

Tsalagiyi Nvdagi
Council Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2022

Members Present:

Deputy Chief John Laughing Bear Stephenson (as acting Ugu)
Treasurer/Registrar Linda Bear Heart Trussell
At Large District Chief Bill Crazy Bear Hoff
Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham
Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest
Justice Council Member Brenda Nature Woman Sheridan
Justice Council Member Sharon Cloud Panther Carter

Members present by proxy:

Pacific Northwest Chief Chet McVay
Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia

Absent:

Eastern U.S. District Chief Ramona Yellow Buffalo Calf Woman Tepaske (proxy vote mislabeled)
Northern District Chief Tom Adcox
Justice Council Member Janice Turtle Leggings Hall

Opening Prayer given by Deputy Chief John Stephenson.

Treasurer/Registrar Linda Trussell and Justice Council Member Brenda Sheridan left the meeting to go and count the votes for the district and national election positions before later announcing those who would be filling the positions for the coming years to be sworn in at the October 15th 2022, gathering at Land of the Spirits in Troup, Texas.

Ugu Ron Black Eagle Trussell has in the past paid for the Port-A-Potties out of pocket for the Gathering. At large District Chief Bill Hoff made a motion that the tribe would hereafter cover those costs. Treaty District Chief Jennifer Forest seconded. The motion was approved by the council.

UGU Ron Trussell had in the past provided pop up tents, tables and chairs for the gathering as well as cleaning supplies around the Port-A-Potties. Deputy Chief John Stephenson had also provided pop up tents, tables and supplies. This year more pop up tents need to be provided as well as tables to offset the loss left by UGU's passing. Treaty District member Jack Thunder Hawk Sheridan offered to supply a couple of pop ups. David Edwards and Justice Council Member Sharon Carter also offered to supply a couple of tables, and pop ups. All District Chiefs are urged to remind their members who are planning on attending this year's Gathering to please bring their own chairs for all those in their party.

The Tribe had entered an agreement with the Texas Tribal Buffalo Project in support of providing Buffalo Meat to the tribe or to individuals at a discounted rate. This year will be our first chance to experience the benefits of that agreement at our Annual Gathering. Lucille Contreras founder and CEO of TTBP and a member of the Lipan Apache tribe, will be bringing 15 pounds of ground

meat for fry bread tacos, and 20 pounds of stew meat to be used in our main meal on Saturday. It will be stone soup style.

We are asking everyone to bring their bowl and utensils this year. We will have two tubs for cleaning. Those eating will be responsible for washing and cleaning the bowl after they are finished dining. We are making an effort this year to create less trash through the use of disposable items and be more responsible by looking out for Mother Earth. A limited supply of bowls and utensils will be available for those flying in by airplane.

During culture camp the meals will consist of sandwiches and sides.

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Forest will be checking on getting hot dogs through her husband's Company.

A Treaty District member named David Edwards will be providing Smoked brisket for Fridays' lunch. Others are encouraged to bring shared sides.

The Red Feather Society (Aniayastigi) has one who wishes to join this year. There are three others who are possible.

Deputy Chief John Stephenson has dried gourds for members of the Aniayastigi to start making their rattles with. The men will start learning the Gourd Dances and the meaning behind them. The music, the steps, and weapons will be taught.

An effort is being made to locate the Red Cards for our Red Feather Society. In an effort to assist in getting them to the correct people, an all call from our District Chiefs is being made to locate these individuals if you have them on your roll sheets and know they have joined. Deputy Chief John Stephenson is making an effort on UGU Ron Trussells computer to find them.

Guards for the Gathering may be provided in intervals by members of the Warrior Society or volunteers who are citizens of the tribe. We will have photographs and a crash course in security.

In a break from previous years, naming ceremonies will not be held at a specific time where other activities may be disrupted. Naming ceremonies will be conducted from Thursday night forward into Saturday where others may observe if they so desire. At the close of Saturdays business at the Gathering, all newly named, their families, and all others are encouraged to make and walk in a large circle where they may declare their names if desired. Inter-tribal music may be played while marching in the circle.

