

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Tribal Council
December 18, 2006

The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, December 18, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chief Jerry L. Douglas. Council members present were Chief Douglas, Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford, Judy Harmon, Raymond Cline and Annette Ketchum. Curtis Zunigha was absent at roll call. Present in the audience were Rosetta Coffey, Jean Kirkendall, Evelyn Thomas, Elgia Bryan, Les Reynolds, Kay Anderson, Chet Brooks, Donna Adams, Barbara Wallace, Levi Randoll, Johnney Tucker, Titus Frenchman, Faith Elkhair, Edna Havens and Dee Ketchum. Tribal employees present were Vicki Sousa, Earnest Tiger and Marilyn Cole. Invocation was given by Chet Brooks. Guests were welcomed by the Chief.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Wayne Stull.** Discussion of the corrections followed. Annette wants wording added that Curtis was not included in the conference call. Verna has the exact wording on her notes as Curtis was contacted after the call. **Motion then carried with all in favor.**

Treasurer's Report was given by Judy Harmon. She stated that the Virginia Ave checking account has been closed and the \$578.44 has been moved to the grants account. The NAHASDA account has also been closed and the bank has refunded the fees.

Curtis Zunigha arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Annette Ketchum, Mary Jo Peterson and Judy Harmon are meeting tomorrow to review the Treasurer's Report. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Committee Reports are included in the packet. The Childcare report was late and has been handed to all. Marilyn read the names of the new tribal members which are included on Resolution 2006-14. **Motion to approve Resolution 2006-14 New tribal membership was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Federal Recognition update was given by Chief Douglas. He stated he has been in contact last week with John Montgomery and has talked with Tom Peckham today. They have both indicated that our bill should be voted on by April 1. Tom is still working on the MOA with the Cherokees. The Interior Department is also working on this with the Cherokees. Tom will email a synopsis of the conference call to everyone. Wayne also reviewed the conference call. He stated the Solicitor's office does not like several items with the bill such as the references to the CNO stating what monies we will receive and how and their statement that concerns the CNO as the only tribe within their 14 county jurisdiction. Lengthy discussion of this followed with the council and audience. Wayne stated that Cason wants us to work with the CNO as we would go to the end of the line in regards to getting federal recognition from the BIA. Cason has stated that is a thirty year wait as there are other tribes just as qualified as us wanting their recognition. Further discussion of this followed. **Motion to take a ten minute break was made by Wayne**

Stull, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor.

Les Reynolds requested that the agenda be suspended to discuss the motion made at General Council. **Motion to suspend the agenda was made by Curtis Zunigha, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.** Les then discussed that at General Council it was voted that Kay Anderson be in charge of the community center rentals, and he does not believe this has been done as other people are renting the center. He stated that when this is done Kay is missing trash bags and kitchen utensils. He feels that the tribal council should do what the General Council requested. Discussion of this followed. Vicki Sousa stated she has talked with Kay about this and Kay should do a monthly report for the council. Lengthy discussion followed on the constitution, general council and powers of the tribal council. **Motion to approve Kay as director of banquet projects as per general council was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Discussion followed. Motion failed 5 no, 2 yes.**

Motion to address this issue in executive session at the next council meeting was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion to return to the agenda was made by Judy Harmon, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.

The vacancies on the Housing Authority needs to be addressed. There have been four names submitted for the two positions. Bob Barnes, Joanna Burger, Titus Frenchman and Homer Scott. Vote will be by secret ballot for the candidates. After the count of the ballots Bob Barnes (5) and Joanna Burger (5) were elected to the positions. Homer Scott and Titus Frenchman both received two votes. It was also discussed that Mr Wilson has requested to stay on the Housing Board and the issue he had with them has been resolved. A joint meeting with the Housing Authority will be held in January. The Housing Authority need to turn in reports to the Cherokee Nation to receive funding.

