The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, June 1, 2009 in the East Room of the Nowata Public Library. The meeting was called to order by Chief Jerry Douglas at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at roll call included Chief Douglas, Raymond Cline, Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford, Annette Ketchum and Chet Brooks. Absent was Wayne Stull. Present in the audience were Karen Wilson, Dee Ketchum and Gloria Hatch. Tribal employees included Earnest Tiger, Mary Jo Peterson, Marilyn Cole. Tribal attorney Vicki Sousa was also present. Invocation was given by Dee Ketchum. The Chief welcomed the guests.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Bill Hatch. The date was wrong. Motion then carried with all in favor.

Treasurer’s report was given by Mary Jo Peterson. She stated that the report was in the packet and she reviewed this with council members. Discussion of the closed gift shop followed. This needs to be corrected on the books along with IHS and remaining BIA monies. Mary Jo will work on contacting the agencies as soon as federal recognition is officially restored. Discussion that the tribe and the Cherokees might possibly work together to build a larger IHS facility in Bartlesville. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report pending audit was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Verna Crawford. Discussion of the report form followed, this will stay the way it currently is. Motion then carried with all in favor.

Unfinished Business:

A resolution is needed to confirm the council’s vote to deed 1.15 acres to the City of Bartlesville for a water supply tower was discussed. This will be resolution 2009-07. Motion to approve resolution 2009-07 deeding the city of Bartlesville land for a water supply tower was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Chet Brooks. Discussion that the tribe retained the mineral rights to the property and that if the property is not utilized for a tower within a two year period the land reverts to the tribe. Motion then carried with all in favor.

Reports were included in the packet.

Chief Douglas gave the federal recognition report. He stated that the vote had passed and no protests had been filed. Jeanette Hanna will send the results to Washington DC by Wednesday and then the results will be certified. He also stated that there are meetings scheduled for next week in Washington. Lengthy discussion of this followed and when publication in the federal register might occur. Mary Jo stated she will call Ms Hanna and request a copy of all documents sent to Washington DC concerning our election and results. Further discussion of the meetings and items to discuss followed.

The Housing Authority has a vacancy on the commissioners board. There are three persons interested in this. Joe Brooks, Titus Frenchman and Karen Wilson. A secret ballot was cast. Titus Frenchman 0, Joe Brooks 1, Karen Wilson 5. Congratulations was given to Karen as the new commissioner. The Housing Authority meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Chelsea office. It was also stated that the duplexes are being cared for by the Housing Authority.

New Business:

Annette stated that an elder meeting was held and that they want some ventilation for the food storage building as the refrigerators emit to much heat for the air conditioners. They would like a walk in refrigerator. The program (run by the Cherokee Nation) is looking at the Grand Gateway for possible funding. They also want to look for funding for maintenance in the kitchen area. Discussion of the building followed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.