

Tribal Council Meeting
January 7, 2013
5:15 pm

The Chief called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks prayed in Lenape and English. Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young and Annette Ketchum. Janifer Brown and Verna Crawford were absent due to illness. Excused absences.

Guests: Curtis Zunigha, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Rick Barnes, Greg Brown, Bruce Martin, Priscilla and Don Mason, John Chapman Young, Lauren Young and Olivia Young, Gina Roth, Dee Ketchum and Amanda Proctor.

The Chief welcomed the guests and introduced Gina Roth as the new Child Support Enforcement Director. The position was advertised and Gina is a Delaware Tribal member.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to accept the December 3, 2013 minutes. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to table the Treasurer's Report in absence of the Treasurer.

Curtis Zunigha presented the Tribal Manager report.

TRIBAL MANAGER REPORT FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2013
Curtis Zunigha, Tribal Manager

Tribal Operations – There's been a lot of activity spent in the last three weeks preparing and upgrading the electronic and physical infrastructure of our Bartlesville campus and the Caney building. In Caney we're painting walls, moving in office furnishings, and laying in new internet and telephone hookups. During January we'll be moving in (1) DFMS – Jim & Kelia (2) DTFS – Tim Houseberg (3) CSE – Child Support Enforcement and our new director Gina Roth (4) The Tribal Judges (5) other administrative staff. Here in Bartlesville the outside portion of the Social Services building is more or less complete and interior finishing is over half complete. We are installing the wiring and fiber optic connections for phone and internet in the new building.

I have attached brief reports from staff members regarding their primary activities and tasks.

Cherokee MOA – I have sent in a request to Charles Head of the Cherokee Nation for Aid to Tribal Government and NAHASDA funds. I've also requested the (former) ARRA funds to be used for the apartment complex purchase. I've also informed Mr. Head we are beginning the process of developing a proposal to receive PL93-638 program funds directly from the BIA and it will require a re-negotiation of the MOA.

BIA 638 program proposal – We have a BIA employee assigned to work with our tribe in the development of a program proposal. He was assigned by the Director of the Self- Determination Office at BIA HQ in Washington, DC. I began corresponding with him this past week and given him numerous documents pertaining to our past funding and current legal/political relations with Cherokee Nation.

Caney Property Fee-to-Trust Application – the application is being finalized this week now that the Environmental Site Assessment has been received by our contractor, Horizon Engineering Services. You have before you a resolution to deed the Caney property over to the United States Department of the Interior.

Personnel – We have a new employee, Gina Roth, who is our new Child Support Enforcement Director. She'll be working out of the Caney office as soon as it's ready to occupy.

The Newbold Scholarship fund out of New Jersey sent \$1200 for the scholarship fund. Charles Randall asked if there will be wireless internet access in the Caney facility, yes there will.

Don Mason gave a report on behalf of the Tribal Court. The judges met today in Caney with all judges present. Discussion was held regarding several issues. He said the judges would like business cards, he said the judges would like robes (the judges were advised the Tribe does have robes for them), they are interested in establishing a Tribal Bar Association, John Chapman Young was elected Vice-Chief judge, Constitution and Code revision and need for a budget. The judges were asked to submit a budget as well as a sketch of how they would like the room in Caney and also a list of items they need. Judge Mason is going to visit Osage Nation TANF and will go with Gina Roth to introduce her to CSE at Osage Nation. He is also going to visit the TANF program at the Creek Nation. He has talked to the federal official of TANF. Judge Mason is working with Lacey Harris and likely Gina Roth to meet with Washington County DHS. The judges are working on criteria for court advocates.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-01 Enrollment 2nd Chet Brooks. There are 12 new members approved. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-02 Adopting the Tribal Seal Design, 2nd Annette Ketchum. Discussion: Annette Ketchum wanted to mention

that Janifer Brown worked diligently on the process of design, input and approval.
Motion passed all in favor.

Chet Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-03 638 Submission, 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-04 Caney Land into Trust Status, 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-05 Membership into UINOKT, 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-06 Establish Gift Shop Account, 2nd Jenifer Pechonick.

Nathan Young requested we have workshop. Workshop scheduled for January 17.

The Council went into Executive Session.

The Council resumed regular session.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to waive the 90 day period for benefits for the Administrative Assistant. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.