

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Delaware Tribal Council Meeting – May 5, 2014  
Delaware Community Center

**Minutes for April 7, 2014 Meeting**

Respectfully Submitted by Jenifer Pechonick; Reviewed by Verna Crawford

Chief Pechonick called the April 7, 2014 meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Tribal Court Room in Caney, Kansas. Annette Ketchum gave the invocation.

Council members present: at roll call were Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Annette Ketchum, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford and Nate Young.

Chet Brooks made a motion to suspend the agenda to talk about election rules, Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Cy Hughes as the Election Committee Chair. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed election rules draft. Jenifer Pechonick stated she reviewed the current rules, removed redundancy, cited the Constitution as referenced in the document and rearranged with regard to flow. The spirit and intent of the draft document is the same as the current. She stated her goal was to make a document which wouldn't need to be changed every election.

Chet offered two amendments which were minor and within the scope of the document. Chet Brooks moved to approve the proposed election rules with amendments, Article IV, Eligibility, Section A.,2) bottom of page 3 and top of page 4.

2) Tribal members who have voted in at least one of the three most recent elections are registered voters and any other members must register to receive an absentee ballot.

Article X Candidate Rights (top and side page 8 ---add amendment as Section A.

A. All candidates in any Delaware Tribe Election shall be afforded the right to purchase electronic media or mailing labels of the addresses and all available contact information for the entire adult voting membership. Such electronic media or labels shall clearly show those voters who are registered to vote as defined by Article IV, Section A,2 and those non registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot before the absentee ballot request deadline (October 15). Such electronic media shall be at a cost of \$25 each plus expenses. The Election Board and Tribal Registration shall keep clear and accurate records to enforce this section.

B. What is currently in the rules would all be unchanged except becomes B 1 and 2.

Article XII E. page 9 ---Any non-registered voter opting to vote...all rest of this section OK the reason non should be placed here is because any voter who has

voted in one of the three elections is already registered and will automatically receive a ballot.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests. Guests: Charles & Mary Randall, Mary Watters, Mike Taylor, Sandi Jamison, Nicky Michael, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Jim Grinter, Steve & Carolyn Rowe, Priscilla Mason, Donald Mason, G. R. Watters, Joe Brooks, Cy Hughes, Curtis Zunigha, Greg Brown.

Joe Brooks asked if the Tribal Council would recess the meeting to allow the Trust Board to reconvene and authorize the previous Election Chairman Darrell Glenn to release the list. The Tribal Council agreed.

Trust Board Chairman Brooks took a poll vote of Trust Board members present to approve authorize the previous Trust Board Election Chairman Darrell Glenn to release the voter list of the 2013 Trust Board election to the registration department. Trust Board members Verna Crawford, Mary Watters, Joe Brooks, Nicky Michael and Chairman Brooks approved the request.

Mary Randall asked about the Elder Protection Act, which had been presented to the Elder Committee in December 2013. She presented a copy. The Tribal Council said they would follow up on the status and confirmed with Mary the document had been reviewed and the elder's comments were noted.

Questions were asked and answered about Delaware Facilities Management Services (DFMS).

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the remaining agenda as presented, Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to go into executive session at 6:07 p.m. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

Verna Crawford made a motion to return to open session at 7:26. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed all in favor.

No action taken regarding executive session discussion.

Nate Young and Annette Ketchum had to leave the meeting at 7:30.p.m.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014 and special meeting of March 20, 2014 with corrections, Janifer Brown seconded the motion.

Discussion: Cy Hughes corrected a typo which referred to her as Cy Young. Motion passed all in favor. Motion carried with five yes.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve Treasurer's report pending audit, Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

Department reports were acknowledged.

Curtis Zunigha announced Julia "Judy" Dull has announced she will retire in May. This position will be advertised. Discussion followed.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-16 Approval of Tribal Membership. Chet Brooks seconded the motion. Discussion: Jenifer read the names of the 32 new members. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-17 Transfer house in Claremore from starter home to a low rent family unit. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Curtis Zunigha explained that there are no home ownership applications, but have a long list of applicants for low income rental.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-18 To Establish the Delaware Tribe Fire Department Janifer Brown seconded the motion.

Discussion: Jenifer explained the intent of the resolution is to further the research and due diligence of the concept which was presented by a tribal member Nathan Scullawl who is employee of DFMS. The program will not be in operation until due diligence such as insurance coverage is completed. There are many factors to be considered.

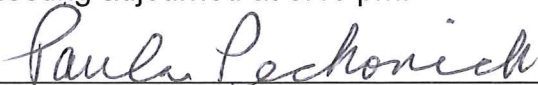
Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-19 to establish Conflict Management Strategies. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Discussion: Jenifer explained the Council had gone over the concepts in the resolution and determined communication would benefit from establishment of a structured communication protocol in the event of an impasse. Motion passed with three yes and two abstentions (V. Crawford and C. Brooks ).

Janifer Brown made an announcement the Tribe was awarded Title VI Part A & Part C. The grant is for three years and funds the elder nutrition program and a new program for caregiver support services. Jan also said that in closing the prior three-year grant, there was a \$5K shortfall.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve funds from Fund 215 (the Historic Preservation consultation fund which is a discretionary to cover the shortfall of Title VI, Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion passed with four yes and one abstention . (Janifer Brown).

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

  
Paula Pechonick, Chief

  
Verna Crawford, Secretary