Tabled issues were then discussed. The statutes that were suspended in previous administrations and what statutes are currently in place. Vicki Sousa stated that the meeting tapes are currently being reviewed as well as old minutes to establish which ones are in place. Discussion with the audience followed on this and court procedures. Dee Ketchum asked if a judge should be present at the meeting? Chet passed out disks and asked the members of the tribal council to review them before making a decision. Curtis stated that due process needs to be done. He feels that Chet is in violation and questioned what statutes are in effect. Curtis stated that he is going to do a resolution of action on this issue and will work to include this in the packet.

Annette discussed that Mr Wilson be appointed communications director as directed by general council. **Motion that Mr Wilson be given communications director appointment at his cost was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Motion carries with all in favor. One oppose, Raymond Cline.**

New Business:

Edna Havens reviewed information given to her by Doyle Hayes on the so-called Naticoke

Indians that came here in October. This group is not state or federally recognized and that the BIA has a court order against them so they cannot link to the BIA's website. Edna feels that we should not be entertaining these people at our community center nor training them about Lenape things. Edna is stating that this group is stealing our identity and there are things we can do to stop this, she is requesting that the tribal council send a letter to disavow them. Lengthy discussion followed with the audience and council members. The council has not endorsed this group. The Tribal Council took no action on this issue.

Annette stated that she has been in contact with Linda Herndon, Washington County Commissioner and she has indicated that she would like to see the tribe take title to the Silverlake cemetery. Annette stated that we can use trust funds to take care of the cemetery and that she would like the attorneys to get together to do the transfer. Discussion followed concerning the cost of ownership, maintenance and the possibility of grant funding. No action was taken on this issue.

Motion to take a ten minute break was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor.

Curtis discussed that there needs to be a constitution reform committee he feels that the council should not be involved in the process and that a constitution commission be selected by the council and that the revised constitution go directly to the people for a vote without the council reviewing it. He intends to bring a resolution to the council next month for action. He stated that public meetings can be held. He has worked with other tribes in the same way. Judy stated that she has been working with Jerry on starting a committee to do constitution revision. Discussion on this followed.

Curtis stated that judges cannot set on committees. He referenced that Sally Farley had to resign on the Health Board and he will ask Paula Pechonick to resign from Cultural Preservation committee. He feels it is not appropriate for judges to be on a policy making committee. He then discussed the Chiefs salary and stated he would like to get paid as well. He also feels that the tribal website needs to be shut down as it contains outdated information. He then stated that the personnel committee needs to become active as he does not know who the tribal employees are.

Annette questioned if John Montgomery gives a report? Discussion of this followed. Jerry will have him send a report.

Chet Brooks then clarified that he is on the Economic Development committee and not the Delaware Enterprise Corporation committee. He also stated that if Paula resigns from the Trust Board Cultural Preservation committee he will resign from Economic Development.

Wayne Stull and Earnest Tiger gave an update on the economic projects currently being worked on. The generator repair business currently being looked at will provide jobs and training programs for tribal members. This business has the potential to grow in many directions and as big as we want it to become.

Titus Frenchman stated that he would like to see the Housing Authority office moved back to

Bartlesville. Discussion of this followed.

Other Business:

Vicki discussed the Gorman Lawsuit. This was started during Joe Brooks administration. We need to fix the roof so that the damage does not get worse. Bids were obtained for the repair by Doyle Hayes and Gorman. Vicki will get copies of these as well as updated bids for consideration at the next council meeting.

Edna Havens discussed the Elder lunch program. She has been in contact with the Washington County Nutrition Project and they will work with us and provide homebound delivery as well. Their donation is \$1.50 per meal and if we paid for 15 to 20 elders it would be much cheaper than what we are spending on the current program. The tribe is currently spending \$40,000 on the lunch program which is about \$3,500 to \$4,000 per month vs 25 people @ WCN project would be \$162.50 a huge savings for the tribe and it would help those who are home bound. The WCN also has three locations that serve meals. Lively discussion followed with the audience and Annette Ketchum.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Raymond Cline. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.