

Delaware Tribal Council
May 2 2011 Minutes
Approved 6.6.2011
Submitted by Verna Crawford, Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the Delaware Tribal Council meeting of May 2, 2011 to order at 6:10 p.m.

Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, members present were: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer Jan Brown, Secretary Verna Crawford, members Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick. Member Bill Hatch was absent. Crawford reported that she had received an email dated Monday, May 2, 2011 at 11.25 a.m. The message was that Bill was having oral surgery on Monday and would not be at the meeting.

Jan Brown moved Bill Hatch's absence be unexcused, until he brings a doctor's note showing an emergency. Seconded by Jenifer Pechonick.

Motion carried with five (5) yes and one (1) abstention.

Wayne Stull moved that every absence be unexcused until documentation is provided proving an emergency for the Councilmember or their immediate family members (spouse, children, parents, inlaws, siblings) or the Councilmember is traveling on Tribal Business. Seconded by Jenifer Pechonick.

Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests, asking if anyone would care to address the council. Guests present were: Cris L. Klinger, Gwen Klinger, Lanay B. Creech, Nancy Sumpter, Teri Jo Aaroe, Tom Moore, Bruce Martin, Nathan Young, Homer Scott Jr., Charles Randall, Verna Artherton and Mary Randall.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to accept the agenda with corrections.

Seconded by Wayne Stull.

Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to suspend the agenda to move the Idaho Delaware presentation to the next order of business.

Seconded by Wayne Stull.

Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Cris Klinger introduced himself as the Speaker for the Idaho Delaware and thanked the Council for allowing them to be on the agenda. He then introduced Gwen Klinger, Economic Development Director and his wife and Chief Lanay Creech. Chief Creech proceeded to make his presentation on incorporating his group into the Tribe. (Note: The presentation was a request that the Idaho Delaware be incorporated into the Delaware Tribe. (Presentation of summary and discussion attached.) *[editor's note: not attached to this copy of the minutes document.]*

Jenifer Pechonick moved to form a committee to research how to incorporate the Idaho Delaware into the Delaware Tribe.

Seconded by Jan Brown.
Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Tom Moore was appointed committee chairman and members appointed were Chet Brooks, Nathan Young, Charlie Randall, Brice Obermyer and Cris Klinger.

Verna Crawford moved to return to the agenda.
Seconded by Jan Brown.
Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Wayne Stull moved to approve the minutes of April 18 with corrections.
Seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. (no discussion).
Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit.
Seconded by Wayne Stull. (Note: report in packet). *[editors note: not attached to this copy of the minutes document.]*
Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Unfinished Business:

Chief Pechonick stated that at the last meeting, Nathan Young had informed the Council that the US Attorney's Office in Tulsa requested a Delaware Tribal flag for their conference room. Last week Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks and Councilmember Jenifer Pechonick delivered a flag to the office. This is the Northern District, which has thirteen tribes in their jurisdiction. They now have a flag for each one.

Chief Pechonick reported that several attorneys were present and offered their services. They want to help Indian Tribes. She concluded saying that it was a nice visit. Chief Pechonick informed the Council that she has been visiting with the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe (HADT) in the last month or so regarding money that the Cherokee are holding that should come to the Delaware Tribe and Housing Authority. The talks are about how to get the money turned over to the Tribe. A plan is still under discussion. The Council passed a resolution, by poll vote, making the Tribe the TDHE (Tribally Designed Housing Entity).

Verna Crawford asked if that makes the Tribe the sub-recipient instead of the Housing Authority? The Chief said yes.

Chief Pechonick praised Mary Jo Peterson, the Tribe's former Chief Accountant, for working diligently to get the IHS money that was recently returned to us.

Secretary Verna Crawford was directed to contact the HADT and request a joint meeting for 1:00 pm. Tuesday, May 10, 2011 in Chelsea, OK. The use of the conference was also to be requested for a personnel committee meeting following the Housing Authority's meeting. The personnel committee agenda will include policy changes, employee positions and a consultant contract.

Office Report:

Jan Brown reported that the \$5,000 LIHEAP funds returned to the Tribe, in lieu of purchasing ten window heat and air conditioners, would be used to purchase portable units that may be rolled from room to room as needed. She stated that the units are 13,000 Btu and that it may be possible to purchase more than ten. These units will be loaned to Tribal members in emergency situations, such as the air conditioning at the home of an elder needs repair.

Discussion of the funding request for the Elders and Veterans Committees was tabled.

Bruce Martin informed the Council that the Athletic department of Haskell University has setup an account with the Haskell Foundation for donations. Haskell has received a 25% reduction in funds, as a result the athletic department activities, football and basketball among them, are in great need. The only paid position is the coach all other positions are volunteer. Funds are needed for equipment, travel, stadium and field maintenance and more.

Verna Crawford suggested that an article be written about the situation and plead for alumni support. The article could be posted on the Tribal Web site and in the Delaware Indian News next edition. Other suggestions were to send the news release to local and Native American newspapers.

Jan Brown moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Verna Crawford.
Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.