

**Recognition Committee of the Virginia Council on Indians Minutes  
October 12, 2007**

Chairman Paige Archer called the October 12, 2007, Recognition Committee of the Virginia Council on Indians Meeting to order at 2:55 p.m. Others attending were Chief Gene Adkins, Chickahominy Indian Tribe Eastern Division; Mitchell Bush, Onondaga; Dr. Helen Rountree, consultant; Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General; members of the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Inc. petitioning group: Chief Lynette Allston, Assistant Chief and legal liaison to legal counsel, Archie Elliot; Edwin Leroy Dukes, Leroy Hardy, Jr., Greg Stephenson, William Wright, and Allard Allston III. Roger Archer, Meherrin, also attended. Committee members absent were Powhatan Owen, Chickahominy, because of a prior commitment to a folk life festival; Frank Richardson, Rappahannock, and Dr. Carole Nash, consultant because of employment related conflicts.

Chief Gene Adkins gave the invocation.

Mitchell Bush moved and Chief Gene Adkins seconded the motion to approve the September 18, 2007, Recognition Committee Minutes with the addition of the petitioners' Letter of Concern, dated September 18, 2007, as an attachment to the minutes. The motion carried.

Discussions followed related to Vivian Claude Lucus' Nottoway Tribal Ancestry Documentation. Chief Gene Adkins moved and Mitchell Bush seconded the motion that Vivian Claude Lucus presented documentation that satisfied the VCI Recognition Committee that Vivian Claude Lucus' ancestor, Nancy Turner, is validated as Vivian Claude Lucus' Nottoway ancestor. The roll call vote was as follows: Mitchell Bush-yes; Chief Gene Adkins-yes; Paige Archer-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion then followed concerning Edwin Leroy Dukes' Nottoway Tribal Ancestry Documentation. Mitchell Bush moved and Chief Gene Adkins seconded the motion that Edwin Leroy Dukes presented documentation that satisfied the VCI Recognition Committee that Edwin Leroy Dukes' ancestor, Jack Sykes, is validated as Edwin Leroy Dukes' Nottoway ancestor. The roll call vote was as follows: Mitchell Bush-yes; Chief Gene Adkins-yes; Paige Archer-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Recognition Committee scheduled for November will be posted as soon as a firm date can be determined. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Paige Archer  
Chairman