michaels. UGU mailed back with a list of American made suppliers. When he sees the new products he will deal with the certification.

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest raised a question. We are a nonprofit and an LLC?

UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell stated that tribal officers cannot be individually sued because we are and LLC. The tribe, but the officers cannot be. We are a tribe, not a band, the tribe itself is a nonprofit, the people are Tsalagiya Nvdagi. As a tribe individuals cannot be sued, only the tribe. Our 501.3c is our nonprofit designation for fund raising.

Closing Prayers were given by Deputy Chief John Laughing Bear Stephenson at 2:00 p.m.