



GEORGIA COUNCIL ON AMERICAN INDIAN CONCERNS MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 25, 2024

Time: 11:30am

Meeting called to order by: Nealie McCormick

INVOCATION

Led by Royce McCrary

Council Members Present

Nealie McCormick, Chairman
Donald Kirkland, Vice Chairman
Heidi Altman
Royce McCrary
Terry Raber
Paul Brannen
Christian Dane – Program Manager (non-member)

Guests Present

Vonnie McCormick
Mary Franklin Barmore

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes for the meeting on February 28, 2024 were distributed for review. Heidi Altman moved to accept minutes; Terry Raber seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRIBE REPORTS

Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council: Provided by Paul Brannen. Spring PowWow is coming up April 4-6. Expect inkless fingerprint ID kits to arrive in the next couple of weeks. Getting language program started.

Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe: Provided by Chief Vonnie McCormick.

- Ending one year grant for language class. New beginner's class to start in the next couple of months. Current class to continue as well.
- Greenhouse number one has new doors and number two will have new doors soon. Security and wifi to be added to both.
- Tribal address to be corrected in law per HB 43 passing.
- Working on getting tribal records digitized with Valdosta State University.
- Three members providing translation help to University of Georgia.
- Tribe received 1,500 inkless fingerprint ID kits.



- Party to meeting to best determine how to secure future of McIntosh Reserve.
- Held First Berry
- Provided insight about a situation at Fort Scott where archaeologists dug into American Indian burial areas. Christian directed to connect with State Archaeologist about this matter.

PROJECT REPORTS

Discussion was had on current and potential projects. These include:

- A) Teaching Trunks to 4-H Program
- B) Council skeletal collection transfer
- C) Jekyll Island Foundation Archaeological Research
- D) DNR State Parks and Historic Sites Potential Project(s)

BUSINESS

Terry Raber moved for Council approve supporting the University of North Georgia Foundation proposal for the digitization, metadata creation, and creation of institutional repository and server storage of records for the Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee not to exceed \$25,000. Royce McCrary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Raber moved for the Council to purchase books for the Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council for their language program not to exceed \$2,000. Royce McCrary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Royce McCrary moved to adjourn meeting. Heidi Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.