Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council  
Regular Meeting  
Tribal Council Chambers  
January 4, 2018  
10:00 A.M.

Present: John Shotton, Chairman; Ted Grant, Vice Chairman; Darrell Kihega, Secretary; Courtney Burgess, Treasurer; Wesley Hudson, 1st Member; Melanie Harader, 2nd Member; Alvin Moore, 3rd Member.

Call to Order: Chairman Shotton called the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council Regular Meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. All present. A quorum was established and the meeting began.

Invocation: Mike Gawhega, Executive Director

Guests present: Mike Gawhega, Executive Director; Donnie Childs, Health Services Director; Heather Payne, Information Officer; Ada Mehojah, Housing Authority Director; Sarah Kelly, Head Start Director; Arlen Lightfoot and Brice Pickering, Veterans and Tribal Elders.

1st Item on Agenda: Reading and Approval of October 6, 2017 Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Treasurer Burgess led discussion of October 6, 2017 Meeting minutes. Treasurer Burgess made the motion to approve the October 6, 2017 Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.


3rd Item on Agenda: Donnie Childs, Health Services Director and Heather Payne, Public Information Officer gave a presentation and fielded questions from Tribal Council over upcoming Winter Encampment and discussed Veterans Organization.

4th Item on Agenda: Ada Mehojah, Housing Authority Director discussed Housing and Resolution OMTC# 1206145 FY-2017. Tabled from last Council Meeting. A Resolution Approving the Otoe-Missouria Tribe Housing Department Admission, Eligibility, and Occupancy Policy. Mrs. Mehojah fielded questions from Tribal Council. Vice Chairman Grant made the motion to approve Resolution OMTC# 1206145 FY-2017. The motion carried.
5th Item on Agenda: Arlen Lightfoot and Brice Pickering Tribal Elders and Veterans discussed Otoe-Missouria Veterans Organization and fielded questions from Tribal Council.

6th Item on Agenda: Mike Gawhega, Executive Director discussed the Veterans Office that the Iowa Tribe has.

7th Item on Agenda: Reaffirming Three (3) Resolutions. All approved by Poll Votes. Reaffirming Resolution OMTC# 1220157 FY-2017. A Resolution to Approve a Budget Modification to the Title VI Senior Program 2017 approved budget in the Amount of a $27,459.00. Reaffirming Resolution OMTC# 1220158 FY2017. A Resolution to Approve a Budget Modification to the Planning Department 2017 Approved Budget in the Amount of $45,148.00. To Purchase Drive Thru Awning for Otoe-Missouria Tribe Maintenance Department. Vice Chairman Grant made the motion to Reaffirm Three (3) Resolutions approved by Poll Votes. Seconded by 3rd Member Moore. The motion carried.

8th Item on Agenda: Resolution OMTC# 010401 FY-2018. A Resolution Approving the Otoe-Missouria Enrollment Committee Recommendation of Acceptance of Twenty-Three (23) Applicants as Otoe-Missouria Tribal Members. Treasurer Burgess made the motion to approve Resolution OMTC# 010401 FY-2018. Seconded by Vice Chairman Grant. The motion carried.


10th Item on Agenda: Resolution OMTC# 010403 FY-2018. A Resolution Approving the Enrollment Periods for the Calendar Year 2018 for New Otoe-Missouria Tribal Membership. 3rd Member Moore made the motion to approve Resolution OMTC# 010403 FY-2018. Seconded by Treasurer Burgess. The motion carried.

11th Item on Agenda: Resolution OMTC# 010404 FY 2018. A Resolution to Submit the FY18 National Environmental Information Exchange Network (NEIEN) Grant and Enter into a Contract with Gold Systems to Manage Water Quality Data of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe and South Central Environmental Data Exchange Network (SCEDEN). Treasurer Burgess and Executive Director Gawhega discussed Resolution OMTC# 010404 FY 2018 and fielded questions from Tribal Council. Treasurer Burgess Made the Motion to Approve Resolution OMTC# 010404 FY 2018. The motion carried.

12th Item on Agenda: Resolution OMTC# 010405 FY-2018. A Resolution to Submit a Letter to RCB Bank in Ponca City, OK to Amend the list of Signees for the Checking Account for the Head Start Parent Committee. 1st Member Hudson made the motion to Disapprove Resolution OMTC# 010405 FY-2018. The motion carried.
13th Item on Agenda: Resolution OMTC# 010406 FY2018. A Resolution Approving 97 Loan Applications in Accordance with the Loan Program Policies and Procedures. Secretary Kihega made the motion to approve Resolution OMTC# 010406 FY2018. Seconded by 3rd Member Moore. The motion carried.

14th Item on Agenda: Resolution OMTC# 010407 FY2018. A Resolution Approving to Join the Native Farm Bill Coalition. Chairman Shotton led discussion on Resolution OMTC# 010407 FY2018. Vice Chairman Grant made the motion to approve Resolution OMTC# 010407 FY2018 with corrections. Seconded by 2nd Member Harader. The motion carried.

15th Item on Agenda: Tribal Council discussed Mr. Scott Morrison Homebuyers Assistance Program Issues. 2nd Member Harader will write a letter to Mr. Morrison.

Vice Chairman Grant made the motion to go into Executive Session at 11:58 A.M. Seconded by Seconded by 2nd Member Harader. The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Grant made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 12:34 P.M. Seconded by Treasurer Burgess. The motion carried.

Executive Director Gawhega led discussion over Emergency Management/Safety Coordinator 2006 Ford 4X4 Truck at Pioneer Auto and vehicle issues sitting around campus. Executive Director Gawhega fielded questions from Tribal Council.

With no other business to come before the Tribal Council, 3rd Member Moore made the motion to adjourn at 12:43 P.M. Seconded by Secretary Kihega. The motion carried.