

Recognition Committee Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2007

Chairman Paige Archer called the July 17, 2007, Recognition Committee of the Virginia Council on Indians Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Others present were Recognition Committee Members, Chief Gene Adkins and Mitchell Bush; consultant, Dr. Helen Rountree; counsel to the Committee, Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General; members of the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Inc. petitioning group, Chief Lynette Allston, Archie Elliot, Leroy Hardy, Jr. and Stephen M. Hardy. Committee members absent were Powhatan Owen and Frank Richardson because of employment related time conflicts. Dr. Carole Nash, consultant, was also absent.

Mitchell Bush moved and Chief Adkins seconded the motion to amend the Agenda to include "Signing of the Recognition Committee Conflict of Interest Statement" as Agenda Item II. The motion carried. The Recognition Committee Members present, Chief Gene Adkins, Paige Archer, Mitchell Bush, and Dr. Helen Rountree, consultant, then signed the Conflict of Interest Statement.

Chief Gene Adkins gave the Invocation.

Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion to approve the June 19, 2007, minutes. The motion carried.

Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion to table Agenda Item, IV, previously Agenda Item III, (Clarification of Elizabeth (Betsy) Turner as a Nottoway Ancestor) until the August meeting. The motion carried.

The Committee next proceeded to continue the discussion of the Petitioners' documentation related to Criteria 4 (Provide a complete genealogy of current group members, traced back as far as possible.).

Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion to request Edwin Leroy Dukes to submit maternal and paternal documentation related to his Nottoway Tribal ancestry and information as to when he became associated with the Nottoway Indian Tribe, Inc. The motion carried.

Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion to request more documentation from Greg Two Hawks Stephenson related to the Bailey or other Nottoway relatives. The motion carried.

Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion that additional census records from Surry County be submitted regarding Archie Elliot's Nottoway ancestry. The motion carried.

The next Recognition Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held August 21, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Central, 3207 N. Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Paige Archer
Chairman