



DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Culture Preservation Committee

FCS Conference Room

5110 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006

May 6th, 2025 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order

1. Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Welcome Guests
4. Approve the Agenda

II. Approval of April 2025 Minutes

III. Treasurer's Report

April 2025 Financials

IV. Old Business

1. FCS Follow up on June event.
2. Ratify Poll vote 3/28/25
3. Ratify Poll votes 4/14/2025
4. Ratify Poll vote 4/29/2025

5. April Reinterment Luggage Reimbursement
6. Schedule visiting Nancy Sumpter

IV. New Business

7. Meal for May 15th Dance Practice
8. Meal for Thursday Family Night at Powwow
9. Firewood for Sweat & Powwow
10. Group trip to White Oak Ceremonial Grounds
11. Upcoming classes

VI. Motions and notices

VII. Set the time, date and location of the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Alicia Rezendes, Secretary

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**Minutes of the Culture Preservation Committee Meeting**

April 1st, 2025

Present: Tristen Tucker, Martina Thomas, Alicia Rezendes, Levi Randoll, Gretchen Williams and Jim Rementer. Jason Jones and Alyssa Emert attended as guests.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Levi Randoll.

A prayer was given by Tristen . Roll call was taken.

We welcomed guests and allowed comments and questions. Alyssa was present to speak about an event FCS is holding to thank their community contributors and was asking for cultural inclusion, with our committee sharing a bit about our Tribe, culture, history, language. The date is TBD in June, from 4-8, with a dinner and door prizes. Levi suggested purchasing a blanket from Lenape Reserve to donate to the door prizes.

We agreed to talk it over and continue the discussion at a later date to finalize the date/availability and how we could help.

We reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

#1.) Levi made a motion to approve the agenda.

It was seconded by Gretchen.

#2.) Levi made a motion to approve March meeting minutes.

It was seconded by Gretchen.

There was no March treasury report available.

Next we moved on to Old Business. Levi let everyone know he had given Tristen his wampum and what he would need to make a candle, to use in future races.

Next we discussed the upcoming Wampum Bracelet Class and what we would need for the meal. A suggestion was made to use bison meat instead of ground beef. Gretchen shared that her husband would be able to get bison meat from the Osage, through work. We decided we would need 5-10 lbs of bison meat for 25-30 people and Gretchen said that she would find out how much that would cost and get back to us. Levi shared that he could make some acorn bread and blue corn bread for the Chili meal.

Alicia shared that she had received an email that three more people wanted to join the in-person class, but we did not have any more open seats and invited them to join via Zoom.

Jason then shared that we should mention the meat is for DTI in order to receive a possible discount on the meat.

We then moved on to discuss the upcoming reinterment trip in Pennsylvania. Gretchen shared that Scott would need the birth dates of those attending, in order to finalize making flight/hotel arrangements.

Martina shared that there are three items that she is coordinating delivery for and was excited to see them as some of them are brooches. She also shared that she is bringing cooks for the meals and has plenty of hands to help cook and serve. She also shared that two women from Moravian town, 3 from Canada, Deborah Dotson, as well as Brad Kills Crow, Rusty and Lindsey, would be in attendance.

Next we moved on to New Business.

#3.) Levi made a motion to Ratify the poll votes made on 03/12/2025

1. I'd like to make a motion to spend up to the total sum of \$250.00 for gasoline for our Wild Onion Dig in Copan, OK and a trip to support Delaware Tribal Member, River Michael, at his stomp dance in Oklahoma City on the same night, March 22nd.
2. I'd like to make a motion to spend up to a total of \$100.00 for a waterproof tarp to cover our sweatlodge from the store Harbor Freight.
3. I'd like to make a motion for up to \$100 for snacks and drinks from Walmart for the wild onion dig on march 22nd.

All motions passed.

It was seconded by Martina.

#4.) Levi made a motion to Ratify poll vote made on 3/21/2025

1. I would like to make a motion, via poll vote today, to spend \$300, in cash, for both shell shakers and leaders that will be helping out at the Delaware Tribes Art Market, April 5th.

Motion passed with 5 Yes and 1 No

It was seconded by Martina.

Next we discussed that Jason Jones has attended 2 consecutive Cultural Preservation Committee meetings and has expressed interest in joining our committee and has met the requirements to be voted on. He continued with expressing Jason's ongoing involvement with our Tribes cultural activities, not just through committee participation, but also through the Lenapeowi program. He shared all of the various ways that Jason continues to participate and culturally contribute and teach and will be a wonderful contribution to our committee.

