

**Delaware Tribe of Indians**  
**Tribal Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 27, 2012**

Chief Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6pm. Terry Jo Aaroe gave the invocation. Roll call: Chief Pechonick, Chet Brooks, Verna Crawford, Nathan Young, Janifer Brown and Jenifer Pechonick. Guests present included: Levi Randall, Cy Hughes, TJ Aaroe, Vicki Sousa, John Sumpter, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Curtis Zunigha, Homer Scott, Don and Priscilla Mason, Buck Young, John Young, Charles and Mary Randall, Nancy Sumpter, Susan Cade, Carol Young, Michelle Vernon, Lesa Steele, Titus Frenchman, James Jackson, Vincent Jackson, and Chris Miller.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the agenda with one correction, 2nd Janifer Brown. Discussion: Move "Other Business A & B" to the beginning. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes from August 6, 2012 with corrections if any. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made motion to approve Resolution 2012-31 LLC codes. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-32, Insurance Codes. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha presented the Tribal Manager's report.

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

Cy Hughes said they are looking for a printer and estimated cost for printing the ballots. They will meet again September 14.

**Unfinished Business**

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-26 supporting Edie Robinette-Petrachi. 2nd Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the Election Committee Regulations. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. 5 yes, 1 abstain (Chet Brooks).

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-27 authorizing the transfer of tribal housing maintenance, personnel, vehicle and equipment to DFMS. 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: Susan Cade asked what would happen to the assets if the business went under. Lesa Steele said it would go back to the Tribe. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-33 authorizing the use of a CD as collateral to financially support start-up and operating expenses in connection with DFMS. 2nd Verna Crawford. Discussion: Lesa Steele presented a forecast of startup expenses for DFMS for the first month and first quarter. She said they will transfer the employees of Housing maintenance to DFMS on October 1. She said that DFMS will take a line of credit on a Tribal CD. She presented the forecast and said prior to the end of the first quarter the janitorial and tree businesses should be self-sustaining. Motion passed (5 yes, 1 abstain – Chet Brooks).

The Chief and Council presented Verna Crawford a plaque on behalf of her son William Crawford for his service as a Tribal Judge.

Chief Pechonick recognized John Chapman Young who submitted his name as a Tribal judge. He graduated from OU with a degree in Modern Languages. He attended law school at University of New Mexico. He currently serves as the director of the National Tribal Trial College.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to appoint John Chapman Young to the vacancy on the Tribal Court to serve through November 2014. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor (5 yes, 1 abstain - Nathan Young). Justice Don Mason swore in John Chapman Young to the Tribal Court.

Don Mason gave a brief judicial report. He thanked the Tribal Council for approving the codes tonight. There is a staff meeting with DHS on Wednesday, August 29. He congratulated new justice John Chapman Young. He provided information about a conference September 21.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-28, to approve new members. 2nd Verna Crawford. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-30 to approve NCAI delegates and alternates. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed (5 yes, 1 abstain – Chet Brooks).

Lesla Steele presented the amended charter for DEA. Verna Crawford signed.

Jenifer Pechonick read Wayne Stull's resignation. His position will remain empty until the election in November.

Susan Cade and her son Levi Randoll stated it looked funny that both Jenifer Pechonick and Paula Pechonick serve on the Council and the DEA. Jenifer Pechonick said that she was sorry they felt that way but she had served under other Chiefs, on many committees and had been elected to Tribal Office more than once. She also stated that Chief Pechonick did not appoint her to the positions, the other Tribal Council members and the DEA Board did.

Jenifer discussed the Lenape Scholarship Fund. She said the regulations will be in the October *Delaware Indian News*.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the Lenape Scholarship Funds with changes. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

### **Tribal Manager's Report**

1. Cherokee MOA – on August 16 a letter to Chief Baker of the Cherokee Nation was transmitted from Chief Pechonick outlining numerous points regarding jurisdiction, funding, enrollment, and subsidiary business. We are awaiting a formal response with projected dates for meetings on these issues. These discussions are meant to support negotiating an amended MOA.
2. Caney property-to-trust application – Horizon Engineering submitted the Environmental Assessment portion of the application. After review by Jimmie Johnson, we discovered several typographical errors and asked for a corrected version to be resubmitted. As we await the return of several agency letters responding to our application notice, we will contact BIA in Muskogee this week to schedule a meeting as soon as possible. We'll review the application in its current status and obtain tacit approval to submit to the Area Office for processing.
3. Election and General Council Meeting – the Election Committee has been meeting to review the candidate declaration forms and absentee ballot requests. They are supporting a committee and administration effort

to market and promote more responses for absentee ballot requests. I need guidance and direction on the need to hire security guard(s) for the election and General Council meeting. We also need to confirm a budget for the election and meeting to include refreshments and honoraria for the Election Committee. A draft budget will be presented by the October Tribal Council meeting.

4. *Delaware Indian News* – the deadline for articles, reports, ads, and other content is September 15. I will work closely with Leslie and Greg in the layout of this issue as it has several required elements such as the Chief's call to general council, the election information, candidate profiles, and other significant news. We may have to postpone some lesser priority information and articles until the January issue. We can however still post unpublished information on the website.
5. Human resources – The Delaware Enterprise Authority added a staff member, Michelle Vernon, this month. I will be hiring an administrative assistant under a temporary service contract to help with many different responsibilities within my office.
6. Strategic Planning - per Tribal Council direction and guidance, I will begin facilitating strategic planning for the tribe in an initial meeting with the Tribal Council on September 6 at 10:00am in the Child Development Training Center. This process will include staff input, a town hall meeting for tribal community members, and outreach through the tribe's website.
7. Property Management

Maintenance: (1) Air Conditioners – we had to purchase two air conditioners that became inoperative due to age, over-utilization during extreme heat and lack of preventive maintenance. This cost approximately \$5,000. (2) Sidewalk from Spruce to the tribal property was constructed to assist disabled tribal members with access to the tribal facilities. (3) Social Services Building and Pond – both are currently under construction. We've located the company that manufactured the personalized paving stones for the Community Center. We will begin offering the opportunity for tribal members to be recognized by purchasing a paving stone to be installed at the new Social Services Building. (4) Internet upgrade – We are upgrading our current internet service from AT&T by installing new fiber optic lines that will serve the tribal

community center (including child care), the child development training center, the wellness center, and the new social services building. Estimated completion is September 21.

8. All Other Departmental Reports are attached.