

SECCI COUNCIL/MEMBERSHIP MEETING: MARCH 20, 2010

COUNCIL PRESENT: Principal Chief Vivian Panther Lawson; James Black Wolf Barfield, Tribal Marshall; Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski, Tribal Secretary; Pamela Standing Bird Sandusky, Treasurer; Lee Spotted Pony Billingsley, Historian; Tar Morningstar Drazdowski, Orator; Audrey Autumn Snow Jones, Parliamentarian; Ken Quiet River Fisher, Alternate; Jack White Eagle Shryock, Leader of Bands/Clans.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cosette Windfeather Faulkner; Jim Strong Dear Faulkner; James Two Pony Nettles; Mary Star Pony Talbert; Starr Thunderfoot MacCauley; Kristen Little Badger McBath; Eric Flying Puffin Camil; Paul White Horse Mihacy; Kyle Reedy; Troy Night Walker Hitt; Sidney Medicine Crow Pope; Anita Spirit Talker Pope, Phyllis Usdi Waholi Shryock; Shawnee Running Beaver Barfield; Zach Pope; Kathleen Barfield; Andrew Nettles; Haylee Pope; Terri Helton; Heaven Helton; Ben Helton II; B. Helton, Jr.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Don Standing Bear Schreiner, V. Chief

**CHIEF PANTHER HEREBY CALLS THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CHEROKEE COUNCIL TO ORDER:
10.03 a.m.**

- Chief Panther states that the Vice Chief Don Standing Bear Schreiner is so upset because he can't be here. He got kicked by a horse and it broke his leg. He also has diabetes and he's having complications. His leg is swelling up to where the skin is splitting and his doctor told him he could not make the trip. Not even if he rode and someone else drove him. It was not a good idea to make the trip.
- Chief Panther states that Medicine Crow will be standing in for the Vice Chief today. This brings us to a full Council which we haven't had in a long time.

(Pam Standing Bird Sandusky passes around a sign in sheet for those present to sign in.)

- The minutes of the Council/Membership meeting of October 10, 2009 are read by Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski. The reading of the minutes concluded, Chief Panther asks for a motion to accept the minutes as read. Discussion continued with regard to Ron Spirit Walker and events taking place in his area.
- Cosette Faulkner stated that Ron Spirit Walker is not an invalid. She just spoke with him the week prior to this date. He did have bypass surgery but no one knows why it was stated that he was an invalid. He has nothing to do with any band. Chief Panther stated that from reports received from people in that area that the matter had to be investigated. Black Wolf stated that basically what we were doing was making it aware in this tribe. Jack Shryock stated that he also knew the history.

James Black Wolf Barfield made a Motion to accept the minutes as read. The Motion was seconded by Audrey Autumn Snow Jones. Motion was approved by all.

- Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski asks Chief Panther if in the future the minutes may be condensed so the reading of the minutes does not take up so much time. Chief Panther agrees. Chief Panther states that we could put it to a vote to have the minutes approved as they appeared in the Talking Leaves. Chief Panther wanted the entire minutes read because there are some members present that did not receive the Talking Leaves. Chief Panther says that in the future Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski can do a condensed version. (However, the complete minutes must also be on file)

REPORTS:

From the Treasurer: Financial Report

Pam Standing Bird Sandusky begins her report saying that she's going to make this real short and sweet for you guys. (laughter) Black Wolf says, "how say the Council" and laughter breaks out.

Pam's report is as follows: Most of you I know have received the Talking Leaves and the end of the year report for 2009 was in it so I'm going to give you the last 3 months version of the financial report. The General Fund balance is \$4,184.99. From January to March we received \$ 961.00 in income. That is from donations and membership money for three months. For three months we have spent \$1,635.85. Money is going out and it's not coming in. The Talking Leaves had additional pages added to the paper so the Talking Leaves expense was \$1,229.58. Of that, a little over \$ 200.00 of that is our annual bulk rate fee. There is also a postage fee for mailing out large volumes to those that get them in bulk rather than having them sent individually. So postage went up a little bit in that respect, but the paper itself because he printed the same number of them but added more pages the printing part went from \$407.00 in the fall of 2009 to \$907.00 for the Spring of 2010. So we're going to be discussing that and nixing that and going back to the \$407.00 for the printing. (inaudible talking by Jack Shryock) One issue was \$1,200.00, granted it was better than the \$2,500.00 that we were spending before, I will give you that. And names were added so we only printed 500 of them this time and 500 of them last time. We sent out more of them. Jack Shryock stated that he received 3 extra copies. Chief Panther stated that Rick sent them in case someone in Jack's band needed a copy that didn't receive one. Jack Shryock stated that he didn't need that and asked if that was part of the 500. Pam states that he prints 500 papers and sends out not quite 400. The cost for printing at the best rate is the minimum of 500 copies. So, Pam told Rick to maintain that count of 500 to continue to get the best price. We also give copies to new members and to new people that come here. Rick didn't come this time so I don't have the extra Spring issues. I have some of the last year's issues that he brought to me but I don't have any extra current ones.

