

May 30, 2014

To:

Delaware Tribal Court  
Delaware Tribal Council  
Delaware People  
Other interested parties.

From:

Council member Verna Crawford, Council Secretary

Vice Chairman Chet Brooks, Council member Verna Crawford, and Councilman Nate Young filed a law suite on March 19, 2014. The suite was regarding the action of Chief Paula Pechonick to terminate the consultant contract of Gray and Gray Consultants.

The petition was filed to clarify the question of whether a tie vote on the termination of the contract gave the Chief the authority to take this action. Some council members believed that tie vote did indeed give the Chief that authority, while others believed that a tie vote indicated that no action should be taken.


The Chief expressed that she felt her action was in the best interest of the Delaware Tribe because there were indications that the Tribe did not have the finances to continue this contract. It is my belief that Chief Pechonick was pressured into making this decision. That does not excuse the action but provides understanding.

The Court decided, "Matters of business for the Council shall be decided by a majority vote.

The Court decreed that the Council should decide what action was to be taken according to Article X Section I of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution and By-laws.

The Tribal Council agreed that the misunderstanding had been clarified and such action would be avoided in the future. The Tribal Council members did not feel that any action was called for as stated in Article X, Section 1. With this behind us the Tribal Council is moving ahead with the important business of the Delaware Tribe.

Respectfully submitted

  
Verna Crawford