

Monday, June 27, 2011

Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Council Secretary

Chief Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

TJ Aaroe did opening prayer.

Present included: Chief Pechonick, Jan Brown, Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick. Absent: Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford, Chet Brooks. Guests included: Jade Johnson, Nate Young, Vicki Sousa, TJ Aaroe, Lindal Fields with Tri-County Tech.

Jan Brown made a motion to make absences unexcused for Bill Hatch and Verna Crawford.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

Chet Brooks is delayed on official Tribal travel.

Lindal Fields presented in regards to a potential partnership with the Tribe. Don Mason had contacted Tri-County to begin discussion. Tri-County is one of 29 technology centers in Oklahoma. Tri-County is primarily known for full-time training programs. Mr. Fields described Vision 2020 as well as the Strategy Center. Discussion was held regarding potential opportunities for partnering, including community service from the cosmetology program as well as other programs.

TJ Aaroe presented in regards to her attendance to NCAI Midyear. She discussed the sessions she attended.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the agenda.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

The minutes were not provided until this morning and there was not time to proof-read.

Discussion was held regarding the duties of a recording secretary vs. the Secretary of the Tribe.

Jenifer Pechonick read the Tribal Council Secretary duties. Discussion was held regarding minutes being a summary of the meeting vs. verbatim minutes. The consensus is the motions should be verbatim as well as who voted how.

Jan Brown made a motion to change the secretary. Jenifer Pechonick asked if the officer position was in question or is the taking of the minutes in question.

Jan Brown made a motion that the preparation of the minutes be completed by the office and the tapes stay at the Tribe.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion was held regarding the financials presented. The financials are up to date through April. Jade Johnson will now be attending the Tribal Council meetings.

The ICDBG request has been submitted. The application included roads, retention pond, parking lots and elder kitchen.

The Tribe was awarded another \$7,000 Library and Museum grant; the program will begin in October. The Tribe just closed out a previous \$7,000 Library and Museum grant.

Personnel policy: a workshop was held today on revising the personnel policy.

New Business:

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve resolution 2011-18 regarding new Tribal members.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

The Chief presented a letter from Tribal member Mark Hada, Director of the State Indian Museum in California. He said that the state of California is building a new center, the California Indian Heritage Center. He requested a letter of support from the Tribe.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to draft a letter of support for Mark Hada's request.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

A training opportunity for the accounting staff was presented. The tribe has a voucher from Falmouth Institute to cover the enrollment fee.

Jan Brown made a motion to send Jade Johnson to training July 18-21, 2011.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

Jade made a presentation for those traveling on Tribal business to receive full per diem on travel days as opposed to 75% we previously administered. Jade also proposed unspent funds be returned to the Tribe.

Wayne Stull made a motion for full per diem on travel days to and from Tribal business.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

Discussion: If an employee or representatives requests an advance for parking or taxi, the unspent funds and receipts need to be submitted upon return.

Charles Randall said that he would like to see Tribal members' participation at the General Council increased. He suggested changing the quorum requirement. Vicki Sousa said that she would like to see the General Council to be a celebration with a pow-wow and a meal rather than a complaint session. Charles also suggested the meetings be conducted so that only Tribal members who have the floor (or microphone) be recognized and have a time limit to speak.

Discussion was held that resolutions presented at General Council could be submitted in advance for publication in the DIN. Jenifer Pechonick concurred that in addition to orderly meetings the celebration component needs to be researched. She suggested snacks in the meeting, a meal and dance after the meeting.

Jan Brown said that she doesn't want to have a referendum vote, but rather return to the absentee ballot method to avoid sending ballots to all members. Jenifer Pechonick suggested we put this on the November ballot.

Nate Young said in his research, he has found that many tribes have a code of ethics and even an ethics commission. He said that this doesn't necessarily dictate Tribal morals, but prohibits items like finder's fees for Tribal officials.

TJ Aaroe asked for prayers for her upcoming knee surgery.

The next meeting will be held August 1, 2011, unless business warrants.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.