DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
Minutes of the July 19, 2016, Tribal Council Meeting
Taken by Secretary Annette Ketchum

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chief Chet Brooks, Larry Joe Brooks prayed and Chief Brooks led Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Ketchum called roll with all Council in attendance, including Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, members Mr. Nathan Young, Ms. Michelle Holley, and Dr. Nicky Michael. Tribal employees and guests present were, Gina Parks, Jean Lewis, Mary Jo Peterson, Steve Rowe, Carolyn Rowe, Jim Grinter, Roger Stewart, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Nancy Sumpter, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Karla Michelle Vernon, Micheal D. Kimbrel, Nicky Harris, Lindsey Harris, Ron Scott, Anna Pate, Xavier Michael-Young, Nathan Buck Young, Dana Murrell, Curtis Zunigha and Allan Barnes. Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shea, to adjust the agenda to move Resolution 2016-42 and Mr. William Welge, Certified Archivist from the Oklahoma State Historical Society, to the forefront. Ms. Anita Mathis, tribal archivist, introduced Mr. Welge, stating his report was in the packet. Mr. Welge said we have a sound building and a space which will require little changes and mostly cosmetic. He explained briefly how important it is to do all that can be done to preserve artifacts. He answered some questions pertaining to his report and assured the Council he and Historical Society staff will continue to be of assistance and will answer questions through email or other communications.

Resolution 2016-42, IHS Funding for Chelsea Boys & Girls Club, was read. Motion was made by Ms. Griffith and seconded by Ms. Holley, for the Tribe to authorize and sign documents and take other actions to assure the intent of the resolution is carried out. Discussion affirmed the Grant Steering Committee favored passing and that there is no in-kind obligations expected from the Tribe. Passed 7 Yes.

The agenda resumed with Chief Brooks welcoming guests and Michelle Vernon was the only citizen addressing the Council, requesting the Chief to follow the constitution regarding the recall petitions.

Ms. Holley requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Such motion made by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Dr. Michael, passed 7 Yes. At 5:55 p.m. Council convened in Chief’s office. At 6:21 p.m. the meeting resumed. No action to report.

Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Dr. Michael, to accept the July 5 Minutes. Motion passed without additions or corrections, 6 Yes, 1 Abstention (Holley).

Unfinished Business
Ms. Leslie Jerden, Editorial Committee Chairman, addressed the Council and pointed out the changes and additions that were made to the Editorial Committee Guidelines. Motion made by Ms. Holley, seconded by Ms. Griffith, passed 7 Yes.

Chief Brooks read aloud guidelines for the DEDC which were not in the packet. Discussion followed with council members pointing out additional needed items in the guidelines. Motion made to table by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Holley, to get the DEDC Charter prepared, get attorney input, and define “successful” when qualifying prospective board members. Ms. Jerden suggested the Economic Development Committee (Brooks, Griffith, Shea and Young) look for candidates who have business development and sales experience, as well as years of varied experience, rather than selecting...
on the basis of being a businessman since that person would not have the wide range of knowledge of businesses. Passed 6 Yes, 1 No (Young).

There was no other unfinished business; however Mr. John Sumpter asked questions about economic development guidelines and the EDC committee. Ms. Vernon read a flyer that Chief Brooks had written in the 2014 election which provoked Chief Brooks and Ms. Griffith made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Young, passed 4 Yes, 3 No. Ms. Ketchum, Ms. Holley and Dr. Michael chose not to convene to Chief’s office for executive session and stayed at the Council Table. From 6:45 to 7:02 p.m. was an executive session. No action to report.

Reports

Ms. Shea made a motion to accept the financials, subject to audit, and was seconded by Ms. Griffith. Ms. Holley called a point of order that the financials report was out of order from the agenda. Vote passed 5 Yes, 2 No. (Holley and Michael).

Motion made by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Dr. Michael, was passed 7 Yes to hear the EDC Report. Chief Brooks reported Mr. Tim Houseberg is gone for his aunt’s funeral and Mr. Jimmie Johnson is ill. Chief reported Hydroponics is awaiting a final contract; Tahkox e2 is in the process of a small contract and has a second one pending.

Ms. Holley reminded the Council it has been four months since she requested information from Mr. Houseberg about the origination documents for the Domicile and the re-insurance codes, she then put this in a form of a motion, seconded by Dr. Michael, asking for the documents and codes, and it passed 4 Yes, 2 No (Young and Griffith) 1 Abstention (Brooks).

New Business

Resolution 2016-40, to Authorize the Submission of the FY 2017 Child Support Enforcement Grant Budget, was read and a motion was made by Ms. Holley, seconded by Mr. Young, and passed 6 Yes, 1 Abstention (Michael). Mr. Curtis Zunigha, Director of Child Support Enforcement, said this grant is much like last year, with parenting classes included and less travel. He asked that a standard letter from the Chief accompany the resolution.

Resolution 2016-41, to Approve Tribal Membership, was read and motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea and passed 7 Yes.

There was no other new business; however Ms. Griffith and Ms. Leslie Fall-Leaf, Enrollment Director, reported on the Enrollment Department office and files room remodel.

Adjournment was at 7:35 p.m. by motion from Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young.