Starr Thunderfoot MacCauley states that she's thinking that Rick Running Bear is a member of her band and perhaps to save on postage Rick can give her the issues for members of her band and she can hand them out. Starr says that this might save a little bit of money. Pam states that the postage is actually printed on the paper. Pam states that this would not make a difference because the non-profit postage permit already includes the cost so there would actually be no savings. Pam states that we cannot ask our printer to not print some of the postage, that would require more work.

Joyce states that we could condense the minutes, and that might eliminate one page.

Pam states that all of that money went out of the General Fund. Out of that \$1,600.00, \$1,229 of that was for the paper (TL). The other money was for I don't have a breakdown but it was for the electric and \$100.00 went into the grounds fund. All we have really is electricity, property taxes and house and property insurance, liability. The remainder of the \$1,635.85 after the cost of the paper went to pay three months of incidental bills.

The Money Market Account and the rest of the accounts, Chief Panther's account, all of the rest of the accounts are all the same. The only place I moved money around is in the General Fund. (inaudible talking).

Someone suggested that the information be listed on the web page. Chief Panther said the problem with that is that right now we don't have a webmaster. (multiple members talking at once). Someone said

perhaps we should only print the paper once a year. Pam said the problem with that is that current events will not be known without at least two papers per year.

More discussion by many members. (inaudible). More discussion about cutting down the pages. Pam stated that we do not have a webmaster and we cannot put anything on the webpage.

Jack states that there are a lot of older people that do not have internet and don't know anything about it, and the Talking Leaves is their only resource as to events and what is happening with the tribe. Tar said that perhaps it could be transmitted electronically. Pam also stated that a way to cut down on space was that she did not need to put every single transaction in the Talking Leaves. She could just put in ending balances, deposits, withdrawals, etc. She does not have to have the whole report printed. She could probably do it with ten lines. Then we can eliminate the 4 pages. Chief Panther states that we are the only tribe, recognized or not, that publishes their treasurer's report in their paper. Black Wolf states that on top of that, other recognized tribal members see that in our Talking Leaves they notice that (inaudible). Tar states that as long as we see what the breakdown is, that should be sufficient.

(inaudible talking/discussion by many members at the same time)

Someone suggested eliminating the Kids Page because perhaps no one read that. Chief Panther said that we really don't know that. Chief Panther states that the two kids that are present at this time have been the only kids that have been on these grounds for the last five years. Chief Panther says that she wants to see the kids come back. If they don't, we're all going to die out, the SeCCI will be no more.

Starr Thunderfoot has a suggestion to notify all band chiefs and get them to have a cookout, or a cooking sale or whatever to raise money. Black Wolf stated that in the By-laws it states that every band should be donating to the tribe anyway. And how many actually do that? Pam states that each band is supposed to contribute \$25.00 per year to the tribe. Anything that the bands or clans are selling under the SeCCI name, 10% of that is supposed to be given to the tribe. Chief Panther states that if you use the SeCCI name or logo, you contribute the 10% if you hold a bake sale and don't use our name you don't have to do that and that's fine. Black Wolf states that like today when we have our table set up, if someone stops from hwy 19 and buys something even if they're not a member, 10% of those sales goes to the tribe. Chief Panther states that you're free to hold fundraisers or whatever you want to and give us part of it. Pam states that she has put it out on announcements a couple of different times to get together to hold garage sales, car wash or whatever to raise money to get to come and if one person couldn't afford to come and so that you have the money to donate to the tribe. We have got that information out there. (inaudible talking by multiples) Black Wolf states that in their clan, they have a treasurer but they do not retain any money. All of their money goes straight to the tribe. They do not retain any money. Because we don't need to raise any money for any of us to get here. Pam states that, "our donations go straight to the tribe". Joyce states that their funds go for supplies and money donated to the tribe. Jack is speaking but cannot understand.