#5.) Tristen made a motion for Jason Jones to join the Cultural Preservation Committee. It was seconded by Martina.

Tristen then shared how we need to be holding more dance practices.

Levi said that he would like to invite Dolly Haney to come and teach us dance steps for the Cherokee dance. Jim said that he would support Dolly coming and he does have a video of the Cherokee dance.

Next we discussed what ideas we had for May. Tristen shared that he and W.C. will soon be going onion picking.

We continued to discuss holding more dance practices and what we would serve for dinner. Tristen shared that he thinks we should be cooking for all of these meals rather than always purchasing the food. We collectively agreed that we would alternate between buying meals and cooking meals.

We agreed to have 3 upcoming dance practices, on April 17th, May 1st and May 15th.

6.) Levi made a motion to spend up to \$250 for Dinks for the April 17th dance practice. It was seconded by Alicia.

Alicia then asked whoever makes the purchase, to reserve money for a tip, as there wasn't enough money to cover a tip last time food was ordered from Dinks.

Next we discussed visiting Nancy Sumpter. Tristen shared that his grandmother Kay, had suggested that we go visit and sing social dance songs for her. Levi said that this was something that the Elder Committee used to regularly do (visit Tribal Members in care facilities).

Alicia suggested getting a can and making a motion for another gas card and to reach out to the Elder's Committee to see if they would like to join us.

#7.) Tristen made a motion to support Nancy Sumpter as a committee by renting a tribal van and purchasing gas, to visit the nursing home.

It was seconded by Gretchen.

#8.) Tristen made a motion to purchase a \$50 gas card to visit Nancy as a committee. It was seconded by Jason.

The date of visiting her was TBD.

Jim then gave a language report and shared that the DIN is available for April and page 19 had the language report, in addition to that, he is continuing to add to the Lenape Talking dictionary website. He then shared that the word of the day was “Wanishi” and that we should all learn 10 words from the Word a Day calendar as homework.

Tristen mentioned John and Karen Tucker had donated 3 dozen eggs for our Wild Onion dinner and that it would be good to donate an honorarium for their contribution.

#9.) Levi made a motion to spend up to \$50 at Lenape Reserve for John and Karen Tucker donating eggs for the wild onion dinner.

It was seconded by Martina.

Jason then asked if the Tribe would still be holding the stomp dance this weekend, due to bad weather and we were all unsure. Jim said that there was to be severe weather for the coming days.

#10.) Levi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55.

It was seconded by Gretchen.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

April 1st 2025

Motion Number 1

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Gretchen

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Motion passed: Yes 6      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 2

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Gretchen

Motion: To approve March meeting minutes.

Motion passed: Yes 6      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 3

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Martina

Motion: To Ratify the poll votes made on 03/12/2025, To spend \$250 in gasoline for the wild onions/stomp dance trips, To spend up to \$100 for waterproof tarp for the sweat lodge and to spend up to \$100 for drinks and snacks for the wild onion dig.

Motion passed: Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0

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Motion Number 4

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Martina

Motion: To Ratify poll vote made on 03/21/2025, to spend \$300, in cash, for both shell shakers and leaders that will be helping out at the Delaware Tribes Art Market, April 5th.

Motion passed: Yes 5 No 1 Abstain 0

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Motion Number 5

Motion made by: Tristen

Seconded by: Martina

Motion: For Jason Jones to join the Cultural Preservation Committee

Motion passed: Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0

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Motion Number 6

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: To spend up to \$250 for Dinks for the April 17th dance practice.

Motion passed: Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0

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Motion Number 7

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: To support Nancy Sumpter as a committee by renting a Tribal van and purchasing gas, to visit the nursing home.

Motion passed: Yes 7        No 0        Abstain 0

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Motion Number 8

Motion made by: Tristen

Seconded by: Jason

Motion: To purchase a \$50 gas card to visit Nancy as a committee.

Motion passed: Yes 7        No 0        Abstain 0

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Motion Number 9

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Martina

Motion: To spend up to \$50 at Lenape Reserve for John and Karen Tucker donating eggs for the wild onion dinner.

Motion passed: Yes 7      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 10

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Gretchen

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:55.

Motion passed: Yes 7      No 0      Abstain 0

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