



GEORGIA COUNCIL ON AMERICAN INDIAN CONCERNS MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 24, 2023

Time: 3:59 PM

Meeting called to order by: Nealie McCormick

IN ATTENDANCE

McCormick, McCrary, Gooding, Altman, Wood, Kirkland, V. McCormick, Representative Lim, Dane

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes for the meeting on March 27, 2023 were distributed for review and approved unanimously.

BUDGET REPORT

The budget update was distributed for review.
Altman moved to accept Treasury report. Wood seconded. Motion unanimously accepted.

TRIBE REPORTS

Lower Muscogee Creek: The Tribe has been working with Home Depot's non-profit arm. Home Depot has provided resources for the tribe to renovate their greenhouses. There has yet to be a timetable on the commencement of the project.

The tribe has been in contact with a representative for the state of Georgia who has informed them that the USDA has money to invest in greenhouses.

The tribe has received money from Congress for its language program. The program currently has children aged two to 16 for the two-week language camps in which only Muskogee is spoken to them. They are learning to speak the language, doing pottery, playing stickball, etc.

Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council: No report was provided.

Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee: No report was provided.

PROJECT REPORTS

Kirkland: Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe's records project with Valdosta State University is still ongoing. The tribe's records will be digitized.

Wood: The last part of the teaching trunks is the content guides. I am getting quotes for them to be laminated and that's the last thing that needs to get done.



Gooding: Jared and I successfully removed physical remains (skeletal collection transfer) from KSU and GA Southern to UWG. Only outstanding portion of collection is at GBI and that will be the conclusion of it.

Kirkland: Must ask Rachel Black if ownership of skeletal collection has been transferred to DNR (Christian).

Altman: Eight bankers boxes of records at GA Southern needed to be digitized. Have a student interested in working part time for DNR to scan records. Should begin in mid-August.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION REPORT

Dane: Approximately 75 emails and phone calls related to heritage/membership, Indian high school mascots, speaking engagements, burial mounds, etc...

Website has been updated to reflect most current, accurate information.

BUSINESS

Altman moves to appoint Christian Dane to be the Council's Open Records Officer. McCrary seconds. Unanimously accepted.

McCormick: Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee study is still in progress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kirkland: Make sure we solidify numbers and names of tribe members attending to submit to the Atlanta Braves for preparation.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.