

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

Minutes
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 14, 2012 1:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Steve Nicklas, Royce McCrary, Nealie McCormick, J.B. Jones, David Pettite, Bobby Tuggle,

Visitors Present: Vonnie McCormick, Dora Davis, Walker Dan Davis,

Call to Order: Chairman McCormick

Invocation: J.B. Jones??? (I didn't write this down – SORRY).

Approval of February, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved to accept: Bobby Tuggle

Second: J.B. Jones

Vote: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report – Printed account

Moved to accept: Bobby Tuggle

Second: David Pettite

Vote: Unanimous

Communications to the Council

 Emails via web site - Nealie McCormick

 None reported

 Telephone calls – Debbie Wallsmith

 None reported

New Business:

Fern Bank program request

Discussion: Steve asked that the issue be tabled until Heidi was present.

Request for Study. Nicklas and Altman.

Disposition:

Tabled until the next meeting.

Excavation in Glynn County by U. North Florida

Discussion: A letter from Deputy State Archaeologist Dr. Bryan Tucker has been received by the Council. Dr. Tucker was not present so there was no further discussion.

Excavation at the Old Schoolhouse Site, St. Simons Land Trust

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Ongoing Business:

Frontiers in the Soil program request

Discussion: Pam spoke to Betsy Shirk and made necessary arrangements so that she could start sending out the books. The invoice will be sent to Pam.

Rules & Regs, update – Linda Moye

Discussion: Nealie will contact Linda for an update.

Disposition: Ongoing.

Indian Child Welfare Act

Discussion: Nealie is still working with the task force to get the act into the OCG.

Disposition: Ongoing.

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

Discussion: The State cannot purchase computers but Heidi had some recommendations.

Disposition: Tabled.

SB 62

Discussion: Nealie reported that the bill had been modified and would require approval from the General Assembly

Disposition: None needed

Alabama Indian Affairs Commission

Discussion: Nealie reported that it's budget had been returned although he was unsure of the amount.

Disposition: None needed

DNR NAGPRA

Discussion: Debbie reported that DNR had completed all of the steps to meet NAGPRA requirements and was waiting for lineal descendants to make a claim. She fielded questions regarding the NAGPRA process including multiple claims for the same collection.

Disposition: None needed

Announcements - News Items – Other

Debbie asked the Council to approve purchase of additional Artifact Collecting brochures in the same quantity as the last order (5,000).

Moved to accept: Bobby Tuggle

Second: David Pettite

Vote: Unanimous

Adjourn

Moved by David Pettite

Seconded by Steve Nicklas

Vote: Unanimous.