

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Tribal Council
Monday, April 18, 2011, Special Meeting
Delaware Education and Resource Center
Minutes
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Council Secretary**

Chief Paula Pechonick called the Delaware Tribal Council meeting of April 18, 2011 to order at 7:19 p.m.

Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Chief Pechonick called for the 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 his daughter's illness.

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

Nathan Young reported that the United States Attorney's Office would like Chief Pechonick to come up and bring a Delaware Flag to them. They have a flag of every tribe in their conference room, but not a Delaware Flag. He said he would get with Shelby Moore and get a time and date.

Guests present were: T.J. Aaroe, Tom Moore, Nancy Sumpter, Bruce Martin, Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa, Nathan Young, Bonnie Thaxton and Jean Kirkendall.

Wayne Stull moved to approve the agenda as worded. Seconded by Jan Brown.
Motion passed with six yes.

Wayne Stull moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2011, with corrections. Seconded by Chet Brooks.

Jan Brown pointed out that an explanation had been added that was not stated at the meeting regarding the Personnel Committee membership. Joe Brooks had stated that all the Trust Board and Tribal Council had been appointed to the Committee at a previous meeting. The actual motion made at the November 22, 2010 Tribal Council meeting was: *Jan Brown moved to have the Tribal Council be the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.* This will be added to the end of the minutes as a footnote. *[editor's note: not attached to this copy of the minutes document.]*

Jan Brown noted that the minutes were submitted listing all Council member names each time a vote was taken. It was agreed that unless there are differing votes it would be noted that six voted yes. Chief Pechonick stated that she had corrected that.

Jan said that she was just trying to cut them down. They are so long that I just won't read them.

Jenifer Pechonick asked if the minutes could have proper grammar she indicated two places that needed correcting.

Motion passed with six yes.

Chief Pechonick moved on to the Treasurer, noting that there wasn't one.

Jan Brown stated that the two girls in the office do not know this program we have. We can do payroll and pay our bills, but we cannot load in grants information to the system, there are a lot of things we cannot do. The EPA department has training money and offered to send these two girls to training.

Jenifer pointed out that the people in the Child Development Department are familiar with this accounting and would come down to the office to assist and help train the staff. They just need to be asked.

Unfinished Business:

Chief Pechonick stated that at the last meeting the need for a master plan for the Tribal property was discussed. Joe Brooks at that time informed the council that a plan had been done. Some drawings were found in the files.

A PUD is required to be on file with the city of Bartlesville. The Chief, Jan, Jenifer and Sherry Rackliff worked together and revised the plan to include what is expected to be needed in the next twenty years as far as buildings go.

Attorney Vicki Sousa commented that she had seen plans with the water flow, the sewer and all the infrastructure. Jan said that we had to have all the buildings on the plan.

Jenifer Pechonick said the design includes a museum, expanding the Wellness Center, the Programs Building, expanding that, new Elder Nutrition Center, new school-age after care/Boys and Girls club, a gymnasium, tribal headquarters, an assisted living facility, more housing, Community Center expansion, and expansion of this building (Child Development and Resource Center). What was done basically was take the buildings that are here and added future structures that would be needed in the future.

Bruce Martin suggested that a cook shack be added on the backside of the Community Center for outdoor events such as funerals. Many tribes provide a cook shack for their members.

Wayne Stull said that this was originally done so that we could get roads money.

Moving on, Chief Pechonick addressed the proposed Grants and Compliance and Training Coordinator.

Chief Pechonick asked Chet Brooks if he had any more information on the Idaho Delaware.

Chet related that they would like for us to change our constitution to include them in our membership so that they could get a CDIB card. They would like us to put this on our next election.

There are about 550 members of the Idaho Delaware. These people have proved that we all have common ancestors. The Kansas Delaware have also proved that common ancestry, but by Treaty, The Kansas group dropped out of the Tribe and became US citizens. The Idaho Delaware did not remove themselves from the Tribe.

Nancy Sumpter asked why? It seems that every time we start getting money and improving our selves, people come to us to be adopted.

What they bring to us is an established community and would bring possible mutual economic development. Gaming would be only one of the possible endeavors.

Vicki Sousa cautioned that the Tribe should make careful rules laying out the criteria for who can be admitted.

Tom Moore suggested that the simplest way would be to go back to a previous roll, such as the 1868 roll. This would take an amendment to the Delaware Constitution.

Chet Brooks said these are our relatives that have come to us for help and I think we should help them.

Chief Pechonick ruled that the representatives of the Delaware Idaho group to come to the next council meeting.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to hire a Grants Compliance and Training coordinator. Seconded by Wayne Stull.

This person would be responsible managing grants, for making sure all grant reports be submitted on time and scheduling staff training.

Motion carried with six yes.

Jan Brown moved to advertise for a cook and a program director/activities director for the Title IV Elder Nutrition Program. Seconded by Verna Crawford.

Motion carried with six yes.

Office Report:

Chief Pechonick called for the Poll Votes to be read into the record. Some were from March but were not available at the April 4, 2011 meeting.

Jenifer Pechonick noted that this is one reason to have two meetings a month, so there will not so many poll votes.

Secretary Verna Crawford read the votes.

- March 11, 2011 Poll vote to outsource the Indirect Cost Proposal. There were three bids. Arledge and Associates, the firm that does the Tribal audit, was the low bidder at \$5,000. Jim Denton will be responsible for the proposal because he does not work on the audit. Motion approved with six yes. Bill Hatch did not respond.
- March 17, 2011 Poll vote to send Frank Hensley, EPA Director, to the National Zinc Conference. Motion approved with six yes. Bill Hatch did not respond.
- March 18, 2011 Poll vote to send Frank Hensley, EPA Director, to an Inaugural National Native American 8(a) Conference, April 18-19, 2011 in Washington, D.C.
- March 18, 2011 Poll vote to give an employee a \$1 per hour raise. Motion approved with five yes and one no. Verna Crawford voted no, because this did not seem like an emergency and could wait till a regular council meeting.
- March 24, 2011 Poll vote to roll over for six months a CD in the amount of \$112,993.86 at the Exchange Bank of Skiatook, Ok. Motion approved with five yes and two abstained—Bill Hatch and Jenifer Pechonick.
- March 25, 2011 Poll vote to approve Lacey Harris attending “The New Annual Tribal Enrollment Conference 2011” on May 3-5. The class will cover enrollment and data base information. Motion approved with six yes and one abstained—Bill Hatch.
- April 7, 2011 Poll vote to make the Tribe TDHE (Tribal Designated Housing Entity). Motion passed with five yes, one no—Verna Crawford and one abstained—Bill Hatch.

Motion was made by Jan Brown to approve the Poll votes as read. Seconded by Wayne Stull.

Motion carried with six yes.

New Business:

Chief Pechonick reported that Elisabeth Reeve has been in contact with the Tribe. She was Ms Wheelchair of Oklahoma in 2008 and 2009 and went on to be Ms Wheelchair of Oklahoma coordinator. She has become aware of the Ms Wheelchair of USA. She is seeking contributions to allow her to compete in the pageant. She is working on her Masters at Western Governors University and plans to start a Doctorial program in August. The Council agreed to suggest that she apply for an Education Scholarship, noting that applications are due July 31.

Wayne Stull moved to approve Resolution 2011-10 to approve three new people registered. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes.

Several guests pointed out that the addresses on the DIN were wrong, last names were correct but first names were wrong.

Jan Brown said it was an error between the database and preparing the DIN mailing list. She assured everyone that it would not happen again.

Chet Brooks requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Executive Session began at 7:45 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m

Wayne Stull moved to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Seconded by Chet Brooks.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.