Pam states that we can probably eliminate those four pages easily and go back to the original costs although if he had not done that we probably would have come out about the same as last year.

(Someone is speaking inaudibly to Pam with about reports in the paper.) Pam states that she wants this to be printed in a condensed version in the paper so that other information can be printed about the tribe. She states that we get new members all year round and this paper is their first access to the tribe and that why it should be done in the Spring and in the Fall before our meetings so that the information can get to the members before they get to the meeting so if they do have questions or concerns. She states that all we can do is keep eliminating pages to decrease the cost because it's not supporting itself. We actually could do it cheaper by changing the paper and changing what it is if we have to. We could do that. Pam states that this is her financial report. The Balance in the Chief's Account: \$167.90; the balance in the

Grounds Fund: \$146.44; the balance in the Money Market Account: \$21,857.05; the difference is the interest income. \$51.34 came out of the BWW account into the grounds fund. General Fund is: \$4,184.99.

Chief Panther states that she needs someone to make a Motion, Black Wolf makes the Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by seconded by Jack Shryock and motion passed.

From the Registrar: Membership Report

Lee Spotted Pony Billingsley states that Anne was doing it up until December when Lee took over. When they did that, they got caught up on all of the applications for 2009 and membership cards. (some speaking inaudible) From January to March at this point we have 12 to 15 new members. One member has walked on. There were no drop-outs. Most of the names that they get are for new/duplicate cards. Chief Panther states that there have been more that have passed away and she will get that information to Lee. Lee states that are 5600 total members. He also states that there are some names on the list that he does not quite understand, such as Subway (inaudible) there's no other information other than an address. There are restaurants and other things on there that are not members. Maybe the Traveler put them on there because he had no other place to list them. Chief Panther said to delete them. If there are restaurants and other businesses on there that are not members, she said just delete them. (inaudible discussion by multiple people with trucks passing)

Motion made by Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski to accept the report and seconded by James Black Wolf Barfield. Motion passed.

Talking Leaves Committee Discussion:

Pam stated that one of the reasons that the postage increased for the Talking Leaves because the papers were sent to the new members. Pam also stated that she has added these new members to the announcements email list. As far as the committee for the Talking Leaves is concerned we are trying to eliminate the extra pages to get the cost back down to where it was previously. Chief Panther said that we've already covered this.

From the Leader of Bands/Clans:

Jack White Eagle Shryock began his report: Jack states that he and Phyllis were at the meeting in October so there will not be as much to report so it will shorten the process of the minutes. He states that he's really happy that there are no bands to be removed. (applause and cheers by the membership) It's been a struggle and we've gotten past that point and as things change we have to change and make adjustments. Jack stated that he's come to realize that we needed more flexibility with some of the issues we have with some of the band situations. Jack stated that he's really trying to do the best that he can to serve the bands that we have.

We have two bands today that have been in formation and are ready to come out and go to work. One of the bands is "Medicine Crow Clan" with clan Chief Sidney Medicine Crow Pope. Jack Shryock makes a motion that we take him out of formation and give the Medicine Crow Clan full band status. Motion was seconded by James Black Wolf Barfield. Motion Passed. Someone asks if they are a band or a clan. Jack Shryock states that they are a clan. (applause). Jack Shryock also expresses his appreciation to Medicine Crow for bringing the children. James Black Wolf Barfield expresses his appreciation for the number of meetings that Medicine Crow and Anita have managed to attend.

Jack Shryock states that the other band that needs to come out of “formation” is the Texas Running Wolf Band with Chief Dr. Jeanette Bynum. They have about 60 members and they have met eight times and they have done everything they need to do. (Jack couldn’t remember the name of the chief so he emailed the name to me at a later date) Jack makes a motion for the Texas Running Wolf Band to be moved to full band status. Motion is seconded by Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski and motion has passed.

