

Tribal Council Meeting

March 12, 2012

Minutes

(Approved April 2, 2012)

Chief Pechonick called the March 12th meeting to order at 6pm. Nathan Young gave the invocation. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford, Nathan Young and Jenifer Pechonick. Wayne Stull was absent.

The Chief recognized the guests present. Charles and Mary Randall, Curtis Zunigha, Cy Hughes, Titus Frenchman, Greg Brown, Earnest Tiger, Vicki Sousa, TJ Aaroe, Verna Artherton, Jana Roth, Terry Smith, Tony Smith, Nancy Sumpter and Jack Tatum.

Nathan Young made a motion to amend the agenda to add the appointment for a Tribal Education Department Liaison. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections if needed from February 6, 2012. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Treasurer's report: Janifer Brown presented the financials. The general fund balance as of 1/31/12 is \$811,015.57, an increase of \$116,781.98 from the previous month.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the financials pending audit. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Titus Frenchman gave an update on "fake tribes". Kerry Holton suggested that we form a coalition with the Tribe, the Delaware Nation and the Stockbridge Munsee to adopt a policy that will not step on the toes of the Canadian Delawares. Titus spoke of the application of Tennessee state recognition of people associating themselves as "United Eastern Lenape Nation of Winfeld (Tennessee)". Titus said the group has a website. The issue is being debated and scheduled for a vote next week. Titus said the website does not show any link to the Tribe. Titus suggested the Tribal Council send a letter to the Tennessee state legislation in protest based on no cultural link to the Tribe.

Janifer Brown made a motion for Curtis to prepare a letter for the Tennessee legislature opposing the recognition based on the lack of cultural link to the Tribe. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

The Chief asked Titus Frenchman for an updated Elder Budget, he submitted to Curtis Zunigha, Tribal Manager, which has been submitted to accounting.

Earnest Tiger gave a report on Reservation Economic Summit "RES 2012" at the end of February. He had a copy of the brochure DEA put together regarding Service and

Equipment International (SEI). They met with several companies who were very supportive of a Tribally-owned company selling sales and services of generators. At this time, the Tribe does not own SEI, but does have an agreement for business generated by the Tribe. The Tribe is seeking financing to purchase SEI. A discussion was held regarding the mandate by companies to use Indian-owned businesses. Nancy Sumpter asked if the existing contracts would be the Tribe's when we purchase the company. Earnest explained that yes, the contracts would transfer to the Tribe. Titus Frenchman asked if the DOJ ruling that states could get into internet gambling was discussed at RES, yes this topic was discussed RES.

New Business:

Ratification of poll vote:

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to ratify the poll vote from March 5, 2012 of Resolution 2012-06 regarding a grant submitted by NAGPRA. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Resolutions:

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve resolution 2012-07 Approval of Tribal Membership. 2nd Verna Crawford. Discussion: there are 23 new members including Terry Smith and Tony Smith who were in the audience. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young presented tribal member Jana Roth. Jana Roth thanked the Chief and Council for allowing her to speak. She gave her educational background. She has taught for 14 years and has been the JOM and Title VII Director for Broken Arrow public schools. She is interested in applying for the Oklahoma Advisory Education Council. She would like to volunteer her time and talents to the Tribe to help develop Indian Education programs for our children. She recently learned of the State Tribal Education partnership which is a pilot program and grant partnership to allow Tribe's to help native students. The grant will open in the near future. She hopes to put together a proposal for Indian Education in public schools. She asked for appointment as the Tribal Liaison for the Tribe's Education Department. Last week the US Department of Education sent out a survey to Indian Educators what the funding should cover.

Nathan Young made a motion to appoint Jana Roth as the Tribal Education Department Liaison. 2nd Verna Crawford. Discussion: Curtis Zunigha asked that we acknowledge the current Education program. Jenifer Pechonick said that she feels members of the Education Committee as well as Lacey Harris will be willing to participate as the program develops.

Greg Brown asked that if anyone has anything for the DIN to submit the information as soon as possible.

The Tribal Council will appoint the election committee at the April meeting, the Chief asked if you are interested in serving on the Committee to let the office know.

Other Business:

Jenifer made a motion to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.