Tribal Council Meeting
Minutes
March 10, 2014
Respectfully Submitted by Jenifer Pechonick

The Chief called the meeting to order at 5 pm. The meeting is the regular meeting for March but had been postponed due to weather. Annette Ketchum prayed. Present: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Annette Ketchum, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford and Nate Young.

Guests: Bruce Martin, Charles and Mary Randall, Gilbert and Mary Watters, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Curtis Zunigha, Greg Brown, Cy Young, Sandra Jamison, Marsha Hardin, Bonnie Thaxton, Barbara Wallace, Nancy Sumpter, CeCe BigGocse, John Moore and Tonya Anna.

Tonya Anna presented the Tribal Council a thank you card on behalf of the Delaware War Mothers for facilitating the organization’s recent fundraiser. Tonya asked the Tribal Council if the War Mothers could sell the Tribal flag on behalf of the Tribe. Discussion was held about the flags. Tonya also asked if there is space for the War Mothers could store a locked cabinet.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the agenda. 2nd Chet Brooks. Motion passed all in favor.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve the minutes Feb 3, Feb 13, Feb 21 with corrections. 2nd Janifer Brown. 6 yes and 1 abstain (Nate Young due to absences). Motion passed.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report pending audit. 2nd Nathan Young. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the reports in the packet, 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Curtis Zunigha presented in addition to his written report. Curtis said the reports being published 72 hours after approval at meetings is behind schedule. He said they are working on it and should have February and March information on the website. With regards to the Draft Agenda passed out to the audience, Sandra had attempted to format of a more concise packet omitting confidential information. Curtis highlighted information from his written report.
Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12 Tribal Membership. 2nd Janifer Brown. Discussion: Jenifer Pechonick read the names of the 13 new tribal members. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-13 To Enact Codes for Civil Procedure of the Tribal Court to be amended with information in discussion. 2nd Jenifer Pechonick. Discussion: The codes will include the Constitution is the supreme governing document. Motion passed all in favor.

Chet Brooks made a motion to allow the utilization of up to $16,000 of Lenape Scholarship Funds for Education Committee to give Fall Scholarships. 2nd Nate Young. Discussion: Jenifer Pechonick stated she was against the motion because she didn’t feel it was right to dictate where the money will come from at this time. The Education Committee spent all the funds on the Spring semester. 6 yes 1 no (Jenifer Pechonick) Motion passed.

Nathan Young said our desire is to provide services to our people. He said we need to pool together for resources to help our people.

Bonnie Jo Griffith asked for prize money for a weight loss program open to those who are members of the Tribal Wellness Center. The weigh-in will be the second week of April three afternoons/evenings. The contest will last 8 weeks and a weigh-out will take place. The top three contestants with the largest percentage of weight loss will win $200, $100 & $50.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve $350 for “Choose to Lose” program. 2nd Nathan Young. 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: Wellness Center members will be eligible for the program. Motion passed all in favor.

Bonnie Jo Griffith asked if the Tribe has an Open Records Act. The Tribe does not. Tribal members can make an appointment can be made to view non-proprietary information from accounting. Curtis stated the internal policy is to request information in writing for consideration of the Council.

Dee Ketchum presented in regards to the Heritage Grant. One of the Douglas County Commissioners suggested the application. The grant would be for $15,000 to fund the Tribal Council and the Commissioners for discussion of the use of the Lawrence property.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-15 To submit the
application for the Heritage Grant, 2nd Nathan Young. Discussion: the monies would be used basically for travel expenses and a facilitator for development of the property. Any edits need to be submitted prior to tomorrow afternoon. Motion passed all in favor.

Janifer Brown made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Dee's updates. 2nd Annette Ketchum. Motion passed all in favor.

Prior to executive session the Council took a 10 minutes break.

The Council returned to regular session.

Nathan Young made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Paula Pechonick, Chief

Verna Crawford, Secretary