

Delaware Tribal Council
Delaware Tribe of Indians
Monday, October 15, 2007

The Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, October 15, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chief Jerry Douglas at 6:00 p.m. Members present at roll call included Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Councilwoman Verna Crawford, Councilman Raymond Cline, Councilwoman Judy Harmon, Assistant Chief Wayne Stull and Chief Douglas. Councilman Curtis Zunigha arrived at 6:10 p.m. Audience members included Donna Adams, Anita Lewis, Jan Brown, Chet Brooks, Don Wilson, Rosetta Coffey, Jess Coffey, Bonnie Thaxton, Jean Kirkendall, Evelyn Thomas, Doyle Hayes arrived at 6:30, Marilyn and James Coffey arrived at 6:55 and Barbara Wallace, Johnney Tucker arrived at 7:20. Tribal employees Marilyn Cole and Earnest Tiger were present as well as Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa. Invocation was given by Earnest Tiger. Guests were welcomed by the Chief.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor. One abstain, Annette Ketchum.**

Treasurer's Report was given by Judy Harmon. She stated that we are ready for the 2006 audit to begin as soon as the CPA firm is ready for us. Annette stated that she would like to see the check registers and budgets.

Old Business:

Chief Douglas stated that he has been on the phone daily with the lobbyist and attorney Tom Peckham. We do not seem to be getting anywhere. Wayne stated that the climate in Washington DC is not favorable towards Indians. This is an election year and our delegates will not introduce a bill even if we do not do gaming. He stated that our lobbyist does not seem to be working for us, but would like to wait until we hear on Wednesday with his update until we make the decision to let him go. Annette made a motion to terminate the lobbyist, no second. Wayne also stated that we can get economic development without doing gaming. Lengthy discussion followed on the bill language, gaming, 1500 acres and the shall language and getting CNO support and the fact that Senator Coburn is against all Indians. Discussion also included that we might need to meet with Chief Chad Smith on the issue. Annette stated that we need to be a stand alone recognized tribe even if it takes twenty years to accomplish.

Elder Committee Nutrition report was given by Councilman Zunigha. He stated that there has been no movement on this committee since the last meeting. There is no monies to support a program and the committee has not met to offer an alternative plan. The personnel committee has met and Annette's proposed plan with selected employees and pay scale were discussed but at this time will not be implemented. His suggestion is to wait for federal recognition apply for title 6 funding. Wayne Stull stated that he has talked with Cherokee Nation Councilman Dr. Brad Cobb and he indicated that the food pantry and monies might be available to us. Curtis then stated that he talked with Melanie Knight and she made no promises of support for the program. Annette stated that she has abandoned the committee as no one looked at her budget or

inventory. Raymond Cline stated that this was reviewed but it was her opinion and not the committee as a group which was what was requested. Chief Douglas requested that he and Wayne work with Dr. Cobb to get some funding for the program. Wayne then stated that he had talked with Melanie and she stated that the CNO council passed support for us, he will again call her and Dr. Cobb. Curtis made a motion to let the elder committee do what they are doing, no second. Annette stated that the elder nutrition program has received \$2,000 from Grand Gateway and that they are awaiting word on the \$10,000 grant applied for.

Reports:

A resolution was read by Marilyn Cole to approve new tribal members. **Motion to approve the new member Resolution 2007-07 was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.**

New Business;

Chief Douglas stated that Councilman Curtis Zunigha has filed a lawsuit in tribal court against some council members and DIN committee members. He has filed this as a tribal member. The chief would like to have Vicki Sousa represent them as council as well as for Edna Havens and Marilyn Cole. **Motion was made to allow Vicki Sousa to represent Edna Havens and Marilyn Cole as counsel was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Judy Harmon. Discussion followed. Vote 5 yes 2 no, Curtis Zunigha and Annette Ketchum.**

Councilman Zunigha expressed his views on the election and general council. He reviewed last years meeting and stated that he wants to have a meeting following the court hearing to prepare for general council.