Chief Panther states that she has just seen a miracle. Her son Dewey arrived. He is welcomed by everyone. Chief Panther is very excited! James Black Wolf Barfield tells everyone that Dewey is the one that keep all the mowers and equipment running. Chief Panther tells everyone that Dewey is the one that always cooks the Thanksgiving turkey for the tribe. (Multiple people taking at once)

STATUS OF OTHER BANDS

Jack Shryock states that one other thing is that the North Carolina Weetoc Band with Chief Polly Talks with Hands Ritchie is that conversation with her that in her report that she requested that they no longer be a band with SeCCI. Chief Panther says, “Oh really?” Jack stated that he called her and had a discussion with her. Jack stated that they have been around a long time. Jack stated that one of the things he’s trying to do with work with the bands and help them as best he can. If the band still has leadership. In conversation with Polly Talks with Hands Jack states that there is still interest there. Jack said that he will get in touch with her again next year and see how they are doing. This will give them time to rebuild the band. (inaudible speaking)

Jack Shryock states that he has received all band reports with the exception of two and that is the California Hummingbird Band and Jack also talked to the Chief and she is putting together a list of members. Chief is in chemo right now. Jack states that she made an oral report to him over the telephone. They are an active band. Jack states that important part here is that we have communication. There was one other band that did not give written report and that was the Minnesota/Michigan Strong Bull Band (inaudible). Jack stated that he had a lengthy conversation with him (Chief of Strong Bull Band). Everything was positive. They will compile a recent list from their group. Anyway, everything is hunky-dunky as far as bands go. He received two oral reports and the others were written. Chief Panther as is he was making a motion to accept the report. Motion made to accept report by Jack Shryock and seconded by Chief Panther. Report accepted, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Panther states that the “old business” is the vote in October of all officers and the vote of the 4.5 amendment. That will be taken care of at the October meeting. There is mention of the errors on the ballots by Chief Panther, Black Wolf and Pam Sandusky. Pam states that the Talking Leaves has the ballots and the Parliamentarian and Orator names were switched around to the wrong positions. We have to go what the actual vote was at the meeting and correct the ballots to reflect the actual minutes and the actual votes. Pam stated that she was going to hand out the corrected ballots to you chiefs and members that are here so if you have people that are going to send absentee ballots, they have the correct information. When you come in October and you vote, we don’t have to worry about it, you will be voting in person and won’t have to worry about it. If you’ve already sent an incorrect ballot to Joyce, what we are going to do is have her send them a corrected ballot. They will need them to redo the vote on the corrected ballot. We are not asking them to get them notarized again because Joyce can compare the signatures on the original ballot that she received and the corrected ballot and make sure that had the two signatures are the same. She will then staple the ballots together. So, that’s how we are going to handle any absentee ballots that come in that we don’t catch or you don’t catch at your band meeting or clan meeting. We thought that was the best way to do it. Otherwise, there would be a great deal of expense to send out corrected ballots to 2500 people because I can guarantee that one-third to one-half will be returned to us with wrong

addresses. They are not going to vote anyway. So, we think this is the best solution to the votes that come in and not worry about the rest. Those of you band/clan members that want to get a copy of these I will pass them out to you or if anyone else is here that thinks they may not be here in October I will give you one. Pam also states that she bought a new computer and she still has some things to figure out but she offered to email the ballot to those that needed it. (inaudible talking by multiple members)

Audrey Autumn Snow Jones stated that she wants to send a copy of the 4.5 amendment along with the ballot so they don't have to go back and start looking for it. Chief Panther stated that Rick put a copy of the original by-law and the amendment in the paper.

Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski asks if that is all of the "old business"? Chief Panther states that is all of the old business. The rest will be taken care of in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pam begins with the new business that she would like to talk about is a little bit old and a little bit new. She states that we have not gotten anywhere with our webpage. She gave the information for our webpage to a person who we were hoping would be able to do work on our webpage. She states that she has actually given it to a couple of people and they say that it's very difficult. Black Wolf states that he agrees. Pam said that they have tried to do it themselves and it is extremely difficult. She says that she has contacted the company and tried to work with them and asked for help and that too have been extremely difficult and they were not very helpful with it. Therefore, nothing has been done the webpage. We have a gentleman that is a SeCCI member that might be interested when he has some time. He's working on a new one right now for a church. So we're hoping we can get his help with it and our intention is that we may probably, from what we're being told by webmasters that have tried to help with this, be better off to start with a brand new one. So that I think is going to be our intent to start with a brand new website and condense some of the information so it will be a little bit easier and not so convoluted to get you off into so many different directions. We would also like to have more than one person doing it so that we are never stuck with this problem again.

The secretary will have access to it. The treasurer will have access to it as well as the webmaster will have access to it as well as the key Council members will have access to be able to update information. Also will have access if the Band/Clan leader so that when there are changes to be made, they can make those changes themselves therefore we are not dependent on one person and if something happens, you're SOL.

Jack states that whatever needs to be posted should still go through a webmaster. Jack feels we should have some kind of approval before just anything can be put up on the website. Pam tells Jack that whatever gets put on the website would be for council approval and/ or approved by Chief Panther.

