

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Tribal Council Minutes
August 5, 2013
Delaware Community Center
Minutes--- approved September 7, 2013
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called the roll. 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. Crawford announced all present, a quorum was established.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests asking if any guest would like to address the Council.

Guests present: Bonnie Thaxton, Bruce Martin, Carol Young, Tonya Anna, Barbara Wallace, Chief Justice Don Mason, Priscilla Mason, Curtis Zunigha, Justice Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Leslie Fall-Leaf, John Moore, Greg Brown, Dee Ketchum, Jean Lewis, Rick Barnes, and Sandi Jamison.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Janifer Brown. Discussion: Chief Pechonick stated that agenda item; VI-C should be removed, as item is not ready for action. Motion carried all in favor.

Nate Young made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2013 with corrections if needed, seconded by Janifer Brown. Motion carried with six yes and one abstention (Nate Young).

Nate Young made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Janifer Brown. 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).

Curtis Zunigha requested the Council to waive the regulations regarding the FEMA trailers. There is an applicant for the last trailer who lives in Kansas. The applicant has land and qualifies in every other way.

Nate Young made a motion to waive the policy requirements to allow for the last FEMA trailer to be placed in Labette County Kansas. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chet Brooks made a motion to approve the use of the community center building for a fundraiser for the War Mothers and their fundraising booth at General Council. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Discussion: Curtis will oversee the use of the building and cleanup. Motion passed all in favor.

Chief Justice Don Mason delivered the judges report stating that a rough draft has been completed for the child support enforcement code; with more work to be done. Libbi Gray, Marsha Hart and he are working on it. He is also working with Libbi Gray to build an updated judiciary act. Mason stated that he is reviewing the current acts, one adopted when Joe Brooks was chief and another from the days of Chief Lewis Ketchum. He plans to review the Osage, Cherokee, Muskogee and Seminole judiciary acts as well. There will be a rough draft of a new judiciary act for the Delaware Tribe with minimal changes. It will be modified into a more concise document. Libbi and Don are researching a judicial grant application for later in the year. He will visit the federal CFR court in Miami. The Delaware Codes may not be completed when our Child Support Enforcement grant ends and we may need to use the CFR court.

Chief Pechonick called on Leslie Fall-Leaf, Enrollment Director, for a department update. Leslie Fall-Leaf reported the data entry of the backlog is complete. The next step is to issue and deliver the cards; only plastic cards are being issued with or without photo. There are 34 new members enrolled and one denied. Leslie will be issuing a purchase order to buy a machine to replace the 15 year-old card making machine currently in use. The new machine should be in use by next meeting.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the DTFS contract presented last month. Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Discussion: The contract was approved last month, but the minutes did not reflect. Motion carried with all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-39 Approval of Tribal Membership. Nathan Young seconded the motion. Discussion: There are 34 enrollees and one application denial. Motion passed with all in favor.

Note: Curtis Zunigha, Tribal Operational Manager, explained Resolutions 2013-40 to 42 are establishing departments to help strengthen the Tribal organization infrastructure in preparation for future growth. The departments that are being established by these resolutions will be in place when funding and need arise.

Discussion followed each of the following three resolutions with the same conclusions for all: These projects will contribute to the organizational infrastructure.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-40 Authorization to Establish a Tribal Communications Department. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-41 to establish a Tribal Health Department. Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-42 to authorize the establishment of a tribal IT Department. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

The Council confirmed, for the record, the poll vote taken on July 19, 2013 to approve Resolution 2013-43 to amend the Caney Trust Application regarding revising the property boundaries.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-44 to rescind Resolution 2005-20 amending the Tribal Membership Act. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-45 to amend the jurisdiction in Kansas services to be 36 counties instead of 37. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Discussion: One of the tribes in Miami area is planning to place Cherokee County under their jurisdiction so we will not include it in the Delaware area. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to designate Bruce Martin as our Kansas 638 Liaison and other service programs as time permits. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to move the September 2 meeting to September 9 due to Labor Day. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the revised codes for the domicile. Nathan Young seconded the motion. Discussion: Jenifer Pechonick stated that the committee has reviewed the codes for DTFS, they are upgrades to the ones approved before. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Enrollment Director to release the veteran's information she has collected for a mail out. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Nathan Young made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Chet Brooks.

Nathan Young made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Chet Brooks.

No action was taken following Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.