

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2009
East Room-Nowata Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Chief Wayne Stull. Members present included Chet Brooks, Wayne Stull, Annette Ketchum, Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford. Absent were Chief Douglas and Raymond Cline. Tribal employees Marilyn Cole, Mary Jo Peterson, Sherry Rackliff and Earnest Tiger along with Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa were present. Audience present included Brice Obermeyer, Gloria Hatch, Titus Frenchman, John Sumpter, Nancy Falleaf and Dee Ketchum. Invocation was given by Dee Ketchum.

Sherry Rackliff presented two resolutions needed to complete the ICDBG grant which is due this week. She stated that she has been successful in obtaining ICDBG grants for the tribes Community Center, Child Development Center in Bartlesville, Chelsea, Caney the Wellness center and the Education, Resourse and Referral Center. The grant being applied for will be to expand the Education center and include a safe room. Discussion of the project followed. Motion to approve the Resolutions 2009-11 & 2009-12 for the expansion of the Resource and Education Building and Maintenance Plan was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Chet Brooks. Discussion that there will be a 6,000 sq. ft. added to the current building. Motion then carried with all in favor.

Brice Obermeyer then discussed his efforts with NAGPRA for the tribe. He stated that in 2003 as the NAGPRA Director consultant services was started for companies needing to confirm tribal historical presence in construction areas. Prior to the loss of federal recognition the tribe did 25 to 35 per month, that is the monies that is currently funding his efforts with NAGPRA and current consult expenses. He stated that other tribes now charge in excess of \$400 for these services. He feels that a fee of \$200 would be a fair amount to charge. He also discussed that he would like the Tribe to establish a Tribal Historical Preservation Office and passed out a presentation to council and audience members. Discussion of the possibility of working with Emporia State to utilize students Brice's direction to do the consultant work. The THPO would be responsible for Museum, NAGPRA, Consultant Surveys, establishing archeological survey procedures and policies. The hope is that revenues will allow for the work to be done from the Bartlesville office in the near future. Lengthy discussion of this followed. Motion to approve a grant to Emporia State University utilizing the \$8,000 already in the bank and an additional amount up to \$10,000 to fund the DTHPO for a trial period was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with all in favor. Brice then discussed the upcoming reburial at Delaware Water Gap. He has been working with the National Park Service on this with the submission of a grant. This will be September 14 - Sept 18th. The tribe is tentatively approved for an amount of \$15,000 and the Tribal Council will need to decide who will attend as representatives of the Delaware Tribe. He stated that Monday and Friday will be travel days and the reburial will be on Wednesday. This will be similar to the New York/Ellis Island reburial. Lengthy discussion followed. The funding of the trip would not be paid by the Park Service until October. The tribe would need to finance the travel and ask for reimbursement. Further discussion followed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurers report was given by Mary Jo Peterson. She stated that we have received the Fuel Tax monies, the audits are being completed, usage of the CDs reviewed. Discussion followed.

Unfinished Business: None.

Reports:

Resolution 2009-09 approving new tribal members was read by Marilyn Cole. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with all in favor.

Federal Recognition report was given by Assistant Chief Stull. He stated that the memo returning our federal recognition has been signed by George Skibine. Mr. Skibine has really helped our tribe. He stated that now that we are restored we can start the process of regaining our programs lost. Discussion followed. Annette stated that possible a celebration could be included with Delaware Days. John Sumpter stated that the Culture Preservation committee needed to include the color guard in their budget. Further discussion included the Department of Interior 2010 budget and our inclusion or exclusion followed. Earnest Tiger discussed the stimulus funding, the tribe is awaiting a response from Mr. Echohawk's advisor on possible application.

New Business: Wayne stated that he would like council members to think on the following items: 1) That the Council members should be paid \$1,200 2) that the Chief should receive a \$4,000 per year raise 3) Hire Vicki Sousa as the tribe's full time attorney and 4) hire a full time financial officer (this has already been approved by the council). He stated that he would like these items on the next month agenda and would be subject to the availability of funds.

Vicki discussed resolution 2009-10. This resolution would change how reports to the tribal council are done and remove the blanket authority of Tom Peckham of the Nordhaus Lawfirm. Lengthy discussion of the trust funds, per capita, tribal or trust funds and the possibility of the need to visit OST office followed. Titus stated that at the elder meeting a per cap payment of all the funds was discussed. Discussion of the portion of the funds that are for per cap and those for tribal use again followed. Motion to approve the resolution 2009-10 was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with Chet Brooks, Bill Hatch, Wayne Stull and Verna Crawford Yes and Annette Ketchum No. Further discussion of the funds followed.

NCAI will be held in October in Palm Springs CA this year. Those wishing to attend needs to be approved. Travel reports was discussed.

Verna stated that she would like a written letter to Tom with a directive to coordinate efforts between himself and Vicki on the trust and other issues.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.