

Tribal Council Meeting  
February 4, 2013  
6:40 pm

The Chief called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks prayed in Lenape and English. Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young, Annette Ketchum, Janifer Brown and Verna Crawford.

Guests: Curtis Zunigha, Charles and Mary Randall, Rick Barnes, Michelle Vernon, CeCe BigGoose, Greg Brown, Bruce Martin, Melanie Downs, Susan Hefner, Jana Roth, Tim and Janet Houseberg, John Dillingham, Lesa Steele, Nathan Scullawl, Amanda Proctor, Anita Mathis, Amanda Proctor, Gina Roth and David McCullough.

The Chief recognized the guests in the audience and asked if anyone wished to address the Council.

John Dillingham, Delaware Enterprise Authority (DEA) Chair, presented the annual report of the DEA from 2012.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the agenda with changes to include Resolutions 2013-10 and 2013-11. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to accept the January 7, 2013 minutes with the insertion of Tribal Manager's report highlights. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed. 5 yes, 2 abstain (Verna Crawford and Janifer Brown due to absence at the meeting.)

Nathan Young made a motion to approve the November and the December financials pending audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> Verna Crawford. Discussion: Budget preparation and cash-flow report. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to suspend the agenda to include Delaware Tribal Financial Services (DTFS) who was mistakenly left off the agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor. Tim Houseberg presented an update to the Tribal Council regarding Delaware Tribal Financial Services. He outlined the upcoming calendar for DTFS and forecast.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-10, to accept electronic signatures and forms. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenifer Pechonick. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-11 to authorize the DTFS Committee to oversee modifications or changes to the Delaware Tribe of Indians Insurance Codes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Verna Crawford Motion passed all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha gave the Tribal Manager report:

Tribal Operations – We are aggressively moving into the Caney Building and will be moving into the new Social Services Building during February.

The following tribal programs and functions will be relocated to the Social Services Building:

HOUSING (MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES)

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

ENVIRONMENTAL

COMMUNITY SERVICES

LIHEAP/REACH

LIBRARY/MUSEUM/ARCHIVES

We are simultaneously beginning occupancy of our Kansas Headquarters Building in Caney. There will be a room dedicated for a tribal administration office pool. The following tribal programs and functions are located in the Kansas Headquarters Building:

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

FINANCIAL SERVICES

TRIBAL COURT

DELAWARE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS (DFMS)

Kitchen Expansion – demolition of the kitchen is expected within the week. The dining hall will remain open and lunch will be served daily throughout the construction period. The dining hall will also remain available for necessary business meetings. Projected completion is April 1.

Tribal Court – The court's first case of 2013 was held in Caney on January 29.

Caney Property Fee-to-Trust Application – The application was sent to the BIA Office in Muskogee for review of technical composition and

construction. Then we will schedule a meeting with BIA Eastern Oklahoma Regional Director Robert Impson and Chief Pechonick will deliver the trust application for approval. We expect this to occur during February.

BIA 638 program proposal – the collaboration with the BIA liaison, Mr. Larsen, continues. I will not likely have a draft to present for review until approximately February 21.

Personnel – We have established Leslie Fall-Leaf’s role with the tribe as full-time Enrollment Director with additional duties as Tribal Court Clerk. We also hired a temporary administrative assistant to support Chief Pechonick and assist me with other administrative duties. Her name is Jana Roth, she is a tribal member and former Director of Indian Education for the Broken Arrow Public School District.

Cherokee Nation and the MOA – We are working with the administration to provide all documents related to the Housing funds, the Indian Housing Plan, and the Annual Performance report.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve the 2013 Holiday Schedule, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annette Ketchum. Discussion: The Council added one day, on Good Friday, March 29. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford Janifer Brown. Discussion: The Council agrees the Policies and Procedures are an organic document that may need to be changed as time passes.

Poll Vote: Resolution 2013-07 Establishing Authority on Financial Accounts. Resolution passed 1-23-13 7-0 Vote.

Nathan Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-08 New Enrollment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chet Brooks. 19 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to enter into executive session, 2<sup>nd</sup> Janifer Brown. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.