

**Delaware Tribe of Indians**  
**Tribal Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 4, 2012**  
**6pm**

Chief Pechonick called the meeting to order 6pm. Curtis Zunigha gave the invocation. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Chet Brooks, Verna Crawford, Wayne Stull, Nathan Young, Janifer Brown, and Jenifer Pechonick. Guests present included: Leslie Fall-Leaf, CeCe Biggoose, Bruce Martin, Cy Hughes, Charles and Mary Randall, and Greg Brown.

Bruce Martin addressed the Tribal Council regarding a donation for the Intertribal Youth Pow Wow, June 9, 2012. He was seeking an emergency donation for the Youth Pow Wow. Two Trust committees will donate \$200 each and Tribal members Curtis Zunigha and Nathan Young donated \$50 each.

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Wayne Stull made a motion to approve the May 7, 2012 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the financials pending audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Discussion: Janifer Brown requests a class on the financials. Nate, Jenifer, and Verna are interested in taking a class. Curtis Zunigha asked that Janifer shadow Jade Johnson as she prepares the financials. Jade can then host a workshop with the financials. Motion passed all in favor.

**Unfinished Business:**

Laura Maynor, Melissa Gillman, James Hammon, Cy Hughes, LuAnn Hainline (Chair), Nicole Hammon (alternate) are working on an absentee ballot request and a candidate declaration form for the July DIN. Filing period for candidates is Aug 1- Sept 1. Absentee Ballot requests will be due back to the PO Box no later than Oct 14, Tribal members are encouraged to return their request ASAP. Voters may download the form, get the form from DIN or be mailed the form. The election will be November 3, 2012. Cy Hughes suggested the Election Committee be a standing committee so they can prepare all year for the

election. The Chief asked about the polling place in Caney. Cy Hughes said since there wasn't a full committee present, they didn't discuss Caney. The Chief said discussion was held regarding having the polls open in Caney on Friday. Cy Hughes thought the committee needed additional volunteers to man the Caney polling place. Discussion was held regarding absentee ballot list for candidates. Discussion was held on banning individual mailouts all together. Jenifer suggested offering candidates a word limit bio and a quarter page ad for the paper in lieu of providing address lists for personal mailouts. An additional concern was presented in the self-certification process of the ballots. Voters ballots are frequently invalidated because of the wrong or no roll numbers in the self-certification portion.

Nathan Young made a motion for the declaration of candidacy between Aug 1, 2012- Sept 1, 2012. 2nd Wayne Stull. 6 yes 1 abstain (Chet Brooks)

Janifer Brown made a motion that the Tribe will not provide a voter list to candidates. 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: Chet Brooks said all the candidates at the table have been elected and in doing so sent out mailers. Curtis Zunigha said the Tribal Council may be interpreted as limiting free speech if we prevented candidates from sending mailouts. Curtis said he thinks the Tribal Council's intention is to not provide mailing lists to candidates. Janifer Brown said it should be stressed that all candidates will be given equal space in the DIN at no cost. 5 yes 2 abstain (Chet Brooks, Wayne Stull)

### **Office Report:**

Curtis Zunigha introduced Leslie Fall-Leaf as the Executive Assistant and Enrollment Director. Leslie reported she is trying to get training on the new software purchased. She is working to design a photo ID for Council approval. There are requirements for information that needs to be on the card for the card to be accepted as a legal ID.

Curtis, Nathan Young, and Jade Johnson will meet with CN grants director. Nate and Jade will go with him on June 15. They will close out 2009/2010 Housing.

Caney property Fee-Trust Application: We are entering into a no-cost retainer agreement with Horizon to perform activities needed. Horizon is already an approved vendor. Horizon will perform the environmental review and certification on the property. In addition, the property deed is being prepared

as we currently have a quit claim deed on the property.

The Library and Museum staff attended the ATALM conference in Tulsa. The Sovereignty Symposium is next week in OKC, the Tribe will be represented. The construction is underway for the Social Services building.

DIN report – next issue is July 1, we request information by June 15.

**New Business:**

Nathan Young made a motion to approve resolution 2012-21 New member resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. Discussion: There are 7 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve 2012-22 A Resolution to Enact a Tribal Government Code of Conduct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Stull. Discussion: Nathan Young mentioned we forgot to include a severability clause that if a part of the code were deemed unconstitutional, the rest would be intact. We will amend the code next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.