

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Tribal Council
Monday, April 4, 2011
Delaware Community Center
Minutes--Approved 5.2.2011
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Council Secretary**

Chief Paula Pechonick called the Delaware Tribal Council meeting of April 4, 2011 to order at 7:19 p.m.

Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Chief Pechonick then requested roll call. Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, members present were: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer Jan Brown, Secretary Verna Crawford, members Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick.

Member Bill Hatch was absent due to injury. Chet Brooks reported that Bill was not present because he had a doctor's appointment for a blood clot in his arm. This was result of a fall on the ice in early March. Chet said he thought it should be an excused absence due to medical reasons. Discussion was held regarding what constitutes an excused absence. Joe Brooks commented that when he was Chief, a motion was passed by both the Council and Trust Board that an excused absence was for medical reasons or funeral of a Council member, spouse, child, parent, sister or brother.

No decision was made regarding this being an excused or unexcused absence. It was noted that two consecutive unexcused absences was grounds for removal from the Council. Comment was made that travel on Tribal business was an excused absence.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to research what has historically been excused and unexcused absences to discuss at the next meeting, seconded by Wayne Stull.

Motion carried, with six yes.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests asking if any would care to address the council.

Guests present were: Teri Jo Aaroe, Tom Moore, Nancy Sumpter, John Sumpter, Homer Scott, Titus Frenchman, Trust Board member Joe Brooks, Bruce Martin, Atty. Vicki Sousa, Verna Artherton, Don Jr. and Priscilla Mason, E. Kay Anderson, and Tribal employee Lacey Harris.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011. Seconded by Jan Brown.

Verna Crawford commented that over the years, Council secretaries have enlisted members of the staff to transcribe the minutes, but that she will be doing them now. "It is my assigned responsibility and I take that seriously," she said.

Motion passed with six yes.

Jan Brown gave the treasurer's report stating it was a bit smaller than normal. It is because our new accounting people are having trouble understanding the program. They gave us what they were comfortable is true and factual. If we start meeting every other week maybe we could have complete financials on the third Monday. By then all the bank statements will be in.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the financial report pending audit. Seconded by Wayne Stull.

Motion passed with six yes.

Unfinished Business:

Chief Pechonick stated the ICDBG has been approved. Jenifer Pechonick said that is an \$800,000 grant. There will be two construction projects going on at the same time. The 2009 grant is for expansion of the Education Building and the one received last week will be for a Programs building. These grants were written for the tribe by Sherry Rackliff, Child Development Director.

Chet Brooks asked if these funds come directly to the Tribe? Jenifer confirmed they do. She explained that in the past Sherry, along with her assistant, Karen Lay, have administered the tribe's ICDBG grants, but do not wish to continue to do so. Sherry and Karen will help train our staff person to take over and make this a smooth transition. What that means is that the administration funds, about \$27,000, from the grant will come directly to the Tribe.

Chief Pechonick reported that she, Jan Brown, Jenifer Pechonick and Atty. Vicki Sousa met with the Cherokee in Catoosa and received two checks that totaled \$338,000.

We talked to them about the Housing Authority needs money, about \$500,000 per year, that the Cherokee have been keeping. This was 2009-2010 monies. We talked to a guy from the Cherokee Nation about it and he is working on this. If we can get this money we may be able to build more elder housing on our acreage here in Bartlesville.

Wayne Stull commented that Paula Ragsdale from the Cherokee Nation called him offering to help in any way she can on this matter.

Verna Crawford stated that the Housing Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. The sub-recipient Memorandum of Agreement with the Cherokee Nation was negotiated with the Delaware Tribal Council, without input from the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe.

Don Mason, Jr. reported that he has been looking into a Child Support enforcement program, which could lead to building and expanding the Tribal Court system. Wayne Stull stated that there is money available for that.

Verna Crawford commented that we have ordinances that need to be updated and expanded and judicial training is needed for our judges. She mentioned, due to the recent passing of Judy Harmon, there is an opening on the Court. This could be placed on the ballot in November.

