

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
May 05, 2014
Delaware Community Center
Minutes--- unapproved
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary**

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm. Councilwoman Annette Ketchum 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 Nathan Young, and Annette Ketchum. Jenifer Pechonick was absent.

Nate Young moved to excuse the absence of Jenifer Pechonick due to illness. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests asking if any guest would like to address the Council. Guests present: Charles Randall, Mary Watters, G. R. Watters, Bonnie Jo Griffith, Mary Randall, Greg Brown, Cy Hughes, Barbara Wallace, Ruth Black, Don Mason, Priscilla Mason, Nancy Sumpter, Evelyn Kay Anderson, Leslie Fall-Leaf, Tanya Anna, Michelle Vernon, Curtis Zunigha, CeCe Biggoose, Vickie Bratton, Gina Roth, Rachel Overmeyer, John Moore, Sandi Jamison, and Lenzy Krehbiel-Burton (Native Times Reporter).

Bonnie Jo Griffith reported on the "Choose to Lose" project. Thirty people came into the Wellness Center to weigh-in. The total weight of all participants was 6,453.5 pounds, an average of 215.12 pounds per person. The weigh-out will be in June.

Ms. Griffith asked why the recent court decision was not on the Tribal website? Who controls what goes on the web, Facebook and in the DIN?

The Council indicated that Greg Brown was the one who places items in all these media formats. Greg stated that any news item sent to him almost always gets posted. He had not received anything on the ruling. The Court clerk is the one who would forward court news. She may not have been aware she should do that. She will be directed to do so now and in the future.

Michelle Vernon addressed the Council regarding her issues with housing. Her issues were due to housing not following their own policies, she stated.

Chief Pechonick stated that Michelle had already gone to a hearing (small claims court) and referred to a grievance committee and we will not hear this at this time.

Michelle stated she had not had a grievance committee hearing. She related that she had asked for a hearing and had not heard from anyone.

Verna Crawford interrupted Michelle stating that if a grievance hearing is to be held the information she was attempting to present to the Council could not be heard at this Council meeting. Grievance committees are selected from the Council and if Michelle were to continue all Council members would be recused.

Chief Pechonick stated that at this place and time the Council would not hear a grievance. Chief Pechonick instructed her to put everything in writing and it will be reviewed.

Verna Crawford again stated that the Council could not hear this information.

Michelle Vernon attempted to continue.

Chief Pechonick moved on with the business of the Council.

Nate Young made a motion to approve the agenda. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick stated the Tribal Council as a whole has a statement regarding recent inflammatory information that has been circulated. She asked Janifer Brown to read the statement.

“We, the Tribal Council, do issue the following in unity.

We have not and do not promote, support or condone any negative or defamatory statements directed at any tribal members. We acknowledge the right to freedom of speech however, we respectfully ask you to put politics aside for events and activities held for tribal members. At such activities and events we further request any and all parties refrain from distribution of materials of a defamatory nature. Let us find ways to be constructive and promote all that is good with our Tribe.”

Verna Crawford moved to table the minutes of April 7, 2014. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Election Board Chairperson Cy Hughes requested a workshop with Council and Trust Board members, the enrollment director, a representative from accounting and election board members be present. The workshop would be to review both Council and Trust election rules and meld them together in preparation for the November election. The workshop will be May 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the community center.

Cy Hughes stated the Board members as of now are Don Reineke, Pat Donnell, and Kanan Hughes. One or two more are needed.

Nate Young moved to approve the Treasurer’s report pending audit. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Verna Crawford moved to accept department reports, including the Tribal Manager’s report. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Janifer Brown moved to approve Resolution 2014-20, Child Support Services Policies and Procedures Manual. Annette Ketchum seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Annette Ketchum moved to approve Resolution 2014-21: A Resolution of the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to approve Tribal Membership, (Nine (9) new members). Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

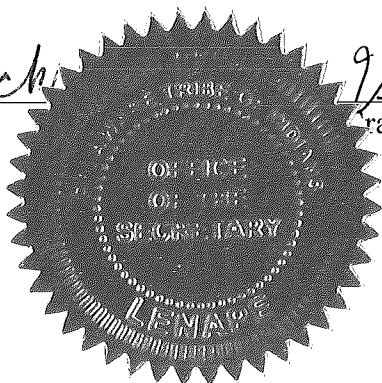
Annette Ketchum moved to approve Resolution 2014-22: A Resolution of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Tribal Council Denial of Tribal Membership, (Ten (10) persons denied). Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick informed those gathered of a letter from Cherokee Nation Chief Bill John Baker supporting the Delaware Tribe’s move to Kansas.

Verna Crawford moved to adjourn. Janifer Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Paula Pechonick
Paula Pechonick, Chief



Verna Crawford
Crawford, Secretary