

**Tribal Council Meeting**  
**April 2, 2012**  
**Minutes**

Chief Pechonick called the April 2, 2012 meeting to order at 6:15p. Dee Ketchum gave the invocation. Roll Call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer Janifer Brown, Nathan Young, Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to amend the agenda to include two (2) additional resolutions, ratify two (2) poll votes, put Dee Ketchum and Don Mason on agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

The Chief recognized the guests present: Judge Charles and Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Mary Huddleston, Teri Jo Aaroe, Marilyn Coffey, Dee and Annette Ketchum, Judge Don and Priscilla Mason, Judge Rick Barnes, Employees Vicki Sousa, Earnest Tiger, and Curtis Zunigha.

Dee Ketchum presented to the Council in regards to his article in the April newspaper. He applauds the Cherokee Nation's economic development in Oklahoma. He said his position is clear concerning going back to our old homeland in Kansas and having a presence there. He personally does not feel we are going to get much consideration in the fourteen-county area. He said that Kansas, our old reservation, is a great option. He said when he served the Tribe the law firms at the time concluded that Kansas was our best option. He said he knows about Kansas and knows people up there. He would appreciate the Council considering him as a liaison or representative in Kansas. He will work with DEA and the Council to help establish whatever we can in Kansas. Wayne Stull said that the BIA told us we could go to Kansas but we have to handle the politics. Wayne said this is where our Tribe is going, if we are going to do anything in the way of gaming, it's going to be in Kansas.

Nathan Young made a motion to appoint Dee Ketchum as the Kansas representative and for the Tribe recommend to DEA to appoint Dee Ketchum as the Kansas representative. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford talked about Raymond Cline's service to the Tribe. She made a motion for a \$100 donation to the Nowata Historical Society in Raymond's name. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Young. 6 yes, 1 abstain (Janifer Brown).

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. Discussion: Minutes should reflect that the Council came out of executive session with no action taken. 6 yes, 1 abstain (Wayne Stull/absent in March).

### **Treasurer's Report**

Verna Crawford made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

### **Unfinished Business:**

The Council will approve the Election Committee next month. Cy Hughes volunteered to serve.

### **Poll Votes:**

Resolution 08 was to submit a grant for archive program to National Park Service. Resolution 09 was to submit a REACH grant for LIHEAP.

Verna Crawford made a motion to ratify both poll votes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Don Mason presented to the Council regarding the Court project. He stated the Tribe will apply for a planning grant. The judges will meet the third or fourth Thursday at 4pm in Caney. They will keep basic minutes and an agenda with attendance.

Don Mason discussed training in New Mexico in April which has no registration fee, but does require travel. He also brought another training in South Carolina by the National Judicial College with a registration fee and travel. He discussed visiting Child Support Enforcement programs. He discussed differences of several programs. He talked about how economic development in Kansas would be enhanced with good public relations like Child Support Enforcement.

Nathan Young made a motion to give Don Mason \$100 to help reimburse his expenses for travel to the Child Support Enforcement programs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to send the judges to training in Albuquerque to approve per diem, hotel for the judges and mileage for the driver. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. Discussion: Nathan asked if they would drive. Charles said they could use his car. Motion passed all in favor.

## Housing Reports in Packet

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve resolution 2012-10 approving submittal of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act Grant Proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup>Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-11 to authorize preparation and submission of a fee-to-trust application to the BIA. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Young. Discussion: There was discussion about the timing to submit the application. Vicki requested that this application be coordinated with the economic development fee to trust application. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2012 – 12 to appraise the Oologah property and sell it on the open market and apply the net proceeds to a future multi-unit dwelling/land purchase. 2<sup>nd</sup>Chet Brooks. Discussion: the area is being developed near the property. Motion passed all in favor.

Chet Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 to authorize the transfer of housing unit in Sperry to the home ownership program. 2<sup>nd</sup> Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion approving Resolution 2012-14 to approve new tribal members. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Discussion: there are five new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve 2012-15 to approve submission of a grant to the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation FY 2012 Competitive Grant. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve 2012-16 to approve submission of a grant to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Library Enhancement Grant. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

The Council went into Executive Session at 7:30pm to discuss personnel issues and Housing issues.

The Council went back into regular session at 8:00pm.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve executive assistant and wellness center attendant positions. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor

Verna Crawford moved to approve amendment to personnel policy for carryover of accrued leave on anniversary date instead of fiscal year. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm.