

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Tribal Council Minutes
July 7, 2014
Delaware Tribe Lawrence Property
1777 1500 Rd., Lawrence Kansas
Minutes--- unapproved July 7, 2014
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Tribal Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the meeting to order at 2:12 pm. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation. Secretary Verna Crawford called roll. Those present: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Council Secretary Verna Crawford, Council Treasurer Janifer Brown, Council Members Jenifer Pechonick, and Annette Ketchum. Nathan Young was absent due to health.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests, invited them to address the Council. and requested that everyone introduce themselves starting with guests present: Justin Falleaf, Delaware, Lawrence, KS; Bonnie Jo Griffith, Delaware, Bartlesville, OK; Charles Villanuevo, David Dunnihoo, Elijah Jackson, Delaware, Lawrence and granddaughter Danielle Boone, Jeanette Byington and grandson, Ethan; Bette Notah ,nee Jackson, Lawrence; Jim Grinter, Steve Rowe, Carolyn Rowe, Kansas Delaware Council; Rachel Overmyer, John Moore, Brice Obermeyer, Johnny Barker, and Curtis Zunigha, employees; Anna Pechonick, Jenifer Pechonick's daughter and Chief's granddaughter; Kenneth Dantzler, Delaware, Kansas City, Thomas Moore and Sam Moore, tribal members.

After self-introductions by the Chief and Council, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks related Delaware history regarding the land purchased in Lawrence. Chet said, "This day is historic because this meeting of the Tribal Council is the first in about 148 years—since 148 years and three days ago when our ancestors signed the last Treaty with the US government on July 4, 1866. It promised, three times, to provide the Delaware Tribe a reservation. About three years later in 1869, an ancestor of Chief Pechonick, Jenifer and Annette Ketchum and my third great-grandfather, John Anderson Sarcoxie, who owned this property, was the last Delaware to leave this area. Maybe we will get that reservation now," concluded Assistant Chief Brooks.

Jenifer Pechonick added, "The Pine family has owned this property since 1869. Recently when the family returned home from vacation found their new house on fire. Mr. Pine approached the Tribe with a request to rent this house while their new one is under renovation. The Pines will take care of the upkeep on the property as well as rent it. The Council agreed to the proposition."

Chief Pechonick acknowledged Bonnie Jo Griffith's question that per the open records policy could she could get copies of the Tribal Council's expense reports through June; later she changed her request to travel reports for Tribal Council and all employees. Jenifer and Annette indicated they had \$-0-travel expenses. Bonnie was instructed to summarize her request in an email to Curtis and he will get with John Moore to follow up on it.

Jenifer Pechonick asked for these two items to be placed on the minutes under welcoming the guests. Justin Falleaf, who lives down the road a couple of miles, is interested in helping the tribe with any IT Lawrence property issues. He and Johnny are getting together about possibilities, because he has IT capability and also yard work capability; and a good problem solver.

Jenifer received an update from Chris Miller on the total tribal membership which is 10,598. When he started working on this membership project four years ago we had 4,498 tribal members who had no address or incorrect one, and today we have 1,998 so he has corrected 2500 members.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014 with corrections, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with six yes.

Annette Ketchum made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports:

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to accept the Department Reports as presented, seconded by Janifer Brown. Motion carried all in favor.

Tribal Manager Report by Curtis Zunigha:

BIA- the Director of the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office assigned the Delaware Tribe to be under the supervision of Superintendent Paul Yates of the Miami (OK) Agency. A tribal delegation met with Deputy Director Mary King at the agency on June 27.

Aid-to-Tribal Government 638 contract - Direct costs budget amended, resubmitted, and approved. Start-up cost proposal submitted; second draft under review. Miami Agency is direct recipient of our submission but is coordinating with regional office in Muskogee for approval. Start up costs are projected at approximately \$290,000.00

HUD - The tribe was awarded a direct Indian Housing Block Grant in the amount of \$576,437.00 for the fiscal program year 2014. We continue to spend previously awarded housing funds through our sub-recipient agreement with Cherokee Nation. Dialogue will commence with Wayne Sims, SPONAP Director to discuss DFMS maintenance contract for NAHASDA compliance.

Personnel –

Three advertised employment positions have been filled: IT manager- Johnny Barker as the new full-time IT manager; Johnna Blalock hired for the accounting department for general accounting and administrative support; Allan Barnes selected on an internal hiring to be the new Title VI Director. Allan will quickly train with Judy and Jan while continuing to perform his existing duties. Curtis is working with HR manager Mike Taylor to fill the position of ICW- Community Services-Education Coordinator.

Housing Program requested approval to add two more positions: part-time intake clerk in Chelsea and full-time housing specialist (including LIHEAP coordinator) in Bartlesville. Advertising should commence later this week.

Tribal Court/Judges –the judges developed and submitted an operating budget for review, consideration, and approval by the Tribal Council.

DIN - the July issue published and distributed effective July 1.

Veterans Committee- the committee met and has asked for access to and use of tribal facilities. This includes (1) secure storage space for anticipated acquisition of ceremonial firearms for color guard, (2) use of Forsythe Hall on Saturday July 26 for a fundraiser, and (3) assignment of storage trailer behind east door of community center for exclusive use of Veterans programs and activities including office space for benefits and services counselors, committee meetings and activities, and general storage of committee and color guard possessions.

Election Committee - Office and administrative support being provided. All handling of committee documents and access to controlled information is under supervision of Committee Chair Cy Hughes.

Brian Pine rental contract- the contract has been submitted for review and approval today. The house will be rented through October 31, 2014.

Fee-to-Trust application for Caney property - amended application submitted in late May and is under review by the regional office in Muskogee.

A proposed budget for the Tribal Court was presented for Council review. The Council members agreed to meet with the Delaware Tribal Judges in a workshop before the August meeting.

New Business:

A. Resolution 2014-27, Tribal Membership Applicants for Council approval.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-27, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Resolution 2014-28, Submission of Application for Comprehensive Child Support Program.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-28, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Resolution 2014-29, Commit Land for ICDBG Grant: Child Development Center.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-29, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention, Janifer Brown.

D. Resolution 2014-30, Authorize Operation and Maintenance Funding for Land for ICDBG.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-30, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention, Janifer Brown.

E. Resolution 2014-31, Submit Application for ICDBG Grant.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-30, seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention, Janifer Brown.

Verna Crawford informed the Council that the Trust Community Service Committee is almost out of money. The Committee has agreed to approve only elder medical and burial assistance for the rest of the year. Unfortunately there is not enough money for even these programs, therefore, I have worked with Chief Pechonick and other Council members to find a solution for the rest of the year.

Verna Crawford made a motion to pay medical related Trust Community Service applications, approved by the Committee, will be funded from Indian Health Services pass through account under existing guidelines. Burial assistance applications will be funded by the Historic Preservation fund. Both will be funded through the end of the Trust Board fiscal year ending on December 31, 2014. Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion.

Discussion: Verna Crawford said both she and Assistant Chief Chet Brooks are on the Committee. The Committee will be revising the guidelines, enforcing income guidelines and making many tough decisions before the end of the year.

Chief Pechonick explained the IHS account is for all members of the tribe for medical related issues. The Education Committee also is having problems and the Council has agreed to assist.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Chief Pechonick thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Note: Tribal Council meeting videos can be viewed on the Delaware Tribe website.


Paula Pechonick, Chief


Verna Crawford, Secretary