Chief Panther states that the webmaster had always called her or emailed her first before he ever put anything on the webpage. It's not been voluntary. Tar is saying that we need to have some kind of control and not just by a certain group of people so as we grow we may have people that may have different ideas. (inaudible) Pam states if we don't go that route with one of Joyce's members who is a webmaster then we may want to look into intuit quick books has a new webpage. They are \$100.00 per year and she's going to look into that and see if it's simple and easy. She's looking for something that is simple, easy, inexpensive and can be given to someone else without the problems that we had with the past webpage. We had software that got lost in the mail and now no one has and we cannot access that webpage to do anything now even if we wanted to. Right now we're paying for something that we're not even using. Fortunately

they've waived the monthly fee and all we're paying for now is the annual domain fee for keeping the name. So we're not going to be out any money but the \$15.00 bucks for dropping I-quest and starting a new one. It's going to cost us maybe \$90.00 more to start a new one and I think we are better off starting a new one with other people having access to it that have knowledge to be able to do it. Chief Panther agrees with Pam.

Joyce states that there is one thing that came up when she had her domain name was that she could not use her same domain name immediately after she closed her account with one webmaster. She was told that she would have to wait six months to be able to use that name again. The name would have to be cleared for six months before the same name could be used again. So if we have to do the same for the SeCCI we need to figure out a way to get around that and still be us. Joyce stated that she didn't know if that was still the case but it was something that we needed to keep in mind as far our name was concerned. Pam stated that if that was the case, we would just not put SeCCI.com but to use the entire name, Southeastern Cherokee Council. (dot) org.

- Pam stated that she had put a phone and a wireless internet in her home and the tribal office is basically her home. She states that she got a very nice young lady in the phone department and she explained to her that she knew that there was a phone number in existence and she wanted to know if that number was not being used if she could use it personally. Pam stated that the young woman looked up the number and stated it was not being used and Pam asked if she could use it personally. So, Pam's phone number is the SeCCI business phone number. So when you go to the webpage and google SeCCI and get our webpage you will see that phone number and it is now back in existence. So that number is now in Pam's house. It is a whole lot less expensive to have it as Pam's personal number that to have it listed as a business number for the SeCCI. Pam states that the number is valid and if no one has it, she can give it to you if you cannot reach Chief Panther or James you can always call that number. It has an answering machine on it and she is there every day. Jack asked if it is the same number she had on her old number. Pam gives the phone number: 229-574-5120 is the SeCCI phone number and is now Pam's number. Pam states again that it is the same number that is on the SeCCI website. Several people repeat the number to Jack as he writes this down. Pam states that she just received a call from Anchorage Alaska last week and the caller asked if this was SeCCI. We can't list it as SeCCI. So the Treasurer will have to say yes to those phone calls when they come in. That's how we got around that.
- The other new business we would like to discuss is that the girls and Pam have been doing some work in the museum. They have cleaned out the back office and made it into a display area. We have also cleaned out the back kitchen area to have more display area in there. The problem we have with the museum is that there is not enough money in the museum fund to put an addition to the museum. And she states that she can't see putting on an addition to the museum when we don't really have the need for it. We need to be able to take care of what we have and we are not doing real well at taking care of what we have right now. We basically need to put our money into something that is useful for the tribe and can be used by the tribe when people are here. Black Wolf jokingly says, "like a limousine". (laughter) We do have funds allocated for the museum but it doesn't mean that it has to be used for that purpose (expansion). We also have the New Hope fund that initially set up to get us recognition. Chief Panther says that it's not going to happen. Pam states also that it's not going to happen. Chief Panther states that she has talked to his widow (I assume the widow of the benefactor of the New Hope Fund) and that she gave us the authority to use it for whatever we needed it for. Pam says that, so we're asking again for is a couple of things and that is help first and foremost. Because what we would like to have happen, if we would like to continue the projects that were started in an effort, laughter and Black Wolf continues conversation. Black Wolf states that there is a need for a place to store ceremonial items and things for the tribe so that we don't have to go into the museum for or into his home for. He

states that he is wants to build an addition to the information center. And he also states that yes, he will need help with that. Pam states that storage area would be large enough so that we could put the sales items, some chairs if it's cold, it could be used for a couple of purposes. Then we would have a use for that door. (much laughter) As it is now we have to go to a zillion different places to get stuff out for the council house and it would be so much easier for us that are here that are wearing a lot of hats, it would just be so much easier to just tell someone just go and get this stuff that is all in one area. Jack asks if there will be a need for volunteers and Pam says, "yes".