NCAI annual meeting was discussed. Wayne Stull and Earnest Tiger are attending from the Trust Board. Annette made a motion to send the chief, no second as Chief Douglas stated he is not able to attend NCAI. **Motion was then made to send Curtis to the annual meeting in Denver November 11-16 with Wayne Stull as the delegate and Earnest and Curtis as alternates was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Wayne Stull.** Curtis reviewed why he should attend and that his expenses of registration travel hotel and per diem will be covered. **Motion then carried with all in favor, Curtis abstain from vote. Motion to approve NCAI resolution 2007-08 approving Wayne Stull as Delegate and Councilman Curtis Zunigha and Earnest Tiger as alternates was made by Curtis Zunigha seconded by Raymond Cline motion carried with all in favor.**

Discussion of having a special meeting on Monday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss general council. The meeting was then scheduled for that Monday.

Curtis requested a donation of \$250 for the color guard to get harnesses to carry flags. There are several up coming events such as veterans day parades and powwows. It was suggested that this could possibly come from cultural preservation Curtis will ask on Tuesday evening.

Annette then stated that she has written and received a letter from John Arledge and Associates

concerning mis-appropriation of trust funds.

Verna stated that the council should be able to help with the donation to the color guard request since they also represent the tribe. **Motion to approve ½ of the donation request \$125 to the color guard was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.** Curtis stated that he will coordinate with the cultural preservation committee to get these ordered.

A billing for Community Services was brought up for discussion. This will be addressed by the committee.

Annette stated that the grass at the Dewey cemetery is tall and that she has called Linda Herndon and this will be taken care of. Annette then questioned the status of the sign that was at the old building, the pictures that hung in the old council room and the dedication shovel. These items are in storage at the present time.

Doyle Hayes addressed the content of an email received today that was posted on the internet by Rusty Brown for Annette Ketchum. He stated that he served the tribe honorably for four years and now that he is running for office she has tried to dig up dirt by implying that he stole. He stated that anyone who was at the meeting knew that this was discussed, it is in the minutes what was going to be done with this stuff. Anita Lewis and the council members went outside to discuss what to do with the items so that an outdoor powwow could be held. The email implies that Anita had no knowledge of this. There was old metal that came off the building, some bricks a roll of felt. Anita was going to pay someone \$40 an hour to haul this off. There was no rebar, there was a pile of chicken type wire that could be used in conservation to prevent erosion. This stuff had been laying there for two years killing the grass. It was never used to fix the pond when it was dried up. Doyle stated that he didn't have any use for the stuff but stated that he would haul it off. He spent over \$400 to have his employees to remove it. In the email it stated that an elder got a license tag number which is a lie as you cannot see the tag when a trailer is hooked to the truck. There is a large sign on all his trucks that says Hayes Air Conditioning we don't hide from anybody and it gives the phone number. His employees also wear t-shirts that have Hayes Air Conditioning on them. He asked if this sounds like he is trying to hide or steal that stuff? Annette questioned why he didn't put this in the storage building. Doyle stated this was not mentioned to him and why would he pay his men to come here to do that? He got the use of about three pieces of used metal. The rest of the metal wasn't usable and it cost him more to dispose of it. He did this to help clean up the property. Levi got the wood now this could of been used for the fire at their powwow and he is assuming that the housing authority got the bricks. Now still they was to pay someone \$40 an hour to finish removing the debris, and it is still not done. He stated that she should not drag him through the mud. Annette thanked him for explaining this. Doyle stated that this has been explained at meetings and to Anita. The email states that he is playing dumb about this and it is a lie. Annette stated that Anita was out money to move this back. Anita and her husband were only out gas money as they were in Nowata at a meeting. Doyle stated that he took off work early and loaded the felt and wire. He feels this email is from him running for office. Annette stated that everyone gets a nick when they run for office, she has. Verna stated that Doyle was correct and she remembers the discussion and

directions given at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.