

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Chelsea Senior Center  
Chelsea OK  
Monday, March 19, 2007

The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, March 19, 2007 at the Chelsea Senior Citizens Center in Chelsea, OK. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chief Jerry Douglas. Council members present at roll call included Chief Douglas, Wayne Stull, Raymond Cline, Judy Harmon, Verna Crawford, Curtis Zunigha and Annette Ketchum. Present in the audience were Steve & Trisha Earley, Dee Ketchum, Leonard Crawford, Chet Brooks, Bill Adair, Todd Thaxton, Debbie Whisenhunt, Jenan Alderman, Kay Anderson, Johnney Tucker, Titus Frenchman. Barbara Wallace, Donna Adams, Tonya Anna and a guest arrived at 6:30 p.m. Tribal Employees present were Marilyn Cole, Vicki Sousa and Earnest Tiger. Chet Brooks was asked to give the invocation which he did in both Delaware and English. Chief Douglas welcomed guests and asked if any would like to address the council. Steve Earley, a candidate for Cherokee Council District 8/Seat 2 then addressed the council and audience. He stated that this is his first presentation for support for tribal council and thanked them for the opportunity to speak with them. He stated that he has lived in Washington county all his life, he is a self-employed business man. He knows many Delawares and his heart is with the tribe and wished to help in any way he can. He would like support to be elected to the District 8/Seat 2 position. His opponent in the race is Brad Cobb. He promised that he is available to devote full time to the councilor position. He then answered questions from the council members. Discussion turned to Absentee voting and the possibility of fraud. Annette Ketchum then stated that " we don't want absentee voting in our tribe, if they can't walk in they don't need to vote". Chief Douglas then thanked Steve for his presentation.

Minutes of the 2-19-2007 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Judy Harmon. Discussion followed. Motion was amended to approve the minutes with corrections by Raymond Cline, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Treasurer's Report was given by Judy Harmon. She stated the we are still awaiting on the Housing Authority audit before ours can be completed. We are also in the process of closing the Language grant as it is now over. Chief Douglas stated that our CD's are on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month and we need to decide if we need to cash one as general operating funds are running low. **Motion to approve the financials pending audit was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Raymond Cline. Discussion followed. Curtis questioned the BIA carryover monies. It was stated that the BIA has not yet requested these funds back and are awaiting our audit. Annette stated we should spend the funds. Chief Douglas stated that the funds cannot be used and will be returned to the BIA when requested. He also asked Jenan Alderman on the status of the Housing Authority audit. She stated that the audit has been sent to HUD for their review and they will then send it back to the Housing Authority so that the corrections can be made, this could possibly take another month. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Tribal Council reports were included in the packet. Annette questioned the office report and if the letter had been received from the party which had the uninvited quest. Marilyn stated that she has not received it to date. Curtis questioned the unofficial survey, he feels that we can do a better survey and would like the unofficial survey taken off the website. **Motion to remove the unofficial survey from the website was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Old Business:

The federal recognition update was given by Chief Douglas. He stated that Tom Peckham was going to email an update but did not get to us in time for the meeting. We will call him in executive session at the end of the meeting. John Montgomery submitted his report for review. Annette then questioned if John turns in an itemized statement. Chief Douglas clarified for her again that John's contract is yearly and he is a lobbyist not an attorney. Tom Peckham is an attorney and he submits an itemized billing, she can get copies of these from Gina in the accounting office. He then stated that Melanie Knight canceled the conference call scheduled with Tom today and rescheduled to tomorrow. The Cherokees are having issues with the outcome of the freedman vote. There is a rumor that their federal funding is being frozen. This will possibly be a good thing for us as our monies will be able to come directly to us rather than the Cherokee. Discussion of this followed with the members.

Annette brought up that the elders have requested that the council meetings be held in Bartlesville, as it is a hardship on them to travel. The question of the elders who live in other communities was then asked of Annette. She then asked who the Delawares were attending the meeting tonight from Chelsea were? And who was from Bartlesville. She stated that she was not elected to travel to the meetings, they should be in Bartlesville. Chief Douglas stated that part of his campaign was to make the Tribal meetings accessible to all Delawares. Annette then questioned Mr. Bill Adair if he thought the meetings should be held in Bartlesville or Chelsea. He stated that it is hard for him to drive at night, but liked having a meeting in Chelsea and that maybe one a year could be held here. Annette then questioned if they could provide supper at the meeting. **Motion to have the council meeting in Bartlesville for eleven months with one meeting in Chelsea was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Discussion followed. It was stated that the next months meeting was being scheduled at the OSU Tulsa meeting room. Annette then questioned if she would be safe, her car not vandalized? She again stated that moving the meetings is hard on the elders. Chet Brooks stated that for many years others have driven from out of town to the meetings. Motion fails with five nay, Raymond Cline, Judy Harmon, Verna Crawford, Chief Douglas, Wayne Stull. Two yes, Annette Ketchum, Curtis Zunigha.**

