

Delaware Tribal Council
Delaware Tribe of Indians
Monday, March 15, 2010

The Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, March 15, 2010 in the East Room of the Nowata Public Library. The meeting was called to order by Chief Jerry Douglas at 4:16 p.m. Invocation was given by Doyle Hayes. Members present at roll call included Chief Douglas, Wayne Stull, Chet Brooks, Annette Ketchum, Raymond Cline, Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford. Chief Douglas welcomed the guests present in the audience which included Doyle Hayes, Joe Brooks, Rusty Brown and Nate Young. Tribal employees present included Mary Jo Peterson and Marilyn Cole. Tribal attorney Vicki Sousa was also present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Discussion followed. Annette requested that the Ohio people be listed in the unfinished business section. Motion carried with all in favor. Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford and Raymond Cline abstain from vote.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mary Jo Peterson. She stated we are awaiting the fuel tax funds. We are also awaiting the detailed bill from Tom Peckham. He has sent a spreadsheet. We should also receive our ATG funding by June. Bill Hatch requested a copy of all itemized legal bills. Discussion of the financials and the format followed. Discussion of the cost per month to operate the tribe was held. Motion to approve the financial report pending audit was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Raymond Cline.

Unfinished business: none

Reports:

Office report was given by Marilyn Cole. She is working on updating the policy and procedures, a safety handbook, conflict of interest policy and Workmens comp manuals. A call has been placed to compsource to assist with this. Grants that have been applied for are NAGPRA, Library, EPA Gap. We should be hearing something soon on the EPA grant. We are also going to apply for an EPA Air grant. Work on the walking trail project is ongoing, and we have met with the fish & wild life department. Another idea that we are going to check into is wind energy as an energy source for the tribal complex buildings. Due to IRS regulations the contract employee needs to be changed to a part-time employee. Discussion followed. Motion to make the current contract person a part time employee with no benefits was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor. We are also going to apply for an ANA grant. We are going to reapply (we did not get approved last year) with a smaller budget to improve tribal communication and do a tribal survey. This would be a two-year grant and is due April 9. Motion to draft a resolution to support the ANA proposal was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Raymond Cline. Motion carried with all in favor

New Business:

Rusty Brown stated that Cultural Preservation wants to renew the lease for the right of way to Eagle Ridge. Chris Uber is now the land owner. Rusty stated that he used the old right of way lease and will send this to Vicki and council members to review. The old lease was done through the non profit of the tribe. It was done that way as the tribe was not recognized at that time. Motion to allow the Cultural Preservation committee to proceed forward with the right of way pending review of the lease by Tribal Attorney was made by Chet Brooks, seconded by Bill Hatch. Motion carried with all in favor. Further discussion of Eagle Ridge and the right of way followed.

Motion that tribal trust fund retrieval Bill be withdrawn from congressional consideration until it contains no language pertaining to any agreements between the Delaware Tribe, Cherokee Nation or any other tribe was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Chet Brooks. Discussion followed. Bill stated that we are giving our sovereignty away. The MOA requires this and was also listed in the federal register. Further discussion on this followed. Bill requested that a roll call vote be held. Wayne, no; Raymond, no; Chet Brooks, yes; Bill Hatch, yes; Annette Ketchum, yes; Verna Crawford, no; Chief Douglas, no. Motion does not pass four no and three yes.

Chet Brooks discussed the Tribal Council authority to dissolve DEA. Motion to revoke the charter of DEA was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Bill Hatch. Discussion followed that to change DEA a vote by the tribal membership will need to be done. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion to table this action until the DEA charter can be read was made by Raymond Cline, no second. Bill then called for a roll call vote. Raymond, no; Chet Brooks, yes; Bill Hatch, yes; Annette Ketchum, yes; Verna Crawford, no; Chief Douglas, no. No action taken tie vote. Verna stated she wants to review the charter again before any action on this. Chief then stated that he will resign as chair of DEA. Discussion followed he will appoint a new member at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.