

**Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Delaware Tribal Council Meeting  
Monday, December 20, 2010  
Delaware Community Center  
Minutes**

The Delaware Tribal Council December 20, 2010 regular meeting was held at the Delaware Community Center. Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Chet Brooks gave the Invocation.

Present at roll call were Chief Paula Pechonick, Assist Chief Chet Brooks, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer Jan Brown, members, Wayne Stull and Bill Hatch.

Raymond Cline was absent.

Chief Pechonick welcomed the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Council.

Nate Young commented that it was a wonderful thing that Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Brooks and Councilman Wayne Stull went to Washington for consultation. This is going in the right direction. He said that they should be commended.

**Guests** included Karen Wilson, Mary Huddleston, Charles Randall, Don Mason Jr., Priscilla Mason, Nate Young, Luann Hainline, JoAnn Markley, Jenifer Pechonick and D. Cass Smith.

**Employees** present were Anne Swearingin, Mary Jo Peterson, and Attorney Vicki Sousa.

**Verna Crawford moved to accept the agenda as presented. Wayne Stull seconded the motion. All approved.**

**Wayne Stull moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2010 with corrections, seconded by Jan Brown.**

Discussion: Bill Hatch pointed out that in regard to the discussion of who the judges are there was more discussion and it should be included.

Tribal member, JoAnn Markly, commented that at a former meeting it was stated that the judges had no set rules and they should have some rules. She there used to be rules, a big thick thing.

Verna Crawford stated that the Judges are issued a binder with rules and ordinances in it.

Paula said there are still rules for the judges.

See November minutes for all corrections.

**Motion to approve the November 22, 2010 minutes carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford and Hatch).**

**Wayne Stull moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting November 29, 2010 with corrections, seconded by Jan Brown.**

**Motion carried with five yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford and one abstention (Bill Hatch)).**

**Verna Crawford moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented pending Audit. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.**

Treasurer Jan Brown said the financial report is presented according to the source of the income such as grants. Some grants we get the money up front and others we must

spend than request funds. As a new treasurer I have found that there are a lot of interesting things to learn.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented pending Audit was approved with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford and Hatch).**

Bill Hatch commented that Mary Jo notified us at the last meeting that her time with us is short. He said "Mary Jo brought to the tribe a very essential level of professionalism, honesty, and an insight at a time that it was direly needed. I think she deserves a round of applause."

Now having said that, for us none CPA's . The financials are well and good, but what I want to know how much is coming in, how much is going out. What is percentage of the funds are going to professional fees. Who reviews these things. How much money does it take to operate this tribe? How much money went out in salaries, fees, travel or whatever. That is what I call a financial report. How much comes in on November 1 and what is left on November 31 and what is coming on December 1.

Treasurer Jan Brown pointed out that is all in the report we receive. You want it to be simpler, she asked Bill.

Bill said yes it should be very simple, income, outgo, very simple.

**Unfinished Business:**

Chief Pechonick noted that the council would now address the recommendations of the Personnel Committee.

**Verna Crawford moved to hire Marilyn Coffee for the Library Grant position as recommended by the personnel committee. Wayne Stull seconded the motion.**

Discussion: The Library person will scan historical and other tribal documents.

**Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).**

**Verna Crawford moved to approve the 2011 holiday schedule as recommended by the personnel committee. Allowing Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Holiday on December 26 and one floating holiday as paid holidays. Jan Brown seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).**

**Verna Crawford Moved to return to a five day work week with hours to be set at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with a one hour lunch break, instead of four ten hour days, as recommended by the personnel committee. Bill Hatch seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).**

**Verna Crawford moved to remove the provision that the office closed for inclement weather if the Bartlesville schools were closed. Snow days will be determined by the ability of the employees to get to work.**

**Seconded by Wayne Stull.**

**Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).**

**Office Report:** Given by Anne Swearingin: Four businesses have been contacted to give bids on roof repair of the Community Center. They have till 5 p.m. on December 23.

Phone system has been up dated.

Web site has been updated.

