

Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns
DNR Conference Room, 13th Floor
Twin Office Towers, Atlanta

Minutes

Regular Monthly Meeting
February 8, 2012 1:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Heidi Altman, Steve Nicklas, Royce McCrary, Nealie McCormick, Ralph Crews, David Pettite, Bobby Tuggle,

Visitors Present: Frances Crews, Vonnie McCormick, Dora Davis, Walker Dan Davis, Belinda Taylor

Call to Order: Chairman McCormick

Invocation: Reverend Crews

Approval of January, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved to accept: Bobby Tuggle

Second: Royce McCrary

Vote: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report - Ralph Crews

Moved to accept: Heidi Altman

Second: Bobby Tuggle

Vote: Unanimous

Communications to the Council

 Emails via web site - Nealie McCormick

Inquiries from the North Georgia Cherokees

Inquiry re: metal detection in the state and federal parks

Inquiry re: state recognized tribes

 Telephone calls – Debbie Walsmith

 None reported

Introduction of new member, Steve Nicklas.

New Business:

Frontiers in the Soil program request

Discussion: History of the book, copy of the book available for examination. Question re: who would distribute the books to the private schools. Discussion of the cost and the request line by

line costs. Discussion of the cost of the books compared to the overall budget. Tuggle, Pettite, Nicklas. Pettite wonders if there are any comparable books out there. Budget overall. What else is a competing request. Discussion of what can be funded through the Council. Side question about the human remains at WGA. The Council is not a funding agency in general. Anything under \$5000 does not need to be sent out for bid. Over that, bids must be invited.

Disposition:

Moved to fund: Tuggle

Second: Nicklas

Vote: Unanimous

Open discussion re: laws and history of GCOAIC. The powers of GCOAIC: burials, cultural materials, etc. Everything except recommendation for recognition. Nealie will provide us with copies of Code sections (Pam).

Fern Bank program request

Discussion:

Request for Study. Nicklas and Altman.

Disposition:

Tabled until the next meeting.

Ongoing Business:

Rules & Regs, update – Linda Moye

Discussion: Need briefing from Linda. Explanation of the process for getting it passed through the state.

Disposition: Ongoing.

Indian Child Welfare Act

Discussion: Nealie spoke with Judge Nantz, juvenile judge from Newton County, about adopting the provisions of the Child Welfare Act into Georgia policy. Still working with the task force to find a way to work it all out.

Disposition: Ongoing.

Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council....Language Training Program

Discussion: None

Disposition: Tabled.

Announcements - News Items – Other

Pam: Visitors from Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma were here re: Kolomoki Mound trail project funded through DOT.

Explanation of DNR roles by Pam.

Discussion by Pettite of upcoming events he is attending.

Discussion of Collections index. To get a new copy from Debbie.

Adjourn

Moved by Tuggle
Seconded by Crews
Vote: Unanimous.