

Tribal Council Meeting

January 21, 2023

Meeting was held at the Jacksonville Texas library with a quorum present

Present

Ugu Sharon Cloud Panther Carter

Deputy Chief John Laughing Bear Stephenson

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest

At-Large District Chief Bill Crazy Bear Hoff

Central District Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham

Judicial Council Member Brenda Nature Woman Sheridan

Judicial Council Member Paul McCollum

Present by Proxy

Eastern District Chief Ramona Yellow Buffalo Calf Woman TePaske (also present via Zoom)

Northern District Chief Deanna Dancing Star Woman Wood-Priddy

Southern District Chief John Big Sky Garcia

There were also many tribal members present in person and via Zoom

Meeting opened with prayer By Chief Bill Crazy Bear Hoff after the majority went outside for smudging.

Ugu Sharon Cloud Panther Carter brought out and introduced the talking stick. She then started meeting by reading Ugu Pappy Hick's goals and wishes for the tribe stating this is what we need to get back to.

Chief Kassa Eagle Wolf Willingham presented Pacific Northwest District Chief Chester McVay's proxy. Since it was not received at the Tribal address in New Summerfield per request of Ugu it was called invalid.

Ugu Sharon Cloud Panther Carter addressed the position of Chief pre-temp. A position that is elected among the Tribal council and vote on by the council. This position has been Held By Chief Kassa for last 4 years. Ugu Sharon proposed that Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest be placed in this position. Was opened for discussion. Was voted on by Tribal Council and all voted yes. Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest is now Chief Pro-temp

Financial Report:

Chief Kassa said the scholarship account currently has \$1300.00 in it.

No report was brought as Treasurer Linda Bear Heart Trussell was not present and nothing was presented to the council from her.

Appointments made by Ugu Sharon Cloud Panther Carter

Secretary\Treasurer: Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest

Registrar: Jennifer Song Catcher Carter

Discussion of appointments and transfer of info to new registrar was held by council was approved by all.

Executive session for impeachment proceedings began

It was decided that all could speak in these proceedings as was requested by Judicial Council Members Brenda Sheridan and Paul McCollum.

Chief Bill Crazy Bear Hoff brought forth the impeachment proceedings against Tom Adcox. Since he had sent in an email stating he wishes to step down from any position and wishes to not be placed in any other position and in light of his age and health, it was decided to drop the impeachment proceedings against him. Vote was unanimous.

Chief Ramona brought up the status of the website he has withheld from the tribe for over 2 years. And was agreed that since we have a good website now and a good web master running it, we will just let this issue be over. We will do more to notify all members of correct website for the tribe.

Chief Bill Crazy Bear Hoff brought the impeachment proceedings against Pacific Northwest District Chief Chester McVay.

Paul McCollum stated that Mr. McVay was not given enough time to prepare travel arrangements or even a defense for himself against the accusations.

Brenda Sheridan asked if this could be postponed until the next Council meeting.

A discussion was held and agreed upon by council to hear the information being brought against Mr. McVay at this meeting, to then send that information to him, and to give him till the next meeting to either come to defend himself or to send in a defense against the charges. Chief Bill Hoff then presented the reasons for the impeachment which include: dereliction of duty, violating trust as an elected official, not fulfilling the oath of office he took, spreading false information, and making false accusations against the Tribal Leadership. Chief Kassa read the latest email from Mr. McVay.

Treaty District Chief Jennifer Spirit Wolf Forest presented the charges for impeachment against Deputy Chief John Stephenson. These reasons were dereliction of duty, acts against the founder of the Tribe, Chief Duwali; Going against or acting contrary to the Constitution of the Tsalagiya Nvdagi or in detriment to the tribe. John Stephenson was able to speak in his own defense. It was suggested that the Council give him till the April meeting to correct his actions, communicate in an appropriate way, provide Ugu Sharon with the items and assistance that has been asked for and we will then revisit the impeachment at the April meeting where we will vote on it. All agreed.

Old Business

Ugu reviewed the annual gathering and the positive feedback from those present at the gathering.

Tabled all old business on agenda that had anything to do with our Tribal land as that issue has not been resolved at this time.

New Business

Ugu Sharon presented the topic of appointing a Tribal Historian. A person to be the custodian of sacred items so that in the future things are not lost with the transition of tribal government. She asked that the tribal council think about who they think would be good for this position.

New members apps. Chief Spirit Wolf stated we have 17 new member apps for approval and will send via email for approval vote. She then went over the proper way to fill out an application and the District Chiefs part in that. Chief Ramona then suggested that all apps be sent first to the District Chief so they can assist in fixing any problems with the app. All approved.

Ugu brought up the proposed Constitution that was started over 2 years ago by Ugu Ron Trussell. She then passed out copies to those who did not have it and offered to email to others.

Blanket drive and Artisan request and other items not fully addressed due to time restraints will be addressed and brought to council via email in the coming days.

Gift for Governor was discussed and Jack asked that he be given 2 weeks.

Chief Bill Hoff presented old tribal flags that were found wadded up and thrown on the ground after the July 2022 meeting. He explained that the flag is sacred and should be treated as such. Discussed the proper way to retire the flag and showed photos of the improper way.

Meeting was closed in prayer By Chief Kassa.

For the Good of the Tribe:

Following the meeting, due to limited time at our location, the council finished and dealt with some business not addressed or completed during the physical meeting. They are as follows:

- The new members were approved by all
- The new artisan requests were approved by all
- It was discussed and Ugu and treasurer will be signers on the new account being opened. This is temporary until next meeting where we will discuss it further but is needed immediately due to not being able to access current account and the need to obtain legal consult.
- Ugu, in writing, and via email, vetoed the decision to postpone impeachment proceedings on John Stephenson and brought it to a vote. Was voted on by council 4 voted yes, 1 voted no, 1 abstained, and 1 did not respond. So it was passed and John Stephenson was removed from his position as Deputy Chief.
- District Chief Kassa Willingham was able to give an exact total for the Scholarship fund, which is \$1368.61.