

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Elders Committee Meeting
Minutes of
July 23, 2024

Call to Order: Beverly Hicks, Chair, at 1:05pm.

The meeting was held in the FCS Building and on Zoom.

Roll Call:

Beverly Hicks, Chair - present

Kay Anderson, Vice Chair - present

Jana Roth, Secretary - present

Mollie Martin, Treasurer – present

Steve Donnell, Sargent-at- Arms - present

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison - present

Billie Jean Sheshey, Elder-at-Large – present (via zoom)

Prayer: Steve Donnell

Minutes of June 25, 2024, unanimously approved with corrections/updates.

1. Update: Jana Roth recommended Raymond Thompkins, a DTI member with ranch experience, to serve on the Ranch Board at the June Tribal Council meeting. As of today, Tribal Council has not addressed the recommendation.

2. Update: **Motion was made to rescind the June 25, 2024 motion to pay Jana Roth \$25.00 to purchase cards and stamps for DTI elders.**

Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Update: Date for DTI Elder visit to ranch will be postponed.

4. Update: Date of Delaware Nation zoom call was changed from July 2, 2024 to July 9, 2024 to accommodate Delaware Nation's schedule.

Beverly Hicks distributed copies & Jana Roth read aloud the June 25, 2024, Minutes of the Elder Committee.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Annette Ketchum 2nd the motion.

Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report by Mollie Martin for May 2024 was unanimously approved.

Copies of Treasure's Report were distributed to all elders present.

Mollie Martin reported our current balance to be \$12,016.52

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd motion.

2. Elder Liaison's Report by Annette Ketchum for the DTI Tribal Council Workshop held on June 19, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison, explained that she was unable to attend the meeting but distributed notes that were taken by Dana Murrell. Specific topics for the Elder Committee included:

The Lenape Early Learning Center wants to incorporate the tribal elders for crafts and storytelling.

The Chief discussed adding Ranch Board members, but no names were included in the notes provided by Dana Murrell.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Jana Roth 2nd the motion.

Old Business:

1. Motion to reimburse Billie Jean Sheshey in the amount of \$70.38 for the purchase of stamps and cards for DTI Elders was unanimously approved.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

Billie Jean Sheshey abstained.

Motion carried.

2. Motion to reimburse Steve Donnell \$46.78 for gas to Anadarko was approved.

This motion was passed last month but was inadvertently left off the official Minutes sent to the Trust Board.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd.

3. Motion to give a \$100 honorarium to Steve Donnell for teaching the foraging class held on July 6, 2024 was approved.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Billie Jean Sheshey 2nd the motion.

Steve Donnell was not present for the motion.

Motion carried.

4. Update:

The DTI Elders trip to the DTI Ranch is postponed pending the Chief's decision as to the best date for the visit (possibly in September).

5. Update:

The DTI Elders trip to Ponca City to visit Sharp's Indian store will be on Indigenous People's Day (October 14). Beverly Hicks called the store and they stated they will be open on October 14. During this trip we will also be visiting the Standing Bear Park, Museum and Education Center and having lunch. Beverly Hicks will call the Museum to check the date and cost of admission.

6. Update:

The DTI Elders trip to Skiatook to visit Supernaws Indian Store will be on Monday, December 2, 2024. Beverly Hicks called and spoke with Supernaws and they are excited to have us. Their "Christmas Sale" starts on the Friday prior to Thanksgiving, however they requested that we schedule our visit during the first week of December and that we call the week prior to our visit. We will also be having lunch during the trip.

New Business:

1. Motion to request the Trust Board to replenish the current Elder Committee budget with \$10,000 from our carryover account was approved.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

Steve Donnell was out of the room.

Motion carried.

2. Motion to compile and print a DTI cookbook with recipes submitted by DTI elders was unanimously approved.

Anita Davis requested the Elder Committee create a cookbook to replace the cookbook copyrighted by Jim Rementer. We will need to ask Jim Rementer's permission to use Nora Dean's recipes from his cookbook. The book will include recipes collected by Anita Davis in the archives, as well as recipes from Steve Donnell and other DTI elders. The cookbook will be sold in the Lenape Reserve as well as by our Elder Committee Officers. Connie Fall Leaf and Jana Roth will research printing options and ideas. It was suggested that we ask Leslie Jerden to sell the cookbook at the Teton Trade Cloth Store.

Billie Jean Sheshey made the motion to approve.

Annette Ketchum 2nd the motion.

3. Motion to spend no more than \$499. to purchase supplies and firing costs for a Christmas Ornament class to be taught by Billie Jean Sheshey was unanimously approved.

The class will be offered to twelve DTI elders and will be held early in October 2024.

Steve Donnell made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

4. The Elder Committee will compile a list of possible nominees for the Elder of the Year to be held during Delaware Days. Jana Roth will send out a text message to all Committee Officers asking for the suggested nominees.

5. Motion to purchase an Honor Blanket for the Elder of the Year from Teton Trade Cloth (if the Cultural Preservation Committee does not purchase the blanket) was unanimously approved.

Billie Jean Sheshey made the motion to approve.

Jana Roth 2nd the motion.

6. Motion to rescind the DTI Ranch trip date set for September 26, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Billie Jean Sheshey made the motion to approve.

Steve Donnell 2nd motion.

7. Motion to rescind the June 25, 2024 motion made to purchase a handicapped accessible van was unanimously approved.

Annette Ketchum made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

8. Connie Fall Leaf came to the Elder Committee meeting to complain that her roof needs to be replaced due to leaks that can no longer be repaired by maintenance. She asked that the Elder Committee support her when she addresses the Tribal Council to request new roofs for several of the Elder Housing units that are leaking and damaging the structures. Kay Anderson and Beverly Hicks will be present and support her at the July 24, 2024 Tribal Council meeting.

The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2024 at 1:00pm in Forsythe Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 2:24pm was unanimously approved.

Jana Roth made the motion to approve.

Kay Anderson 2nd the motion.

Minutes submitted by Jana Roth, Elder Committee Secretary on July 31, 2024.