

The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, March 24, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Chief Jerry Douglas at 6:10 p.m. Members present included Chief Douglas, Verna Crawford, Raymond Cline, Wayne Stull, Annette Ketchum and Curtis Zunigha. Absent was Judy Harmon due to a death in the family. Present in the audience was Jan Brown, Donna Adams, Johnney Tucker and Cherokee Councilman Dr. Brad Cobb. Tribal employee Marilyn Cole was also present. Curtis Zunigha gave the invocation. Guests were welcomed by the Chief.

Minutes of the previous meetings (January & February) were reviewed.

**Motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2008 with correction was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Motion carried with all in favor.**

**Motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2008 as presented was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Discussion of the Treasurer's Report followed. Discussion of the need to draw a CD for operating expenses then discussed. The Trust Board needs to be assisting the tribe with expenses and this will be brought to them at their April meeting. Discussion of a budget was also held.

**Motion to draw CD #71661 for operating expenses was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Wayne Stull. Discussion, Curtis requested that the monies not go to DEA and Annette requested that no travel be done.**

**Motion then carried with all in favor. Motion to table the Treasurer's Report until next month was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Curtis suggested that the agenda be suspended so that Dr. Cobb may address the council. Dr. Cobb then reviewed his recent meetings in Washington, D.C. and his meeting with Brian Treet. He stated that he, Paula Ragsdale and Cara Cowan. He stated that we should commend Sherry Rackliff as she represented the tribe well. He also stated that they told Senator Coburn's aides that the Cherokee Nation supports the Delaware tribe in getting their recognition. Lengthy discussion of Coburn's issues with gaming, part 83 process and the unique situation the Delaware Tribe is in followed. Discussion of the tribes 638 funding was also held. The BIA needs a letter or resolution from the CNO before they can release to us. Dr. Cobb stated that if we get him a letter or resolution he will take this to the council.

**Motion that we present a letter or resolution to the Cherokee Nation asking for their support in the Delaware Tribe to access our 638 Aid to Tribal Government funds either through the Cherokee Nation or with direct contact with the BIA was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Annette stated that the Elder Nutrition program has received the first shipment of food and thanked Dr. Cobb for his assistance. She also stated that the assistant needs to be paid as well as the cook. It was stated that there may be grants that will cover this expense. Discussion of the nutrition program followed.

Discussion returned to federal recognition. The council will meet with Brian Treet from

Coburn's office on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

A ten minute break was taken at 6:35 p.m. upon returning from the break Curtis stated that he has no problem with taking gaming off the table, but that we must ask the tribal members if they want us to include gaming in our federal recognition bill. Length discussion of this followed.

**Motion that we remove the language of IGRA gaming from our Delaware recognition bill in order to pursue Federal Recognition was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Motion carried with all in favor.** Discussion of other options followed, presenting a bill as will as starting and fast tracking the part 83 process. These will be discussed at the Wednesday meeting. The council meeting will be recessed until after the meeting on Wednesday to discuss the options.

Annette stated that there are some repairs needing done at the community center. Discussion of the tribal flag followed.

**Motion to purchase three tribal flags was made by Curtis Zunigha, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Curtis stated that he will get an American Flag from his legion.

Discussion of the Delaware Indian News followed. The tribal judges have not rendered a decision on the court cases to date. The date of May 1 for possible publication followed.

**Motion to move the DIN publication to the first week in May was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Annette stated that the cultural preservation committee is starting a year long cultural immersion program starting in July and would like to put this in the DIN. It was stated that the deadline for submission would be April 15.

Discussion of the pending auction of the property on Virginia Ave followed. Options for the storage and move were included in the office report.

**Motion to clean the storage building and move the records and furniture was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Raymond Cline. Motion carried with all in favor.**

**Motion to contract with Mike Cole for the move was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Two bids have been received for the Ford Explorer and the Dump Truck. Bids were opened. They were \$325.10 on the Explorer and \$825 for the Dump truck.

**Motion to accept the bid on the Explorer and advertise the Dump Truck in the Truck Trader magazine was made by Wayne Stull, Seconded by Raymond Cline. Discussion followed that the reasonable costs of advertising are also approved. Motion then carried with all in favor.**

Curtis then stated that the Chief of the Miami Tribe had passed away and that he was a supporter of the Delaware Tribe regaining our recognition.

The meeting then adjourned.