**Motion to have the April meeting in Bartlesville was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Motion carried with all in favor, one no Chief Douglas.**

Annette then discussed the Elder Committee. They approved their meeting minutes at the February meeting. One of their motions was to affirm that the Tribal Council supports the Elder Lunch Program. Raymond stated he supports the program but that there is some items that need to be fixed. Judy Harmon stated that she supports the program but that there is some issues that

really need to be addressed. Verna Crawford stated she also supports the program but there are some issues that need to be addressed as well. Chief Douglas stated that he also supports the program but is not supportive of how it is currently being run. Wayne Stull stated that he supports the program. Curtis and Annette both support. Annette then stated that the elders meet on the second Thursday of the month and questioned if any council or staff would like to attend and speak to them. Assistant Chief Stull stated he is available. Chief Douglas stated if his schedule permits he is available. She then requested that the elder committee minutes be posted on the website. This can be done if they are given to the office staff. She then stated that the flags are not up at the community center. She was then told they have been flying for the past week. She then stated that Susan Cade is requesting all the names and addresses of military personnel serving overseas so that she can give them phone cards. Susan Cade can be contacted by mail 201 E Falleaf Dr, Copan, OK 74022. Annette stated that she will get the information to the office so that this can be posted on the website as well.

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

The meeting was called back to order at 7:20 p.m. Annette then requested to speak again with more old business. She asked if the street lights have been fixed by the elder units. Mike Ellick has turned in a work order for this. She then questioned the roof repair at the community center. Bids are still being obtained. She questioned if Jerry has done the budget. He stated that he is still working on this. She then questioned if the election guidelines are done. This will be worked on by the election committee. She also requested a copy of the personnel policy. She then stated that she wants full names and addresses of the Delawares who wrote the 'concerned Delaware' article in the Delaware Indian News so that she may contact them.

Raymond Cline discussed the personnel committee, the current members are Raymond Cline, Verna Crawford, Jenifer Pechonick, Curtis Zunigha and Judy Harmon. **Motion to add Wayne Stull to the personnel committee was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Verna Crawford. Discussion of how many members are on the board. The number was changed when Joe Brooks was Chief, there is not a vacancy. Raymond and Verna then withdrew the motion.** He stated that a personnel committee meeting can be held on April 16 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

Annette again requested to discuss old business. She questioned if the gift shop can be set up for special events.. The gift shop was given to the economic development committee. Earnest stated that he had opened the gift shop for two general councils and a special event. There is not much inventory left and no funds to replenish. The inventory is currently stored at the Virginia bldg The gift shop is \$15,000 in arrears. She then stated that she will take this to the cultural committee to see what they would like to do.

New Business:

Vicki Sousa requested that the holding company be discussed in executive session citing attorney client privilege.

Other Business:

Curtis questioned if mileage is being paid for council members to attend the out of town meetings. At the present time we are not paying for mileage. **Motion to reimburse mileage to the out of town meetings was made by Curtis Zunigha, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with four yes, Curtis Zunigha, Annette Ketchum, Wayne Stull and Chief Douglas. Three no, Verna Crawford, Raymond Cline and Judy Harmon.**

Curtis then discussed the appointment of the vacant judge position. These need to be gotten to the office so that they can be included in the packet. Curtis then announced that on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> the annual Operation Eagle Pow wow will be held at the Washington County fairgrounds. This will start at 1:00 p.m. with a supper at 5:00 p.m. and the evening program will start at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion to go into executive session was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor. Executive session called at 7:40 p.m.**

**Motion to come out of executive session was made by Judy Harmon, seconded by Raymond Cline. Motion carried with all in favor.**

**Motion to approve Resolution 2007-02 was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried five yes, Raymond Cline, Judy Harmon, Verna Crawford, Chief Douglas, Wayne Stull. Two no, Annette Ketchum, Curtis Zunigha.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Raymond Cline. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**