

Tribal Council Meeting  
September 12, 2011  
Minutes

Chief Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6:10p. Chet Brooks gave the invocation in Lenape and English. Roll Call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Brooks, Janifer Brown, Wayne Stull, Jenifer Pechonick. Absent: Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford.

Guests include: Charles and Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Vicki Sousa, Ernest Tiger, Greg Brown, Rosetta Coffey, James and Marilyn Coffey, Don and Priscilla Mason, Jade Johnson, Vickie Bratton, Brice Obermeyer, Barbara Wallace, Tom Moore and Tonya Anna.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to amend the agenda to add the August 22, 2011 minutes, the insurance and the auditors and the empty seat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Jade sent out RFP to auditors and nine auditors responded. There were several auditors present at the meeting. Debbie Mueggenborg with Archambo and Mueggenborg said the firm is local and they do not have offices anywhere else, she brought Pat Hurd who specializes in Native business. Bill Turner from Vinita does governmental audits and gave a brief history.

Brice Obermeyer asked to be recognized. He wanted to talk about several projects for the Tribe. Greg is back from an entire month on the east coast visiting a dozen or so museums and institutions. There are six large historic and pre-historic sites with Delaware burials. The next task is to find a suitable location for a repatriation/reburial. They are putting together a large mapped database of sites. They hope to build a multi-state database of the collection. They will be GPSing cemeteries in Oklahoma. Brice encouraged anyone who knows of location to contact the NAGPRA office. Contact information is available on the website. Another project is a partnership with Southwest Missouri State to perform an archeological survey. Brice asked for interested people to contact the NAGPRA office. Wayne asked if Brice has been in contact with the National Park Service. Brice said the Park Service is not interested in assisting with collections not found on Park Service sites. Wayne asked if Brice had been in contact with any states. Brice said they have talked with states, but for instance, Pennsylvania was concerned about security at one site the state has been

maintaining. Brice suggested maybe buying a plot in a cemetery to protect the remains. Brice said we would have to have the Stockbridge and the Delaware Nation to agree.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2011 and August 22, 2011 with corrections if any. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

The 2012 budget is currently under review.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the financials pending audit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed, all in favor.

Unfinished business:

Vickie Bratton made a report regarding the Housing Program. Vickie Bratton and the Chief met with Washington County to discuss the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Agreement. Vickie has requested to be put on the agenda for the other counties. The ARRA monies allocated for the Tribe needs to be spent by March 20, 2012 or return the money, the current plan is to purchase 2 homes in the Bartlesville/Dewey area. The IHP (Indian Housing Plan) is currently under review to build offices and storage in Bartlesville for housing. Housing Program is currently working on the 2004 report that had not previously been completed. Chris Miller is currently training to become the Housing Specialist. Vickie Bratton and Jimmie Johnson will travel to Denver for Greener Homes training. This will allow our EPA to perform energy audits for housing. The staffing changes have occurred due to internal matters. The staff is currently working hard to clean up the Chelsea building and file years of paperwork. TJ Aaroe asked if rents were going to change, Vickie said they are not.

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-23 new members, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

New Business:

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve Jimmie Johnson, Lacey Harris, James and Marilyn Coffey to attend Grant Writing class in Oklahoma City, September 19, 2011. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janifer Brown. Motion passed, all in favor.

The Employee Insurance under Housing was a better plan than the Tribe enjoyed. The Tribe will switch insurance plans but continue with the same agent.

The Tribe was awarded the ICDBG monies to enlarge the kitchen, bring the retention pond to code, a road to through to Madison and parking lots. The infrastructure increases are required by the city to build future structures.

James Coffey asked about the Idaho Delawares. The issue has been tabled.

The Council went into Executive session to discuss employees.

The Council returned to regular meeting at 7:39p

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to accept the recommendations of the HR Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Motion passed, all in favor.

Jade Johnson will notify Turner and Associates, they were selected as the auditor due to history, rate and turnaround time.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the contract of the IT person, pending review by attorney. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Wayne Stull made a motion to appoint Tom Moore to the vacant seat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janifer Brown. Discussion: Bill Hatch has made no contact with the tribal offices regarding his absences. Tom Moore said that he would only accept the position if the vote is unanimous, Chet asked why. Tom Moore said that he feels the Tribal Council should be unified, there is not time to announce the position for election in the three days left and the position is only for a year. He only feels it's a good way to move forward if the Tribal Council is unified. 4 yes, 1 no (C. Brooks).

The logistics regarding putting the position on the ballot were discussed. The Council asked Tom to reconsider and he accepted. Chet Brooks agreed Tom is well qualified.

Justice Charles Randall swore in Tom Moore.

Meeting adjourned at 8p.