## Delaware Tribe of Indians Tribal Council November 20, 2006

The Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, November 20, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chief Jerry Douglas. Members present included Chief Douglas, Wayne Stull, Annette Ketchum, Curtis Zunigha, Judy Harmon, Raymond Cline and Verna Crawford. Present in the audience were Ed Wilson, Andy Davis, Barbara Wallace, Kay Anderson, Donna Adams, Jenifer Pechonick, Bonnie Elkhair and Chet Brooks. Tribal employees attending the meeting were Vicki Sousa, Earnest Tiger and Marilyn Cole. Invocation was given by Chet Brooks. Guests present were welcomed by the Chief.

Appointment of council positions were then done by secret ballot. Wayne Stull and Curtis Zunigha were nominated for Assistant Chief. Both gave their speech as to why they should be selected. **Motion to close the nominations for Assistant Chief was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Raymond Cline.** Voting was done by secret ballot and Andy Davis was asked to count the votes. Wayne received 5 votes, Curtis 2. Wayne Stull is the Assistant Chief. Nominations for secretary followed. Verna Crawford was nominated, Raymond Cline declined the nomination for the position. Verna Crawford selected as secretary. Nominations for Treasurer then followed. Judy Harmon and Curtis Zunigha were nominated for the position. The count was done by Andy Davis, Judy 5 votes, Curtis 2. Judy Harmon will continue as Treasurer.

Motion to suspend the agenda to administer the oath of office for newly elected Tribal Judge, Andy Davis was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with all in favor. Andy stated that he was obligated with other commitments on Veterans Day. Andy was then sworn in by Chief Douglas. Andy stated that Thursday nights are best for him when the judges meet. Motion to return to the agenda was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of the last meeting reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report was given by Judy Harmon. She stated that the preliminary audit is done and we are awaiting in the Housing Authority. All the bills for the Virginia Avenue Power Plant have been paid. Discussion with the council on the report followed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor. One abstain, Raymond Cline.

Annette Ketchum discussed that the small dining room needs to be available for classes for the kids during the Tuesday night meetings. There will be structured cultural classes for them. Nicky Michael will teach and Sherry from Childcare has offered to help set the room up with furniture.

Mr Wilson requested that council packets be available at the meeting. Discussion followed. Five packets will be made available.

Office report was given by Marilyn. She stated that there are 16 new tribal members. Resolution

2006-13 approving tribal membership was presented. Motion to approve Resolution 2006-13 approving tribal membership was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion of the recent general council recommendation to approve Ed Wilson as communication director was held. Motion to allow Ed Wilson be given information for his website as he requests was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Lengthy discussion followed. Curtis reminded all that the duty of the Tribal Council is staff and their duties. Annette then stated that the wishes of general council be carried out so she will not be accused of malfeasance of office. Mr Wilson stated he will bear the costs of the website. He stated that he was nominated to the AFL-CIO Labor Hall of Fame. Further lengthy discussion with the audience, council and attorney followed. Motion was then made to table this issue until further information is clarified was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Judy Harmon. Motion carried with 5 yes 2 oppose. Discussion to have the minutes from the general council transcribed for the next meeting.

## Motion to take a fifteen minute break was made by Judy Harmon, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

## Motion to call the meeting back to order was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.

Annette discussed the message on the phone. She feels this might be confusing to some. Discussion followed on the reasons for this. She then discussed that the general council had voted to return the community center back to Kay Anderson. Motion that Kay is provided with bookings for the community center was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Lengthy discussion of this issue followed. Motion was then made to table all topics concerning general council actions was made by Raymond Cline, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carries with 5 yes and 2 no.

## Old Business:

Federal Recognition update was given by Chief Douglas. He stated that a conference call is set for tomorrow with Tom Peckham, Wayne Stull, the Interior Dept and Chief Smith to discuss and recommend changes to the bill. Tom will email to all council members a synopsis of the discussion. Lengthy discussion followed.

Housing Authority has submitted a resolution for the councils approval. This is for NAIHC resolution in support of census count and who is counted as native American. Discussion of this followed at length. Mr Wilson stated that we pay dues and that this resolution will help support smaller tribes. Further clarification will be obtained from the Housing Director. A special meeting with the Housing Commissioners was discussed. This is tentatively set for November 29<sup>th</sup> and all will be notified when this is confirmed. The MOU with the Housing Authority was discussed. Motion to approve the MOU with the Housing Authority was made by Curtis Zunigha, seconded by Wayne Stull. Discussion of the deed, ownership and11 acres followed. Motion then carried with all in favor. One no, Annette Ketchum. The appointment

of two commissioners followed. Bob Barnes and Joanne Burger's terms are up for reappointment. Annette stated she would like to see Rusty Brown and Anita Lewis appointed. Curtis stated that he would like to submit Johnney Tucker. Lengthy discussion followed. This will be put on the agenda at the special meeting. Interested parties should submit letters of interest to Jerry at the Tribal Office prior to the special meeting.

New Business:

Curtis discussed the emergency injunction at General Council and stated he wants to be notified sooner of actions. Discussion with legal council and council members followed.

Annette then discussed that Chet Brooks and his removal from office for his felony conviction. Motion to remove Chet Brooks because of his felony according to the tribal statutes was made by Annette Ketchum, seconded by Curtis Zunigha. Discussion of the statutes and that they were suspended in previous administrations, which ones were reinstated. Chet requested an executive session to discuss this issue. Annette and Curtis then withdrew their motion. Motion to go into executive session was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Wayne Stull. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Wayne Stull, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor. The facts of this issue will be researched before any action is taken.

Curtis wants the constitution reform committee to be reinstated. Discussion of this followed. Names will be submitted to Jerry for consideration. Curtis stated he would like to submit Jenifer Pechonick, Annette submitted Rusty Brown. Verna stated she would like Edna Havens and Darrell Glen. Wayne suggested Dennis Artherton.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judy Harmon, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.