

Tribal Council Meeting  
Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Monday, August 20, 2007

The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, August 20, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chief Jerry Douglas at 6:10 p.m. Members present at roll call included Chief Douglas, Annette Ketchum, Verna Crawford, Curtis Zunigha and Wayne Stull. Absent was Raymond Cline who was in St. Louis for medical reasons and Judy Harmon absent for family illness. Tribal employees Marilyn Cole and Earnest Tiger was present as well as Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa. Audience members included Titus Frenchman, Chet Brooks, Barbara Wallace, Donna Adams, Evelyn Thomas, Kay Burnett, Jean Kirkendall, Cherokee Councilor Dr. Brad Cobb, Anita Lewis, Johnney Tucker, Bonnie Thaxton, Marilyn Coffey and 2 guests, and Mary Jo Peterson. Invocation was given by Curtis Zunigha.

Minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes with corrections, if needed, was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor. Two abstain, Curtis Zunigha and Annette Ketchum.

Treasurer's report was given by Chief Douglas. He stated that we received a clean audit and then discussed the need to cash an additional CD for operating expenses. Discussion of using the remaining BIA funds was held. Curtis wants to write a letter and advise them (BIA) that we are going to use the monies and give them a 30 day notice. Jerry stated that the BIA will be asking for the funds to be returned and we cannot spend what is not ours. The BIA was awaiting our audit before this could be done and he expects to hear from them in the near future. **Motion to approve the use of one \$25,000 CD #11665 was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull.** Discussion that this will be put into our general operating fund to cover expenses. Discussion of how long our remaining funds will last. **Motion then carried with all in favor. One no vote, Annette Ketchum.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Douglas stated that he, Tom Peckham, John Montgomery, Wayne Stull and Vicki Sousa have been having daily conference calls. He then stated that he had met with Dan Boren who was holding a town meeting in Nowata and spoke with him. On August 13<sup>th</sup> Congressman Sullivan was met with and he stated that he will be happy to introduce our bill, he is all for helping us. Annette then asked if our pending legislation is for a real government to government recognition or something quasi. She is not for the proposed legislation with the Cherokee Nation. She then talked about the breaking of the 1866 treaty. Chief Douglas then stated that on August 15<sup>th</sup> Aides with Senator Inoffe's office met with us at our offices. They stated that they would gladly help us and that we need to get Dr. Coburn on board. Discussion then followed. Curtis discussed the elder committee resolution. They are not a political body of the tribe, just some tribal members who do not agree with working with the Cherokee Nation. Chief Douglas stated that we have not received the final draft of the legislation. The freedman issue was then discussed at length.

The elder lunch program was discussed by Curtis. He stated that he talked with Judy Harmon last night. The entire committee has not been able to meet as he was out of town and Judy has had

some family illness to deal with. He stated that lunches are being served in the small dining room using the food that was on hand. Annette has been working on some issues and prepared her own three page report. Curtis stated that a personnel committee meeting needs to be held to discuss the kitchen staff. Discussion of Grand Gateway followed. The annual dues have been paid and the grant packet for elder nutrition was given to Annette. Lisa James with the Cherokee Nation Program has indicated that they will work with us on providing funding for our program. Oversight and policies will need to be done. Discussion of this followed. A more detailed report and descriptions for the program was requested. Discussion turned to the personnel committee. **Motion was made to pay Kay and Elgia for the past five weeks for their work was made by Annette Ketchum. Motion died for lack of a second.** Annette then gave a copy of the Elder Committee resolution to Verna Crawford. Chief Douglas requested that a copy of the minutes of the meeting and who attended this meeting. Annette stated she would get this information.

Discussion of the appointments to the Housing Authority Commissioners was held. There have been two names submitted for the position. Rick Adair and Todd Thaxton. Annette questioned if Rick Adair was a Delaware as Adair is a Cherokee name, or if he has Cherokee blood as well. It was stated that both candidates are Delaware tribal members. **Vote was done by secret ballot. Rick Adair, Three votes. Todd Thaxton, two votes.** Chief Douglas stated that he will write a letter to Rick Adair.

New tribal members was read from Resolution 2007-06. **Motion to approve Resolution 2007-06 approving new tribal members was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Discussion of the DIN followed. Verna stated that this will hopefully go out by the end of the week or next week.

Annette vocally opposed that the request for ballot was not in the paper. She does not feel that a referendum election needs to be done, why mail ballots out to 7,000 tribal members when a mail out to less than 300 could be done.

New Business:

Executive session on the agenda. **Motion to go into executive session was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at