

Tribal Council Meeting
January 9, 2012
Minutes

Chief Pechonick called the January 9th meeting to order at 6pm. Chet Brooks gave the invocation. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Janifer Brown, Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford, Nathan Young and Jenifer Pechonick.

The Chief recognized the guests present. Melanie Downs, Montana Adams, Priscilla and Don Mason, Charles and Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Jimmie and Jade Johnson, Laura and Jack Maynor, Vicki Sousa, Terri Jo Aaroe, Nancy Sumpter, John Sumpter, Lacey Harris, CeCe Biggoose, Curtis Zunigha, Marilyn and James Coffey, Verna Artherton, Mike and Amy Marshall, Jack Tatum Barbara Wallace, Tonya Anna, Shirley Moore, Vicki Sousa and Earnest Tiger.

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve the amended agenda. 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: Changes include: Education donations, personnel policies, add an executive session. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections from the December 5, 2011. 2nd Wayne Stull. Correction: Verna was left off the roll call. Motion passed all in favor.

Treasurer's report:

Janifer Brown presented the financials, she said the financials are correct as far as the amount of money in each fund and the amount of money spent, however, the column entitled variance is incorrect.

Wayne Stull made a motion to table the financials until the February meeting. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Curtis Zunigha was hired as Tribal Manager. Mike Taylor was hired as an addition to the accounting staff as a clerk.

Don Mason went to the ICWA conference in November. His goal was to make contact with other tribal Child Support Enforcement departments. The Kaw Nation and the Cherokee's have strong programs.

Resolutions:

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve resolution 2012-01 Approval of Tribal Membership. 2nd Janifer Brown. Discussion: there are 11 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve resolution 2012-02 to approve the submission of the SEDS ANA grant. 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Other Business:

Poll Votes Dec 22, 2011 – Apply for ICDBG vote passed all in favor.

Dec 29, 2011 – Vote on Tribal Manager from applications received.

Verna made a motion to ratify the poll votes. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Lacey Harris read two letters from donors who sent donations to our scholarship fund. One was from a foundation and another from a tribal member, Stewart Meyer. She presented two checks. The Tribal Council accepted the donations. Wayne Stull said we need to print a thank you in the newspaper.

Chet Brooks made a motion that the Tribal Council provide \$3,000 of funding to the Veteran's Group and \$4,000 to the Elder's Committee in 2012 as needed, if available with the Trust money being spent first. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick.

Discussion: the Chief noted the combination of the Tribe and Trust contribution make the budget of the two line items greater than the total budget of the Cultural Preservation and the Land Management. Nancy Sumpter said that she feels two people keep fighting the resolution (she pointed to Chief and Janifer Brown). The Chief said that she is not against it but she feels like the Tribe doesn't have money to match the Trust. Janifer Brown said that she had never seen a budget and wants to know about the oversight of the money. The Chief said the Veterans received \$500 from the Cultural Committee and asked John Sumpter how the money was spent. He said they used the money to eat at Rib Crib because they weren't fed at the event. The Chief said they used the money to make a donation at the War Mother's. John Sumpter said the color guard donated their time; he donated his personal money to the children, and the Veteran's Committee donated money given to them by the Cultural Committee to the Straight Dance Contest. Jenifer Pechonick asked for a budget for the Elder proposal. Motion passed all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha said that he will do everything in his authority to make sure the staff is able to carry out the directives of the Tribal Council.

Nathan Young recognized the Department heads and tribal employees present.

Nathan Young motion to go into Executive Session 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

The Council went into Executive Session.

The Council returned to regular session at 7:30p.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to send Chief Pechonick and Earnest Tiger to RES2012. 2nd Janifer Brown . Motion passed, 6 yes and 1 abstain (Chief Pechonick).

Verna Crawford made a motion when the next CD matures, we need cash it in and use money to pay for enrollment system, the Veteran's Committee, Elder's Committee and for tribal Business manager salary and to put the remainder back into a CD. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.