

Tribal Council Meeting

November 7, 2011

Minutes

Chief Pechonick called the November 7th meeting to order at 6pm. Wayne Stull gave the invocation. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Janifer Brown, Wayne Stull, Jenifer Pechonick and Tom Moore. Verna Crawford was absent and excused due to illness.

The Chief recognized the guests present. Pricilla and Don Mason, Charles and Mary Randall, Nancy Sumpter, James and Marilyn Coffey, Greg Brown, Chris Miller, Vicki Sousa, Lacey Davis, Curtis Zunigha, Barbara Wallace, Ruth Black, Jack Tatum and Ernest Tiger.

Tom Moore asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Sarah Johnson Scimeca. Jenifer announced the wake will be held at 7pm on Wednesday and the funeral Thursday at 10am, both at Stumpff's.

Tom Moore made a motion that any recordings of the Tribal Council meetings be unedited to ensure that no comments are taken out of context. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Nancy Sumpter asked if there was a report from NCAI. Tom said he had a report prepared.

Chief Pechonick recognized Chief Curtis Zunigha.

Tom made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2011 meeting with corrections. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Treasurer's report: Janifer reported October is not closed out so there will be corrections to the report presented. Chet Brooks pointed out that our employees have tripled, but our general operating fund is greater.

Tom Moore made a motion to table the financials until they are complete. 2nd Janifer Brown. Discussion: Tom said he wouldn't expect the financials to be accurate until the 15th of the following month. Motion passed all in favor.

Unfinished business:

Housing - Chris Miller reported they placed a Delaware family this month. They are working on several other homes to prepare them for move-ins. The chief said a complete report will be available at General Council.

Resolutions:

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve resolution 2011-28 Approval of Tribal Membership. 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: there are 27 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Tom Moore made a motion to approve resolution 2011-29 Adopting the Emergency Management Procedure Document Developed by the Delaware Tribe Emergency Management Office. 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: Jimmie Johnson has been working with the Washington County Emergency Management. Motion passed all in favor.

Other Business:

Tom Moore gave a report on the 68th annual NCAI in Portland. He, Chief Pechonick and Teri Jo Aaroe attended. He prepared a five page report which he summarized. He will submit information to be put on the Tribe's website. Tom discussed hurt feelings from other Lenape people as a result from a resolution from the previous administration dismissing certain bands as "pseudo-Delawares." Tom suggested we should reach out to other bands and not necessarily take them under our wing, but rather be conscious of a policy admonishing these bands who can trace their roots. He stressed we should help our people first but include these others when possible.

Chet Brooks made a motion to rescind the resolution on the website (regarding pseudo Delawares). 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: Nancy Sumpter said she doesn't feel these people aren't Delaware necessarily, but some of these bands are receiving grant money instead of us. Discussion was held about private foundations funding these groups. Tom said he feels like there are ways we can help these entities. Charles Randall said that our Constitution is clear about how to be a member of our Tribe but it does not preclude us from recognizing that

our relatives and Lenape people are out there and unable to be members of our Tribe. Other tribal members shared their feelings. Chief Pechonick said the past fall the Canadian Delawares were offended by that resolution. Motion passed all in favor.

Tom Moore said he is going to scan all non-privileged information on his website <http://www.welachimulsin.com>. This is the Delaware word for good council. Our official Talking Dictionary is <http://www.talk-lenape.org/>.

Tom Moore asked if officers would be re-appointed at General Council. Jenifer Pechonick said this historically has taken place after our Tribal Council election.

Chief Pechonick said she and Brice Obermeyer presented at a symposium at Purdue University called "Wiping Away the Tears," remembering 200th anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe. She gave a brief history of the area.

Former Chief Zunigha requested the Chief make some comments about the relationship with the Cherokee Nation with the new administration. She said that we are working with the Cherokees currently on revisiting the MOA.

Don Mason said he stands beside the letter from Chief Justice Art Stull asking the Tribal Council to help facilitate the reorganization of the Court. Don has located several grants to fund the Court. Don discussed setting up a possible drug court for Delawares and other Tribes, Child-Support Enforcement and moving forward with Indian Child Welfare.

Tom Moore said there is money available for Education and discussed immersion schools.

Curtis Zunigha spoke regarding the election Saturday. He appreciates the service of the volunteers who helped with the election. He asked for clarification on the vote. The people voted to keep the Trust funds in place. The Trust Budget passed. Wayne Stull was re-elected chair, the new Trust members are John Sumpter, DeAnn Ketchum and Verna Crawford was re-elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.