Chief Panther states that this will require a vote by the way. Autumn Snow asks what kind of help is required. Chief Panther states, physical construction, construction help. Pam states that one man, a truck and three women just can't build a building. Pam states that we are asking for physical help. Chief Panther states that it will be a work weekend, notice sent out and those that can, come and help. Pam states that it could be a Black Wolf Warrior work weekend. Or, set up a weekend where people will be coming anyway and maybe come early and get the job done. Or if there was an individual that had 3 or 4 days off that could come up here and help then we could count on someone to be here to help us, even if we had 6 people here on a weekend to help us.

Jack Shryock asks if we are ready to take a vote. He also asks if that the only thing we are voting on at this time. Chief Panther says, yes. Black Wolf states that we can put everything together into one vote, there are more issues to bring up.

James Black Wolf Barfield states that for the past several years this bridge over here, sorry it's the dam bridge over here. Whenever it rains it washes out. Well, this last time we got over two feet and it was completely washed away. The reason I'm bothering to even bring this us is because, I don't have any problems with me jumping over it but that section is also the direction that Chief Panther takes to get back and forth to her home to the tribal grounds. Jack Shryock states that if we get the Uka chair we don't have to worry about that. (Much laughter) Chief Panther say, "I'm not riding in that chair honey". (more laughter) Black Wolf states that he has talked to Chief Panther about this and she is suggesting that we make a bridge two or three steps up with railings. Chief Panther states a wooden bridge with a step up. Jack asks if this is going to be above the ground or on the ground. Chief Panther says, it's going to be raised. It will be big enough for a golf cart to go over. Pam says that that's the third thing we are going to go over. Black Wolf states that this is to keep our Chief safe getting back and forth, that's number two.

- Ken Quiet River Fisher asks, what the problem is with all the water on the grounds. Chief Panther tells him that the problem is this, there is a big pond over on Georgia three and when we have a heavy rain he opens his spillway and she has already checked into it and there is not a thing that can be done about it. When he opens the spillway on his big pond over there the water comes under the highway and fills up these grounds. She states that twice we've had water in the council house. Black Wolf states that actually it's been more than twice. Ken asks if legally there's nothing that can be done. Chief Panther says, there is nothing we can do. Ken asks if it can fall back on the state in any way. Chief Panther says there is nothing we can do. She sates that he was grandfathered in even before they four-laned the highway. It was a two lane road then they came in and four-laned the road. We had a beautiful pond right here and the highway department came in and four-laned the road and didn't protect our pond and all of the silt ran down into that pond. That used to be a beautiful pond. Now there may be in some areas there may be a foot of water all because of that spillway. But he was grandfathered in before they built the four lane. Now the DOT came out one time and did a little bit of stuff but it still continued to wash off the highway down into the pond. So, there is no solution to that.

Jack asks if the water will not run off and Chief Panther states that the dam cannot carry all the water that comes through there and that's why the dam keeps getting washed out because the

water comes across the top. Chief Panther states that there are three culverts but it's still not enough to carry the load of all the water. There is a lot of water down here. Pam states that the water has been as high as the cook shack floor and the water goes underneath the floor of the elder's table and into the council house. (multiple people taking at the same time about the water issues) Jack was wondering if we could come in with a backhoe and do something. Chief Panther states that there is nothing to do to help this situation because of the woods behind us. (more discussion by multiple people about what Mother Nature has done) Autumn Snow asks if there is no way to block it off or to keep it coming through there or nothing. Chief Panther says that just the amount of water also that comes off the highway is a lot. Pam states that the county will come out when you complain and all they do when they come out is dig the ditch out and that's how they deal with it.

Jack Shryock states that it looks like we have an advantage here because we have a guy that could probably get a discount on material. (laughter) Dewey states also we would save the cost of someone to operate a backhoe. (more laughter) (talking by James Two Pony Nettles is inaudible)

Jack asks if these are the two items that we need to move forward on. James Black Wolf Barfield states that yes and golf cart will be number three. Black Wolf states that we have two golf carts sitting over at Chief Panthers. One of them is no good except for parts. Dewey agrees. Chief Panther says that one of them has a dead battery. It needs a whole new set of batteries. It's going to need tires, batteries. Pam states that basically what we're asking for is to release enough money to fix up a golf cart for Chief Panther. Not only to get Chief Panther back and forth from her home but to also get the ceremonial bins down to the council house. Pam says that she has her tractor and little trailer but the grounds are not always dry enough to use it. She states that right now she can't even use her tractor because she would get stuck in the mud. (inaudible)

Black Wolf states that what he's asking for is to use the money to help get the golf cart up and going so that Chief Panther doesn't have to walk back and forth.

