

Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns
Historic Preservation Division
VIA ZOOM
Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2021 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Present: McCormick, Kirkland, Altman, Gooding,
Jones, McCrary, Crews, Bouzigard

Guests: McCormick, Jones, Winkler, Matthews,
Barmore

Invocation: McCrary

Approval of minutes: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Reports from the Tribes

- Lower Muscogee Tribes

Voter registration, Civics projects, connecting with other tribes across the country to get young people educated and registered to vote. Working on all the social issues that impact native american communities here in GA. Working with the state tribes to get copies of their flags to the ATL Braves to fly them in the stadium. 58 Covid deaths now. Arranging to get the Covid vaccines for the tribe, wants to know about the other communities and whether other communities are interested in cooperating with them to organize to get everyone vaccinated. Chief McCormick is working with the CDC to get the vaccine to the communities. 2700 enrolled members. Meeting with a lawyer re: Federal Recognition. Also willing to collaborate with other communities. One Council member died from Covid and several other individuals have been hospitalized. Melanie will check about organizing vaccinations. 500 enrolled members.

- Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokees

- The Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council

Jane Winkler, FB admin event promotions: representing the tribe in opposition to Twin Pines projected strip mine. They have spoken with people who live in proximity to similar strip mines. Okefenokee Protection Alliance, group that represents multiple smaller groups in opposition to the strip mining. Many environmental and cultural concerns related to the potential strip mining operation. No buffer between the community and the strip mine. Road traffic, rail traffic, water pollution, , etc, etc.
1 Covid death so far.

Communications to the Council:

Emails via web site – McCormick
Telephone calls -- Altman
Mail – Bouzigard
Archaeo Notifications – Altman

New Business:

Budgeting changes

THE budget is now attached to the DNR budget. Which has both benefits and disadvantages. We'd like to spend the money to have a professional website built with our budget this year. Crews moved that Kirkland will pursue the website designer with a maximum budget of \$2000. McCrary seconded.

Kyra Matthews

Has a graduate student interested in N American Mental health and wanted someone to contact. Will contact Altman.

Old Business

Work with the ATL Braves

Will meet with them again during the February 18th pre-season meeting. Kirkland is excited about the progress being made.

Announcements:

Rachel Black has been appointed as the new State Archaeologist

Adjourned:

2:50