

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Monday, July 23, 2007

The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, July 23, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chief Jerry Douglas. Invocation was given by Earnest Tiger. Members present at roll call included Chief Douglas, Verna Crawford, Wayne Stull, Raymond Cline, Judy Harmon. Absent was Curtis Zunigha, out of town for work (email received) and Annette Ketchum, no call has been received from her for her absence. The guests were welcomed by Chief Douglas. Present in the audience were Jan Brown, Donna Adams, Rosetta Coffey, Barbara Wallace, Heather Beasley, Chet Brooks, Kay Anderson, Kathy Buffalo, Evelyn Thomas, Marilyn Coffey, Bonnie Thaxton, Jean Kirkendall, Edna Havens, John Tucker & Susan Cade. Tribal employees present were Marilyn Cole, Earnest Tiger and Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa.

Minutes of the May 21, 2007 minutes were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Minutes of the special Tribal Council meeting July 9, 2007 were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes of the special Tribal Council meeting as presented was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor.**

The Treasurer's Report was given by Judy Harmon. She stated that the FY-2005 audit was complete and that the process is starting for the FY-2007 audit is starting. The Language grant has used the remaining monies and the final closeout reports are being done.

Old Business:

Federal Recognition update was given by Chief Douglas. He stated that himself, Vicki Sousa, Earnest Tiger, Wayne Stull have been having daily conference calls with John Montgomery and Tom Peckham. There is hope to have the bill before Congress goes on recess in August.

An update on the Elder Lunch program was given. At the special tribal council meeting it was voted to contact the Washington County Nutrition Project and have the lunches provided. However someone canceled this and Kay has been cooking all week. This was not what the council voted to do. A special committee was appointed by the council to look a ways to operate the program. Two of the committee members are not present to report. The suggestion offered by Curtis Zunigha was read by Vicki Sousa. Discussion of utility costs, fellowship and the need for healthy meals followed. Jan Brown stated that she had heard the kitchen would not be opened, even with the purchase of a steam table. Some of the volunteers are collecting monies and doing sign up. This is why they took over and opened it themselves. Discussion included that the committee was looking at program guidelines, dietician services, job descriptions. The committee is Judy Harmon, Annette Ketchum and Curtis Zunigha. Verna stated the funds received needs to be accounted for and that the council had voted to partner with WCNP so that

all elders needing a meal would be served. This was to be a short term arrangement until the committee came back to the council with their recommendations. The committee had not had time to meet as a group. Lengthy discussion with the audience followed. **Motion to allow the program to operate as they are now with no funding until the committee meets and presents a plan of operation to the tribal council was made by Judy Harmon, seconded by Verna Crawford.** Discussion on pay for Kay followed. The committee needs to be allowed to accomplish their goal. It was again clarified that there will be no monies paid other than utilities. **Motion then carried with all in favor.** Discussion followed that there is a ceiling tile in the small dining room that needs replaced and that the air conditioner does not work well in the kitchen. These are items that the committee are looking at getting repaired.

The constitution reform committee was discussed. Curtis did not get the requested information to Judy concerning committee or commission. **Motion to appoint Edna Havens as Constitution Committee Chair and to bring her suggestions for committee members to the next council meeting was made by Judy Harmon, seconded by Raymond Cline.** Discussion followed that a lot of work has already been done and can be retrieved from the computer. **Motion carried with all in favor.**

Resolution 2007-04 was read. This is the approval of twenty two names for tribal membership. **Motion to approve Resolution 2007-04 approving tribal membership was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.**

NCAI Report was given by Wayne. He stated the on June 11<sup>th</sup> he and Judy attended the General Assembly. He stated they were welcomed by 229 Alaska tribes. A guest speaker Orlando Cabara of HUD spoke on the importance of Indian Housing and that tribes should inform themselves. Hattie Coffman of CBS Early Show, spoke of the importance of using the media and maintaining a good relationship with the media. He reviewed some of the other speakers and that the main goal should be for all tribes to unify and work together. He stated that he personally spoke with Carl Artman of the Department of Interior about our situation. Tribes need to partner together to create more jobs for tribal members.

Grand Gate way dues are due. They are around \$900. The chief feels that this is an excessive expenditure at the current time. Discussion followed on what Grand Gateway does. **Motion to participate with Grand Gateway and pay the dues was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Raymond Cline.** Discussion that they can possibly help with the nutrition program. **Motion carried with all in favor.**

Housing Authority commissioner Ed Wilson has resigned. Interested parties should send their request to be appointed commissioner to the Chief before the next council meeting.

Wayne Stull stated that the DEC/Economic Development committee met earlier today. The main topic was the Dewey project. This project was ready to go prior to the loss of our federal recognition and we are about ready to go to the next phase of the project. The committees voted to proceed. However there is a propane company that is interested in purchasing the property. DEC/Economic Development committee has requested that the council authorize them to obtain a loan with the use of a CD as collateral. Discussion that even if we do not proceed we still owe

around \$30,000 for work already done on the project. This loan can be paid back when the loan for the entire project is received. Discussion followed that included taxes, loan with federal recognition and without, leasing fees, tenants, jobs. To continue proceeding forward with the project at least \$44,000 is needed. **Motion to authorize DEA to seek a loan and allow the use of one of the CD's for collateral up to an amount of \$50,000 was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Judy Harmon.** Discussion that Earnest will provide to Judy detailed expenses. The cell tower on the property will also provide income for the project. Phases I & II were discussed. When the project is operational the tribe will receive at least 30% of the profits. **Motion then carried with all in favor.** The extension of the MOA will be firmed up with the City of Dewey.

Raymond stated that he will not be at the next council meeting.

A committee will be formed to oversee the Dewey project, if interested get with Wayne or Jerry.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.