

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
August 18, 2008

The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, August 18, 2008 at the Chelsea Senior Center, Chelsea OK. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chief Jerry Douglas. Members present at roll call were Annette Ketchum, Curtis Zunigha, Verna Crawford, Raymond Cline, Wayne Stull, Chief Douglas. Absent was Judy Harmon. Present in the audience were Jan Brown, Donna Adams, Bill Adair, Todd Thaxton, Linda Boggs, George Downs, Rebecca Meratie, Jeann Alderman, Chet Brooks. Tribal employees Earnest Tiger, Marilyn Cole and Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa were present.

Invocation was given by Earnest Tiger. Guests were welcomed by the Chief. Rebecca Meratie made a presentation to the Council in the behalf of Mr. George Downs. Mr. Downs had sold the housing Authority the land that the Secondine I & II additions. He has an extra 30 acres connected to this property that has been incorporated into the City of Chelsea and has all the utilities already installed. Discussion of this with the council followed.

Minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.** One abstain, Curtis Zunigha.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

Federal Recognition report was given by Chief Douglas. He stated that the Bill has been submitted by Congressman Sullivan. This was filed prior to Congress going on vacation. He stated that in the meantime we are proceeding with the OIWA application. We are working with the CNO on a new/updated MOA so that the application can proceed. Lengthy discussion of this followed. Tom is working on this, a three month deadline for MOA OIWA application to be done. It is very important to get done while George Skibine is in office. Clarification was give that we need MOA worked out with the CNO, a letter from the Chief to BIA requesting tribe be approved for OIWA application.

Curtis then stated that he feels that Resolution 2008-6 needs to be rescinded. He feels that he should be able to contact Tom Peckham about federal recognition at any time. **Motion to rescind Resolution 2008-6 was made by Curtis Zunigha, seconded by Annette Ketchum.** Lengthy discussion followed. The Chief has always been the designated contact with the tribal attorneys. Motion carried 4 yes, Jerry Douglas abstain and Raymond Cline, no.

Curtis then demanded that the August 7 press release be rescinded. Motion that the statement be rescinded was made by Curtis Zunigha, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Discussion followed. Motion yes Curtis Zunigha, Annette Ketchum, Wayne Stull, no Raymond Cline, Abstain, Verna Crawford, Jerry Douglas.

Annette discussed that having Earnest Tiger is a political operative. **Motion to rescind the**

**resolution making Earnest Tiger spokesman was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha.** Discussion that the resolution was done Nov 04 and allowed Earnest Tiger to be the contact for the tribe. Motion yes, Wayne Stull, Annette Ketchum, Curtis Zunigha, Verna Crawford, No Raymond Cline, Jerry Douglas.

Motion to make the chief or his designated person spokesperson for the Delaware tribe was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried yes, Jerry Douglas, Raymond Cline, Verna Crawford, Wayne Stull, Annette Ketchum, Curtis Zunigha abstain.

Housing update was given by Curtis. He stated that a major water leak has been repaired at unit 204 and the a/c has been fixed at unit 210. He is looking at hiring a maintenance person on an hourly basis. He stated that he currently has 2 Delaware bidders for the job. He also stated that we need to get additional funding from CNO. He was then directed by the chief to contact the CNO and see if funds are available. Curtis also stated that some appliances will need to be replaced. **Motion that Wayne and Curtis go to CNO housing authority to request funding and that Curtis will make a budget for the units was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha.** Discussion followed. **Motion carried.**

Motion to have the next six months meetings in Bartlesville was made by Annette Ketchum motion die no second.

Curtis requested a report from the DIN committee. He stated that Paula's dissenting judge opinion was not printed. **Motion that the Oct issue contain this opinion was made by Curtis Zunigha, second by Annette Ketchum. Motion carry 5 yes, 1 no Jerry**

**Motion that the next 4 meetings be held in Bartlesville was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. 2 no Jerry Douglas, Raymond Cline, 4 yes Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford, Annette Ketchum, Curtis Zunigha.**

Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Motion carry.

Return from executive session. No action taken.

Motion that NCAI be attended in Phoenix was made by Raymond Cline, second by Curtis Zunigha. Motion carry with all in favor. Please contact Marilyn if you wish to attend.

Meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.