Chief Panther states that we need a motion. Jack Shryock makes a motion that money be released from whatever funds from the money market fund to take care of any expenses that need to be taken care of on the grounds. Pam states the motion needs to be clarified. More discussion regarding issues to be voted on. Someone brings up the fact that the covered bridge is in need of repair. This item will also be put into this group of necessities/ground improvements for voting.

Jack says that we don't want to leave that too open ended. He says that he doesn't see anything wrong with that but while we're doing the repairs and what have you, there are a few things wrong in the Elder's Trailer like the electrical outlet and little things like that. Chief Panther states that those repairs come out of the Grounds Fund. Black Wolf states that he doesn't stay in the Elder's Trailer so he does have to know if anything is going on in there that needs attention. Chief Panther states if anything is going on up there we need to be informed. (big truck passes, discussion inaudible). Joyce Spirit Wind clarifies what we want to do: expand the information center, build a bridge across the dam, repair Chief Panther's golf cart.

Jack makes motion to: expand information center, build a bridge across the dam, repair golf cart for Chief Panther and ceremonial needs and repair the covered bridge. Pam clarifies this motion for the membership. She states that the Motion made is to release funds from the Money Market account for the following three items: expansion of the information center, build a bridge across the dam and repair and get in good condition the golf cart for Chief Panther's use and ceremonial needs. Black Wolf says also, the repair of the covered bridge. Tar asks if the Motion needs to be amended. Chief Panther asks why. Tar says because the discussion was already on the floor. Chief Panther says no.

Jack Shryock says that he does have something else. He begins a discussion with regard to the size of the Elder's Table. He says that he's noticed people sitting here and there and everywhere while we are having meals. He asks how much it would take to add another table on to the existing table. Chief Panther says it's already been decided on and does not require a vote. Chief Panther states that there is a plan in the works.

Pam states we need to vote this. Chief Panther says yes, we need to vote on this right here. Jack Shryock made the original motion, seconded by Autumn Snow and Council approved the motion.

(Inaudible talking by members) Jack states that he and Phyllis must be leaving soon for their trip home.

Joyce Spirit Wind asks if we need to move on to the Good and Welfare of the Tribe?

- Pam asks if she needs to have anything going on with regard to looking into updating the webpage. Chief Panther states that she doesn't see why. We've always had a web page. She also states that it's an update thing really. Pam says, "all right". It does not require a vote. Pam says that's all I have on my list. Chief Panther says, ok.

Chief Panther says, we move on to Good and Welfare. (Conversation between multiple people-inaudible)

- Black Wolf Barfield states that he does have another announcement to make. He says that this has been brought up time and time and time again about the stove in the Elder's Trailer not working. He states that the stove works perfectly. It will not be plugged in because in the past we've had people that were utilizing the stove and leaving it on.
 - Chief Panther states that it would be fire hazard if someone forgot they were cooking something. We have our meals down here (cook shack) and that stove is not necessary. She states that there is a microwave and a coffee pot and those things can be utilized, no problem. There high chance that the thing (Elder's Trailer) could be burned down if someone forgot they had something on there. That's why it's not hooked up and won't be hooked up. We all need to meet here anyway.
 - Pam states that after everyone has left she and the girls go into the Elder's Trailer, they go to the cook shack, they go to the bathrooms and they find heaters left on, lights left on. We have had coffee pots left on and a lot of instances where there has been water left running so that's why we have to be careful with that. Too many things have been left on after people have left. It's not that it's being done intentionally, no one is. This happens accidentally. It causes damage and then it causes us a lot more work. So that's also the other reason for it. We don't want it to burn down because it was accidentally left on.

Chief Panther asks if there is anything else. Black Wolf asks if that answers everybody's question. Chief Panther states that we are not trying to be mean. We are trying to be safe.

