

**LOUISIANA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
NATIVE AMERICAN COMMISSION**

September 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Chief Shirell Dardar called the meeting to order at 9:50.

Chief CoCo Creppel Opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll call

Robin Leyva

Thomas Rivers

Brian Neal

Len Wiggins

Shirell Dardar

Mary (Katie) DeHart

Rebecca Britt

Shirley May

Geneva LeBeouf

Chief August "CoCo" Creppel

Minutes

Geneva LeBeouf read the minutes from the June 24, 2019 minutes. Motion made by Chief CoCo Creppel to accept them and second by Rebecca Britt. Motion passed.

Old Business

By-Laws and State Criteria tabled until next meeting.

New Business

- Chief Shirell Dardar read the By-Laws for the Louisiana Governor's Office of Indian Affairs Native American Commission. Holly Talley spoke about Act 102 of the 2018 Session and RS 46 123 Revised 2018. Dr. Chaunda Mitchell suggested we have a meeting to pass By-Laws and State Recognition Criteria before the end of the year. Holly Talley also suggested that we have a meeting in October to pass By-Laws. It was decided that each member should have hard copies of By-Laws and State Recognition Criteria to review and make suggestions they feel need to

be added or deleted. Chief CoCo Creppel made a motion to make sure we all got hard copies of the By-Laws and State Recognition Criteria and meet on October 28, 2019 we can adopt them and was seconded by Rebecca Britt. Motion passed.

- Pat Arnould gave a report on scholarships. There were 24 applications received and 20 students were awarded scholarships. Four applications were incomplete. She also gave out grading rubric. We talked about ways of generating money for this program. Also discussed dates when applications should be send in by and dates scholarships should be granted. Motion made by Chief CoCo Creppel and second Rebecca Britt. Motion passed.
- Chief CoCo Creppel said we should recognize students who receive scholarships with a reception so we can meet them and they can meet us.
- Motion made by Pat Arnould to break for lunch. Chief CoCo Creppel second. Motion passed.
- Evelyn Campo explained what the Louisiana Watershed Initiative is money given by the feds to find solutions for the man-made problems that have caused flooding in 56 of the 64 parishes. The state has received 1.2 million dollars to be divided so they can come up with solutions to be implemented.
- Deborah Hinote was unable to attend due to illness. Robbie Gray came in her place to encourage us to get a complete count of Native Americans in our tribes.
- Valerie Feathers with the La. Division of Archaeology wants us to form a committee consisting of Native Americans so each tribe can contribute to an education curriculum. This would be a lesson taught in history class to students in the Louisiana public schools

Other

Mr. Parker suggested that we should meet at the State Capital.

Adjourn

- Chief CoCo Creppell made a motion to adorn and it was second by Geneva LeBeouf. Motion passed.
- Next meeting will be October 28 at 9:30 AM.