The Delaware Tribal Council meet Monday, September 21, 2009 at the Nowata Senior Center in Nowata OK. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chief Jerry Douglas. Members present at roll call included Bill Hatch, Wayne Stull, Chief Douglas, and Chet Brooks. Absent were Annette Ketchum, Raymond Cline and Verna Crawford. Present in the audience were Karen and Amber Boyles, Nate Young, Gloria Hatch, Karen Brooks. Tribal employees Marilyn Cole, Earnest Tiger and Mary Jo Peterson were present as was Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa. Invocation was given by Earnest Tiger. Chief Douglas welcomed the guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Bill Hatch. No corrections discussed. Motion then carried with all in favor.

Treasurer’s Report given by Mary Jo Peterson. She stated that we have received the Fuel Tax monies and from this attorney billings have been paid. She has also requested a detailed billing from the Nordhaus Law firm, in her conversation with Tom Peckham he stated that he has not billed for $73,000 from the periods of April - December 2008 and January- July 2009. Lengthy discussion of the legal billings followed. Discussion of the financial reports and their format was held.

Discussion of the judgement monies, New Mexico lawsuit dismiss with prejudice, the bill for the release of monies followed. Wording of the bill followed at length the consensus of the council is to request the release of the judgement money and not add any language about fee to trust land or 8a. Vicki will get with Tom on the costs to finish this. Motion to limit the Bill language to judgement money only and no 8a or land to trust issues was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Chet Brooks. Discussion of the suspension calendar was held. Motion carried with all in favor. The New Mexico case was again discussed. Tom has sent a resolution to dismiss this with prejudice. Motion to pass resolution 2009-15 motion to dismiss was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Wayne discussed the proposal he had brought to the council at the prior meeting. Lengthy discussion of this followed. No action was taken on the proposal and will be addressed when the tribe has more money.

Vicki discussed the judgement funds, distribution of per capita and release of funds to the tribe. During the meeting in Albuquerque it was discussed that the tribe needs to do a formal request to acquire these funds. The statue of limitations has passed on these funds. Motion to authorize Vicki to pursue the release of IIM funds with a formal request to Dave Moran was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

Resolution approving new members was read. Motion to approve Resolution 2009-14 was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with all in favor.

The remaining two lawn mowers was discussed. There are four persons interested in these.
Motion to have a drawing amongst the four persons for the 2 lawn mowers was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Wayne stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

There is a opening on the Housing Authority Board. Names will be taken and appointed at the next meeting.

General Council was discussed. This will be held on the second Saturday of November 11-14 and will be held 1 p.m to 4 p.m. at the community center. The parliamentarian was discussed as was rules of the meeting and quorum.

Wayne discussed the recent repatriation of remains at the Delaware Water Gap. He stated that Brice is a great asset to the tribe and is well respected by the park service and other tribes in attendance.

The bonds issued was discussed. The Delaware tribe is one of four tribes that was approved by the IRS to issue them. Lengthy discussion of DEA, projects currently on the table and the bank financing followed. Motion to transfer the right to do the bonds to the DEA board was made by Wayne Stull. Motion died due to lack of second.

Motion to go into executive session was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m. Motion to approve the discussed salary increase as of 9-1-2009 was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Bill hatch. Motion carried with all in favor.

NCAI was discussed. The two attendees are Wayne and Verna. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Lenape Native American Foundation Inc was called to order at 9:21 p.m. Members present were the same attending the council meeting. Discussion of the need for $2800 to fund the remaining trust scholarships was held. Motion to approve the requested funds for scholarships was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with all in favor.

The request from John Sumpter and the veterans committee was discussed. Motion to approve $2,000 for the committee with a submitted budget was made by Wayne Stull seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.