Jenifer Pechonick noted in the office report the need to send Shirley Moore and Lacey Harris to attend required LIHEAP training June 27-29, 2011 in Florida. The training is required in the grant and the funding will come from the grant.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to send Shirley Moore and Lacey Harris to attend required LIHEAP training June 26-29, 2011 in Florida. Seconded by Verna Crawford.

Motion carried with six yes.

New Business:

Jan Brown reported that an architect was needed to make an overall plan for all of our land here.

Jan Brown moved to advertise for an architect. Seconded by Jenifer Pechonick.

Wayne Stull stated that he wants the architect to keep in line with Delaware cultural values.

Jenifer Pechonick said the architect would not be looking at the building, but at the whole layout of the property.

Joe Brooks stated that the plan was already done and should be stored somewhere in the records. Others confirmed the statement.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to table the architect until next meeting to allow time to find the plans.

Seconded by Chet Brooks.

Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick reported that we have several grants to talk about. We have applied for or will be applying for two Library Grants.

Jan Brown clarified that a \$50,000 Library grant was submitted the first of March and a \$150,000 grant due for submission in May. The grants are to put our historical material on computer to preserve them.

Chief Pechonick stated that two grants have been awarded to the Tribe. One is a Language grant, written by Jim Rementer, and the Title IV Elder Nutrition Program is now under the Delaware Tribe.

Jenifer Pechonick said that an ANA SEDS (Social Economic Development Strategies) grant has been applied for. This grant would be for digitizing Tribal Documents such as ordinances, minutes, any older documents are in paper files now. Also an IT firm to set up database and categorize the data and set up a share of restricted documents. It is a three-year grant and is for \$1.2 million with a 20% match. The grant pays indirect cost 15.76% and the other 4.24 % will be offset by space cost. Notice will not be received until September.

Verna Crawford stated for those who don't know, that the SEDS grant is from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

Chief Pechonick said when we met with the Cherokee, I asked them about our 638 money. There are several items listed such as roads, education, etc. Chet Brooks asked if the MOA addresses the 638 money?

The Tribe can apply for many programs with the blessings of the Cherokee Nation. Programs that the Cherokee do not want to apply for, programs they have maxed out on, even some that they only get a small amount for, we can go for additional funding for the area, stated Verna Crawford.

Wayne Stull said there are many programs we can cooperate on.

The list of poll votes taken was not available, so these will be read into the record in the next meeting.

Wayne Stull moved to approve the Resolution to approve new enrollments. Chet Brooks seconded.

Motion carried with six yes.

Jenifer Pechonick moved that we that we have an all-day NIGC training from 9:30 to 5 pm with a second day of training on May 9, with dinner served followed by a Special Council meeting on April 18, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Seconded by Jan Brown.

Discussion: Chet Brooks asked if that was to be every month or just this month? Just this month for now, replied Jenifer.

Motion carried with six yes.

Verna Crawford asked if the walking path go all the way around the pond. When Mary Jo Peterson drafted the original proposal to be in the shape of a turtle and a gazebo and cultural information in place, is this still the plan?

Chief Pechonick replied in the affirmative. It will be done in stages as funds are obtained.

Jenifer Pechonick presented a job description for a grants compliance and training coordinator.

Verna Crawford requested to table this till next meeting to allow the Council time to review the proposal.

Wayne Stull stated that Sherry Rackliff is the best in the business. Jenifer Pechonick added that she has received every ICDBG she has applied for.

Joe Brooks addressed the Council saying that in a meeting about two months ago Chief Pechonick appointed the whole Trust Board and Council to the personnel committee. There are only three members of the Trust Board, why not include them he asked.

Chief Pechonick said it was only the Council was appointed. She said that there are four members of the Trust Board on the personnel committee.

Information was presented to the Council concerning the Idaho Delawares, who are interested in being adopted into our tribe.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.