Verna Crawford commended Anne for picking up the slack and working hard to help keep things running smoothly.

Chief Pechonick read the resignation of Councilmember Raymond Cline into the record.

**Chet Brooks moved to accept the resignation of Councilmember Raymond Cline. Seconded by Jan Brown.**

**Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).**

**Verna Crawford made the motion to reappointment of Janine Alderman to the Delaware Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Seconded by Wayne Stull.**

**Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).**

Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, and Councilmember Wayne Stull traveled to Washington DC to attend the second Presidential meeting with Tribal Leaders. They also met with important Congressional members and Department of Interior Representatives.

Wayne Stull began the report on the recent trip to Washington. The first day we meet with Ernie Stevens, Chairman of the National Gaming Commission, Jackie Johnson, Executive Director of National Congress of American and other gaming people were there, they talked about what President Obama has done for Indians in the past year. Chairman Tracy Stevens, Executive Director of the National Gaming Commission talked about the coming regulations that will affect all Indian Tribes.

The entire first day was spent listening to what progress the tribes have made in the past year under the Obama administration. We were in a Senate room all day.

Chief Paula Pechonick said that Tom Cole was late on the agenda. We were introduced to him. Then leaving we were on the elevator with him.

Chief Pechonick spent most of the second day being instructed on how the meeting with the President will be conducted.

To move projects ahead that need Governmental approval or assistance, the people we met with told us the way to get things done in Washington is to hire a good lobbyist. If this is not affordable spend the money on ourselves and come to Washington on your own behalf. We were told that in several meetings.

Chief continued saying they had a very good meeting with the BIA, in George Skabine's office. We talked with them about putting land into trust, gaming and other economic development.

Chet Brooks stated that the further we get from home, the harder it will be to do.

Verna Crawford reported on attending National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) with Assistant Chief Chet Brooks. She presented a copy of resolutions passed at the meeting, as well as other information on many government and Business programs available. She noted on a conference coming in March will be the Reservation Economic Summit. Wayne Stull commented that is one of the most important Conferences to attend.

Crawford also noted that NCAI has established the Native American Embassy. Tribe's may use the facility when in Washington. Fundraising is still underway to improve and maintain the Embassy.

Chet Brooks commented that at NCAI there are general sessions in the mornings and breakout sessions in the afternoon. Two people cannot cover all of the sessions. We need to send at least four people to NCAI.

**Meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m.**

**Meeting was called back to order at 7:55 p.m.**

Continuing the NCAI report, Verna noted that besides the breakout sessions there are standing committees and subcommittees that review resolutions. The committees give reports on Friday and this is how the resolutions are approved.

This was one of the best meetings I have attended; there were about 3,000 people in attendance.

Wayne Stull noted that a few years ago NCAI, by resolution supported the restoration of the Delaware Tribe. It is unusual for NCAI to come out in support of Tribes seeking recognition.

Chief Pechonick stated that there is a need to full the open seat on the Council. There are three people seeking the seat. They are Joe Brooks, Cass Smith and Jenifer Pechonick. Brooks and Smith were candidates in the November election.

Verna Crawford requested an Executive Session.

**Chief called Executive Session at 8:15 p.m**

Chief Pechonick called the meeting back to order at 8:30 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, a vote was taken by secret ballot. Cass Smith and Jenifer Pechonick both received three votes. There not being a winner the nomination was tabled till next meeting.

**Verna Crawford moved to pay Kay Anderson, Title VI cook, \$60 for supervising rental of the Community Center for three days lunch meeting, with the direction she is not authorized to rent the Center. The Center rental is to be through the Tribal office only.**

**Seconded by Jan Brown.**

**Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).**

**Motion was made for the Tribal Council will meet on the first Monday at 6 p.m. In the Community Center. Jan Brown seconded the motion.**

Discussion: The meeting will be held after the Trust Board meeting.

**Motion carried with six yes (Pechonick, Brooks, Brown, Stull, Crawford, Hatch).**

**Bill Hatch moved to adjourn. Jan Brown seconded the motion.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.