

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Monday, May 21, 2007
Tulsa-OSU Campus
Tulsa OK

The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, May 21, 2007 at the Tulsa-OSU Campus. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chief Jerry Douglas. Members present included Raymond Cline, Judy Harmon, Chief Douglas, Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford, Curtis Zunigha and Annette Ketchum. Present in the audience were Jenifer Pechonick, Leonard Crawford, Laura Maddox and husband, Anita Lewis, Russ Mathis, Rusty Brown, Dee Ketchum, Nancy Sumpter, Susan Cade, Mary Mather, John Tucker, John Jackson, Kay Anderson, Tonya Anna, Barbara Wallace, Levi Randall, Katrina Longhat, Marilyn Coffey, James Coffey, John Dillingham, and son, Chet Brooks, Kathy Buffalo and son, Titus Frenchman. Tribal employees present were Earnest Tiger, Marilyn Cole, Andy Grimes, Rajean Stelfox and Vicki Sousa. Invocation was given by Dee Ketchum.

Rayjean Stelfox of the Washington County Childcare made a presentation to the tribal council on a new state childcare program and possible temporary lease of the community center. Lengthy discussion of this followed. **Motion for childcare to find another place to rent was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Motion failed with five nay and two yes, Curtis and Annette.**

Minutes of the April 16th meeting was reviewed by members. **Motion to approve the April 16th minutes with corrections was made by Judy Harmon, seconded by Raymond Cline. Motion carried with all in favor. One abstain, Raymond Cline.**

Treasurer's report was given by Judy Harmon. She stated that the Housing Authority audit is complete, we need to submit our response. Everything should be completed within the next couple of weeks. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Unfinished Business:

Cemetery Issue: Annette has talked with Vicki Sousa and Linda Herndon. A meeting with Mr. Esser has not been set. Annette stated that Hillcrest Country Club would pay to have the cemetery mowed. Vicki stated that the greens keeper of HCC stated there will be a \$300 charge. Discussion of this followed. Washington County is responsible for the mowing of these cemeteries mowed, as they have already awarded the contract.

Federal Recognition update: There was a conference call last week with the chief, assistant chief, the attorneys and the lobbyist. It was stated that we should have a copy of the bill by the end of the week. It was also stated that we need to see the bill before passage. Lengthy discussion followed on the freedman issue, elections, the MOA and other issues.

The constitution revision committee was discussed. **Motion to approve Edna Havens as chair**

and to have her submit recommendations for members was made by Judy Harmon, seconded by Wayne Stull. Discussion followed. Curtis wants do design and justify his ideas for a commission instead of a committee. **Motion was then withdrawn.** Curtis will meet with Judy on this next week.

Motion to take a ten minute break was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Reports are in the packet. Discussion of problems with community center kitchen equipment followed. Curtis stated that there needs to be a chair of the DIN committee. **Motion to approve the reports in the packet was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Raymond Cline. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Earnest Tiger gave an update on Economic Development. He stated that on June 18th the City of Dewey is having their council meeting . This will be a show & tell of the Dewey Travel Plaza project. He discussed the topographic study and soil testing that needs to be done so we can move forward with this project. When this is complete we can then start the construction and cash flow projections. Discussion to change the Tribal Council meeting date was then held. Curtis requested that the Economic Development minutes be placed in the council packets.

Discussion of the meetings being held in other places to allow for more tribal member participation and attendance followed. **Motion that all tribal council, general council meetings be held in Bartlesville hereafter and not in outside locations was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Motion failed with two yes, Curtis and Annette and five nays.**

Titus Frenchman stated that the parking lot lights on the northwest side of the community center are not working. He stated that he would like to purchase a van so that the elders can be transported to outside activities. He stated he is trying to find additional funding for the nutrition site. He has been in contact with the Cherokee nation.

It was stated that the deadline for an upcoming DIN is June 15th. If this changes the council and trust board members will be notified. The DIN committee is awaiting information on our federal recognition so that this can be given to all tribal members.

New Business:

The NCAI resolution authorizing delegate and alternate was discussed. **Motion to approve the NCAI Resolution authorizing Wayne Stull as delagate and Judy Harmon as alternate was made by Curtis Zunigha, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor. Two abstain, Wayne and Judy.**

Wayne then stated that he has repaid his expenses for the Las Vegas trip.

DEA board appointments was discussed, there is one opening left. Currently members are Mary Jo Peterson, Wayne Stull, Ken Adams and Jerry Douglas. Possible candidates include Scott

Thompson and Dr. Tony Little. Discussion followed. There are three tribal members and two that have interests of the tribe in their hearts. Vicki Sousa again reviewed the reasons holding company was established.

Annette stated that at the upcoming OK Mozart festival the tribe can have a booth on the 13th and 14th to sell gift shop items. She is looking for volunteers to do this. She also stated that she was invited to travel to Bethlehem PA for a day of prayer. She stated that she and the churches are praying against casinos and for their failure in Pennsylvania.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judy Harmon, seconded by Raymond Cline. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.