

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Tribal Council Minutes
July 1, 2013**

**Delaware Community Center
Minutes--- approved August 5, 2013**

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Council Member Annette Ketchum gave the invocation. Roll call was given by Secretary Verna Crawford. Those present: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Council Secretary Verna Crawford, Council Treasurer Janifer Brown, Council Members Jenifer Pechonick, Nathan Young and Annette Ketchum.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests.

Guests present: Charles and Mary Randall, Mrs. Nate Young and Bonnie Jo Griffith (Trust Board). Employees present: Curtis Zunigha, Greg Brown, Bruce Martin, Jana Roth, and Jean Lewis

Janifer Brown moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Nate Young.

Discussion: Chief Pechonick stated that Resolution 2013-35 and 2013-38 need to be removed and considered at a later date. Jenifer Pechonick requested to add consideration of the revised contract for DTFS, Inc. under Other Business. Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2013 with corrections, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Discussion: Verna Crawford requested to have the full name of those submitting reports. (Brice Obermyer did not have last name listed). Motion carried with six yes and one abstention (Nate Young).

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Chet Brooks. Discussion: Treasurer Janifer Brown announced that the audit reports for Council and Trust Board have been completed with no findings. Verna Crawford expressed the Council's appreciation to CFO Jean Lewis and the accounting department. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Pechonick noted that department reports were in the packet. She asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the reports? (Reports attached).

Annette Ketchum requested an explanation of the "Intranet" verses the "Internet" as stated in the Tribal Manager's report. Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha explained that the "Intranet" is for closed internal communication. Each department will have forms and other information for only staff members and elected officials. This will improve and make more economical for internal communication, especially with the move to Kansas. This will be a great management tool, stated Nate Young. There will be a Council workshop on the system soon.

Annette Ketchum congratulated Greg Brown on the July DIN. It was out on time and a great job.

Chief Pechonick called on Registration/Enrollment Director Leslie Fall-Leaf to report on the enrollment backlog.

Director Fall-Leaf stated that only some progress has been made in clearing up the backlog. She stated that the office has been rearranged. Enrollment Clerk Chris Miller has been moved into the office as well as the enrollment filing cabinets. She stated that Allan Barnes has been established as the receptionist and is doing a great job. Both Leslie and Chris attended training on the enrollment software, which has been a big help.

Jenifer Pechonick commented that in the past the department staff did not have the tools to do their job. The Tribe had only one license for the software for enrollment and at least two were needed so that two people could input the information into the computer at the same time.

Ms. Fall-Leaf stated that she is working on policies and procedures for enrollment and is making progress on the backlog. Most of the backlog for enrollment from the years before her assuming the job has been completed. This month there are 51 new tribal enrollees. She had been instructed by the Council to hold working on the new enrollees and clear up the older applications. That is why there are 51 people in the current Resolution of new members. A couple of Council members volunteered to help with the input of information after hours. This would help to understand what the staff does on a daily basis. The Council agreed on an extension of 120 days to work on the backlog.

Janifer Brown requested, due to the length of the Tribal Manager's report, to have a workshop on it.

Tribal manager Curtis Zunigha responded that there was a lot there. He stated that he had a letter ready for the Chief to sign going to the BIA requesting an extension to our 638 direct funding request. All advisors including the BIA, recommended the extension. At present these funds pass through the Cherokee Nation.

Curtis Zunigha requested approval to allow Cherokee Nation Engineering Department to use Delaware Tribe priority points for sanitation projects funded by Indian Health Service. This will benefit Delaware Tribal members in Chelsea, Alluwe and other areas.

Janifer Brown moved to allow Cherokee Nation Engineering Department to use Delaware Tribal priority points for sanitation projects funded by Indian Health Service. Nate Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Nate Young suggested that we request adding our name to the projects along with the Cherokee Nation. Curtis said that the last one in Ramona our name was also on the sign.

Jenifer Pechonick reported that Cherokee Nation donated \$4,900 to the Boys and Girls club in Chelsea. The Delaware Tribe gives \$36,250 annually to the club. The Delaware Tribal Housing Authority helped build the facility and supplied initial funding.

Nate Young moved to approve the membership resolution as presented in Resolution 2013-37 and that the council waive reading of the resolution. (51 new Tribal members were listed). Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-36 – Resolution of the Tribal Council of Delaware Tribe of Indians authorizing the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement for the planning, program design, and implementation of a Delaware Tribal Charter School. Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha reported that he would like to get two items in the record.

One was that he, Chet Brooks and Verna Crawford attended a special consultation meeting in Oklahoma City. The Special Secretarial Commission on Trust Fund Administration held consultation meeting with tribes and individuals. Curtis stated that he made a presentation representing the Delaware Tribe and followed up with an extensive paper to the Commission. The content of the presentation and paper were what our Attorney Tom Peckam provided regarding history, what actions are needed to get our trust claims resolved and money turned over to the Tribe. Commissioner Stacy Leeds responded that the report was received and she would see that it got to the appropriate Federal Officials. Curtis stated that the Tribe has follow up work to do with Congress and in Washington.

Curtis acknowledged that three Tribal Council members went to the Mid-Year meeting of NCAI in Reno. They met with many Tribal and Federal leaders, including Assistant Secretary Washburn. He stated the Tribe needs to

work on our presence at the Annual NCAI meeting in October. The Delaware Tribe will host the Elders Lounge.

Bonnie Jo Griffith reported that the Elders Committee held their election of officers at their meeting. Mary Watters was elected Chairman, Bonnie Jo Griffith Vice Chair and Jan Brown treasurer. Mary Randall was elected secretary as a non-voting member.

Chet Brooks moved to go into Executive session. Jan Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Nate Young moved to return to open session at 7:50 p.m. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

No action taken regarding Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.