

The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, February 25, 2008 at the Nowata Public Library in Nowata OK. The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. Members present at roll call included Raymond M. Cline, Chief Jerry Douglas, Verna Crawford, Curtis Zunigha, Annette Ketchum, Wayne Stull. Absent was Judy Harmon due to illness. Present in the audience were Chet Brooks, Donna Adams, Dee Ketchum, Johnney Tucket, Kay Anderson, Leonard Crawford, Darla Inman and Joila Noblitt. Tribal employee present was Marilyn Cole. Invocation was given by Dee Ketchum.

Guests present was welcomed. It was mentioned that there is a lot of people sick with the flu.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion to table the minutes until corrections are made was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

No Treasurer's report as the treasurer is absent due to illness. Discussion of the generator company followed. Reports on the businesses will be in the DEA report annually.

Federal Recognition was discussed. At the last meeting the lobbyist was given 60 days to produce some results, thirty have already passed and no meeting with the senators have not been scheduled. It was stated that we need to schedule our own meetings. It was also stated that during the conference calls there is good talk but we are not seeing results. We have also been told for the last three months that there will be a bill ready to present, to date we have not seen it. Further discussion of the lobbyist was held. Discussion then turned to the Cherokee Nation and is they are opposing us. It was stated that they are not but willing to help us. Suggestion that we need to go to Carl Artman in Washington for his help. The BIA and the CNO are with us our problem is with the lawmakers. Discussion of the sentiment against Indian tribes and gaming followed.

Curtis then gave the Housing Report. He stated that he has had nothing but cooperation from the Housing Authority in this transition. There are established procedures for procurement, maintenance and housing already in place. Anne has the codes already set up in the accounting department to cover the Housing monies. He stated that he has not spent any of the allocated money. He needs the council to approve the policies, forms, codes for the accounting system so that the infrastructure is in place to manage the homes. Last month the tenants paid their rents to the Housing Authority, he would like to be ready to collect the rents at the tribal office. The units need to be inspected for possible maintenance jobs and he needs to have applications filled out to fill the vacancy of 202 Barbara. Discussion of the monies held by the Housing Authority followed. Further discussion of the policies and manuals. These are available at the tribal office for review. Motion to approve the policies and manuals changing the headings from Delaware Housing Authority to Delaware Housing was made by Curtis Zunigha, seconded by Wayne Stull. Discussion of late fees, deposits, insurance coverage of the apartments, how rents are calculated followed. Curtis stated he is willing to manage the apartments. Curtis stated that we need to get help from the Cherokee's to assist with operating the units. The apartments will need to be revisited on a monthly basis. Motion then carried with all in favor, one no, Raymond Cline.

Marilyn read resolution 2008-01 regarding new members. Motion to approve the Resolution

approving the new members was made by Wayne Stull, Seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion of the tribal court and DIN publication followed. Possible publication for a first week in April mailing was discussed. If this is the case the deadline for articles will be March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Reports:

Annette discussed the Elder Program. It was stated that Lesa James should be here sometime this week to begin this.

It was stated that there is a water leak at the wellness center.

Curtis questioned if anyone is attending Rez 08? Wayne and Earnest were planning on attending. Wayne stated that he will be attending as we need to keep our presence in front of the other tribes and it is an opportunity to meet with the Wells Fargo bank. The dates for Rez is March 3-6. This will need to be voted on by the Trust Board since the travel would be for economic development.

Motion that the Tribal Council meeting for March be held at the Community Center in Bartlesville was made by Curtis Zunigha, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor. One no, Jerry Douglas.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.