

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Tribal Council Meeting – January 6, 2014
Delaware Community Center
Minutes for December 2, 2013 Meeting--Approved
Respectfully Submitted By Sandi Jamison

The Chief called the meeting to order at 5:13 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks prayed.

Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Annette Ketchum, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford, and Nate Young. Jenifer Pechonick was absent to work on Title VI grant; given excused absence.

Guests: Cy Hughes, Mary Randall, Mary Watters, Gilbert Watters, John Young, Sonja Key, Jean Lewis, Charles Randall, Rick L. Barnes, Carolyn Rowe, Steve Rowe, Jim Grinter, Curtis Zunigha, Bruce Martin, Sandi Jamison

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests and asked if there were any questions from the attendees. Curtis Zunigha asked if the presentation regarding the HUD housing matters could be made at the beginning of the meeting along with the resolution presentation.

Nate Young made a motion to alter the agenda to allow Sonja Key to make her presentation; 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha introduced Sonja Key, stating that the Tribal Council had met her earlier in the workshop today. Nate Young asked Ms. Key to give a brief personal background of herself. Sonja Key is a consultant from Washington, DC and had previously been the branch manager at a Native American organization in Oklahoma City. She stated that she and Curtis have been working on the housing plan for fiscal year 2014 to change the housing plan fiscal year period ending date to be March 31 of each year instead of the normal September 30 fiscal year end date. This will allow the Delaware Tribe to get funding by next March rather than the funding being delayed until 2015.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-65 to change the fiscal year end for the housing program and submit housing plan to HUD, 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to accept the agenda, 2nd Nate Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the November 5 meeting minutes as presented, 2nd Nate Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to accept the financials, 2nd Verna Crawford. Discussion about the space budget not being just for the therapy pool; Jean Lewis clarified the budget. Motion passed with all in favor. Filed for audit.

Annette Ketchum acknowledged the reports as presented and thanked the staff for their effort to prepare these reports.

Curtis Zunigha gave a brief synopsis of his monthly report verbally. 1) Three job descriptions and policy and procedures documents were prepared for the Tribal Council and would like to have approve to proceed with these. Jan Brown brought to his attention that the documents were probably two-sided document but the documents that the Tribal Council received were only one-sided. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting. 2) Curtis has met with staff department heads and they are to develop annual plans using a prepared template. The initial plan will be for the time period of January 2014-September 2014; thereafter it will be a yearly report from September-September. 3) The BIA ATG funds have still not been approved and submitted by Cherokee Nation. Therefore, the BIA has asked the Delaware Tribe to submit another request for extension through January 6. We and BIA do not understand why the Cherokee Nation is holding this up because it means money for them through their multi-year funding, which our portion will be extracted and given to us. 4) The Disabled American Veterans initiated their office today in the lobby with the goal to help veterans and their families with processing paperwork. They will be in the lobby on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. 5) Two representatives will be here next Monday from the National Museum of American Indians to talk with anyone who is interested in providing information about the Delaware Tribe (history and today's activities) that will become part of the museum's exhibit to be featured in 2016 called Native Nations of New York; and they are interested in learning more about the Delaware and Manhattan Island.

Nate Young made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-64 Approve Tribal Membership, 2nd Chet Brooks. Discussion: 17 members newly enrolled, Annette Ketchum read the names. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion for the Tribal Council to go into Executive Session on personnel matters, 2nd Annette Ketchum. At 5:54 p.m. guests were asked to leave and Executive Session began. At 6:08 p.m. guests were invited to return to the community center room.

Janifer Brown made a motion for the meeting to reconvene, 2nd by Annette Ketchum, Motion passed all in favor.

Discussion of the Gray & Gray contract as to whether to terminate the contract and maybe review it later. Secret vote was read with votes as follows:

Yes = 3; No = 3; tie vote

Nate Young stated for the record that according to Robert's Rules of Order we cannot vote on this again unless it is put on the agenda. He will research this.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Janifer Brown. Adjourned at 6:14 p.m.