- Black Wolf begins talking about the water on the grounds and states that it's coming from the little outdoor bathroom. People forget to giggle the handle and the toilet continues to run and floods the grounds. Pam states that the handle has been repaired/replaced multiple times and it doesn't seem to make a difference. She states that the reason we're probably having trouble is because it's basically used twice a year, maybe four or five times a year for ceremony. She says that the rubber dries out and then deteriorates and we are constantly putting in new. If it were used all the time, (inaudible talking by multiples and laughter)

- Black Wolf states that they are more than happy to have any members want to come up here to use the bathroom.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE TRIBE:

Chief Panther asks if anyone has any prayers to ask for.

- Lee Spotted Pony Billingsley states that we need to recognize the great job that Jack White Eagle Shryock has been doing as Chief of Bands and Clans. Chief Panther states that he has been the best Chief of Bands and Clans that we've ever had. (There is a great round of applause for Jack) Jack says that he appreciated the recognition. (inaudible talking)
- Chief Panther asks if there is any more Good and Welfare. Ken Quiet River Fisher says yes. He says about a year ago when he was elected as Chief of the Black Wolf Warrior Society Lee Spotted Pony gave him Night Eagle's BWW regalia. He states that he now has it in his possession. He also states that he would like to present it to the tribe to put into the museum. Chief Panther says, "very good". (applause) She says, "thank you".
- Chief Panther says that she personally wants to thank everybody that kept her grandchildren in their prayers. There all doing much better. Ariel has made two visits to her granny. She came Christmas and then she surprised me at work the other day. She's feeling great. They are continuing to do the different surgeries on her and she's looking more and more like herself. She's very lucid, "she's my Ariel again".
- Chief Panther states that Kaylee's autism under control. With medication she's in school and going to a special school here and she's doing great. I just appreciate everything that everyone has done, the prayer, everything.

Chief Panther asks if there is any more Good and Welfare?

- Starr Thunderfoot asks for us to continue to pray for Cosette Faulkner, Kaitlin Turner, (inaudible).

PRESENTATIONS

- Jack Shryock says that he wants to say as quick as he can because we've already used a lot of time. But are there any ladies here that are quilters? (inaudible) Well, anyhow you know how when you start on something that takes a lot of time or several months. I've got a situation that I've observed, my wife has a nice quilt going then she'll go on and start something else. Well, anyway just to give you some idea. Some years ago she started knitting me a sweater. That sweater came with us on this trip and she had about half a sleeve left to complete it and I thought my gosh, maybe she's going to do it. Well we get down here and finds out that she made a mistake all the way back there. Then she has to take it all out again. Probably another 10 years and maybe she'll get it done.

Well anyway, the reason I mentioned this is because she's always got a lot of projects going and several months ago she started this project and it was going to be a pillow. As time went on Phyllis realized that she had a little more material and maybe she would just make it a wall hanging. So one day led to another and (audible). Jack is asking for help holding us this framed piece. Jack states the he would like to explain a little bit about the piece she has made. Jack uncovers gift. Chief Panther states it's beautiful and there are oooooohhs and ahhs throughout the crowd. Jack states that these letters are from the syllabary and began as ½ inch. Then it was enlarged to an

inch and a half and from that Phyllis had to trace each one. Then once she got them traced on there she then matched the embroidery around each one. In order to get this background the way it she. After she did the embroidery she had to come back and take a little pair of scissors and trim out all of the areas that were black that should be white to give it the shadow look. Then one thing led to another and she said rather than make a pillow she would make a wall hanging and possibly it could be put into the museum. Chief Panther says, "it's beautiful" we will hang it in the museum.

Jack points to some syllabary and states that it says Sequoyah in Cherokee. Phyllis states that Jack made the frame. Jack states that it is framed with acid free backing and covered on the back. (multiple people talking again) There is applause by everyone for the beautiful gift from Jack and Phyllis Shryock. (There is discussion as to where to put the gift for safe keeping until it can be placed in the museum. I believe Pam says to put it in her house for now.

Someone asks if there is a copy machine. Chief Panther says that we do not have a copy machine.

- Joyce Spirit Wind asks if there are more presentations. As there are none she states that she has a presentation. She states that she's always had the understanding that when someone you love crosses over you should make a donation to the museum and her's is long overdue. She states that her donation is in memory of her son Wings on Feet. She states that it's a giclee' print by Ron Mitchell titled the Last Ride. It's a painting of an Indian who has fallen off of his horse and died. She states that the reason she chose this is because her son's last ride was on his motorcycle and she felt it need to be on the grounds now. It's time. Chief Panther says, "thank you sweetheart".

Chief Panther asks if there is anything else. As there is nothing else Chief Panther declares the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski to Chief Panther for approval.