Jack Thunder Hawk Sheridan will get the wood for our Sacred fire for the Gathering.

The Warrior Woman Society will meet from 0900 till 1000 on Saturday morning.

A College Scholarship was awarded to Jayda Carter from our Education Fund for this year.

An all call goes out to our District Chiefs to remind or request from our members if it is possible for them to make a donation (tax deductible) to our education fund. Our scholarships are open to all members or families of the tribe regardless of district, but our fund does need to be sustained. Fund raisers for this purpose are also welcomed.

A discussion was held to change the name of our Education Fund from the Joe West Education Fund. At large District Chief Bill Hoff made a motion, seconded by Treaty District Chief Jennifer Forest to Change the name to the Black Eagle Memorial Education Fund. This was approved by the council.

At large District Chief Bill Hoff is our tribal delegate to National Congress of American Indians and with the passing of Ugu Ron Trussell there is now an opening for an alternate delegate. Treaty District Chief Jennifer Forest Made a motion to let At Large District Chief Bill Hoff pay the tribal dues for NCAI and re-emburse him. Central District Chief Kassa Willingham seconded the motion and it passed.

Southern District Chief John Garcia sent a report stating he had received membership requests and sent them applications by mail. The Southern District had sent a \$150.00 donation to the Uvalde, Texas Charity account in response to the loss of children in the school shootings at Robb Elementary School.

The Southern District donated 2 metal barrels and magnetic signs, for the good of the tribe at Land of Spirits, for future Gatherings for litter placement, etc.

In the past, UGU Ron Trussell, has paid all the electric bills on Land of Spirits, including the higher bills at the Gathering. At large District Chief Bill Hoff made a motion that the tribal account pay the electric bill, this was seconded by Treaty District Chief Jennifer Forest who said she would look into changing the electric service as she knew someone in the company. The Council approved.

Central District Chief Kassa Willingham brought up that a better way has to be done in listing those who come to the Gathering that we may have better contact information for future use. Treaty District Jennifer Forest agreed as did Justice Council Members Sharon Carter and Brenda Sheridan. Clip boards will be supplied, paperwork forms will be supplied, pens will be supplied. Cards will be filled out and collected. That data will be put on a computer or pad. We will collect all pertinent data, and build our records.

Treasurer/Registrar Linda Trussell has been invited to Oklahoma for an Honoring Ceremony and Service for UGU Ron Black Eagle Trussell.

The Schedule of Events for the Gathering is as Follows

October 12, Tuesday:	People arrive and start doing set up.
October 13, Wednesday:	Culture Camp begins.
October 14, Thursday:	Culture Camp continues. Naming Ceremonies begin that evening.
October 15, Friday:	Getting people moved in and set up who are bringing tents and RVs. Continuation of Naming Ceremonies. Community meals and preparation for Saturday.
October 16, Saturday:	Warrior Woman Society meets 0900-1000. Continuation of Naming Ceremonies Warrior Society meets 1030-1130 Lunch

Tribal Council meeting begins 1300
Swearing in of new Council Members
Give Away Blanket
Discussions
Diner

Treasurers Report:

The Tribe made a donation to Doctors Without Borders of	\$770.00
The Tribe paid towards the TTBP	\$250.00
The Tribe collected and made a deposit of	\$ 50.00
Tribal Balance	\$11,203.29
Education Fund	\$1,335.31
Scholarship paid out	\$500.00
Education Balance	\$835.31

Election Results:

At large District Chief William Hoff
Central District Chief Kassa Willingham
Northern District Chief Deanne Priddy
Treaty District Chief Jennifer Forest
UGU Sharon Carter

Wado to all the members who exercised your rights and voted! Your voice was heard.

A very large Wado Equa to the Sheridan family in the Treaty District which hosted the meeting and provided all with a very nice meal!

Closing Prayer given by Tribal Adawehi Chief Bill Hoff.

Council Meeting Closed at 1615.