



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Thomasina Jordan
Chair

Council on Indians

MINUTES FROM VIRGINIA COUNCIL ON INDIANS MEETING

DECEMBER 5, 1996

The meeting of the Virginia Council on Indians, December 5, 1996 was called to order by Thomasina Jordan, Chair of the Virginia Council on Indians at 6:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Thomasina Jordan, Chairperson
2. Harvey Morgan
3. Lenora Adkins, Vice-Chair, Logistics
4. Loree Gunn
5. Reeva Tilley, Treasurer
6. Mary Wade, Secretary
7. Troy Adkins, Council Member
8. Arlene Giffel Council Member
9. Lionel W. Custalow, Council Member
10. L. Michael Butler, Council Member
11. Gene Adkins, Council Member
12. Nokomis Lemons, Ex-Officio, Parliamentarian
13. Barry Bass, Council Member
14. Danielle Moretti, College of William & Mary
15. Fred Killian
16. Gary S. Cooke
17. Ted Wood, VNEC
18. William L. Deyo, Patowomeck Band
19. Robert Green, Patowomeck Band
20. Jamie Ware
21. Wendell Jordan
22. Rafaela Schwan, Hampton University
23. Robert Hathaway, Hampton University
24. Lloyd B. Evans
25. Ellison Adkins

1st Council meeting w/ them

NOT PRESENT:

1. The Honorable Thomas Norment-Senate of Virginia
2. Robert Pauléy, Citizen at Large

[3. Hal - final exam time]

Invocation given by Gene Adkins

Thomasina Jordan welcomed everyone and noted to the council members that the Old Business and New business would be reversed in order to allow more time for the New Business at hand. She asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Lenora Adkins noted that the word "benediction" was used instead of "invocation" by Troy Adkins and asked for clarification on page 3, committee reports--the last statement "which should not be listed as expenditures"; shouldn't this be listed as 18,000.00 instead of 1,800.00. Mary Wade stated that she would make the changes. Motion was made by Barry Bass to accept minutes with corrections and was second by Gene Adkins.

NEW BUSINESS

Patawomeck Indian Band seeking State Recognition:

Thomasina Jordan stated that Mr. Green was made cognizant of the recognition procedure, that it must go through the Virginia Council on Indians for approval and the Council would make their recommendations to the General Assembly. Thomasina noted to all council members to look at the copy of the Recognition Criteria provided for them in their folders and then asked Mr. Green of the Patawomeck Band to address the council.

Mr. Green thanked Thomasina for allowing him time to come before the council and stated that people asked "Why" we are coming forward now asking for State Recognition? It has to do somewhat with Mr. Mitchell Bush's efforts to establish a memorial park for the remains of our ancestors. As I was working with on this project...seeing other tribes represented, it occurred to me that we, the Patawomecks should be doing our own ceremonial reburial of our ancestors. As we stood at this ceremony, two bald eagles flew over our heads, they had moved in and built a nest next to this memorial park. We realize that there is no financial advantage to becoming State Recognized and there will be no Gambling Casino's bearing the name of the Patawomeck. I have brought documentation of our ancestry and Mr. Deyo who is the former President of the Virginia Genealogical Society has done most of this research will address the council.

Mr. Deyo stated that he has provided three forms of documentation.

1. Publications from Dr. Speck in the 1920's and other publications that mentions certain other members of the Patawomeck tribe. This documentation shows the Indian Band called the Patawomecks lived in this same area for over 300 years and some are still living there.
2. Documentation from Luther Newton who was pictured in the book by Dr. Speck where Newton's ancestry goes back to the early 1600's
3. The set of family traditions and pictures with evidence to prove that the Patawomecks have always been there.

Mr. Deyo stated that he has copies of information sources that Dr. Helen Rountree has not found.

Thomasina Jordan appointed a Committee to work on the recognition status Delegate Harvey Morgan, Professor Helen Rountree, Lenora Adkins, Gene Adkins and Lonnie Custalow.

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*other business followed
unrelated to Patawomecks*