DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS Tribal Council Minutes for January 26, 2016 by Annette Ketchum, Secretary

Chief Brooks called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Delaware Tribal Council to order at 5:42 p.m. and asked Annette Ketchum to pray and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by the roll call. In addition to Chief and Secretary, Assistant Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Michelle Holley, and Nate Young were present. Nicky Michael was absent. Ms. Holley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ketchum that Dr. Michael be given an excused absence. Motion passed: 3 Yes, 2 No (Young, Griffith) and 1 Abs. (Shea). The Council will review previous resolutions regarding absences. Ms. Ketchum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Griffith to approve the Minutes. Passed 6 Yes.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>

Ms. Holley advised of notice to rescind Res. 2016-03 which passed January 5 at the February 2 regularly scheduled meeting of the Council.

Ms. Griffith presented the first proto-type from Cherokee Nation of a car tag that would be acceptable to CNO. Comments were made in opposition to the mock up. Ms. Holley said she will e-mail CNO and discuss wishes of Council for changes. Mr. Young asked that the Council authorize Ms. Holley to go in person, not e-mail, so as to preserve discretion in this matter. Request so noted by Ms. Holley and the Council.

Reports

The Delaware flag is flying at the Oklahoma State capitol grounds.

Motion made by Ms. Ketchum and seconded by Ms. Shea that the Financial Report be filed pending audit. Passed 6 Yes.

Tribal Manager Allan Barnes reported bids for the 1999 and 2002 Windstar vans brought sales netting \$1,550.

Chief Brooks reported that Carcieri does not apply to the Delaware Tribe, per Barbara Coen, Solicitor. He said he will go to Washington, D. C. to get the official announcement from the Head Solicitor in a few weeks. He then explained what Carcieri is.

Mr. Barnes returned to the lectern and reported 1) AmeriCorps will be visiting our campus February 18 with 8-10 members; and 2) On January 6 the department heads were trained in Active Shooter Program and on January 28 all employees, staff, citizens, and elected persons are all invited to an Active Shooter Program presented by Steven Donnell, a Delaware citizen.

Mr. Barnes suggested that the Council determine if our employees who are licensed to carry fire arms may do so on campus, rather than leaving their arms in their cars since, if the arm was needed to protect from an attack, the employee would not be able to use it.

Jimmie Johnson, manager of Tahkox e2, reported that the meeting with the Tribal Council and David McCullough was well received today and the next step to be taken is orientation in Kansas City by SBA for him. He and Mr. McCullough are working on an 8(a) Business Plan. After the plan is successfully approved, business can begin.

CFO Jean Lewis reported that the \$124,338 awarded from BIA Year-End Funds were ear-marked for the Enrollment Department to purchase new fireproof file cabinets, remodel and enlarge its space and provide training. Ms. Lewis noted that Housing Program Director Ron Scott could not attend this evening as he is on deadline tonight.

Chief Brooks asked for a recess at 6:39 p.m. Meeting resumed at 6:56 p.m.

New Business

Ms. Lewis continued with a request that Chief Brooks sign the 2015 Audit Engagement Letter she received from Turner & Associates auditing firm in Vinita for the October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, period at a quote of \$12,000. Motion made by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Shea and passed 6 Yes. Mr. Young commented on the prudence of changing auditors every five years.

Ms. Griffith remembered she had failed to make the following reports under "Reports". Chief Brooks allowed the following:

- She said she and Chief toured the Child Care Building under construction recently. The completion date is set at March 31 and a public sidewalk is being poured along Tuxedo Blvd.
- The Council will check on a large hole in the field where dirt is being removed and used as fill for the area around the new building. Suggestions were made that the ground needs to be leveled by the contractor after the soil is removed to eliminate dangerous conditions and drainage problems.
- 3. Lucy Young, kitchen employee and master gardener, would like to build a community garden on the campus. Site will be approved by the Council.
- 4. On February 18 our Hydroponics consultant, Chip Harriford, will be here to set up a hydroponics model in Forsyth Hall and be available to answer any questions elders may have.

New Business (continued)

Chief Brooks asked if Council has reviewed the changes to the Personnel Policy and Ms. Holley explained the main changes in the dress code. Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young to table the policy until February 2 meeting. Passed 4 Yes, 1 No (Holley), 1 abs. (Brooks) Ms. Shea stated she has resigned from the Personnel Committee. Discussion on enforcement of dress code followed with Mr. Barnes stating he will do that.

It was the Consensus that Code of Ethics will be brought up next week by resolution.

Constitution discussion was out of order from how it appeared on the agenda, and Ms. Holley asked that point of order be noted. Chief Brooks then asked for suggestions from the Council. Mr. Young suggested asking our former chiefs, Curtis Zunigha, Dee Ketchum, Joe Brooks, Jerry Douglas, and Paula Pechonick, if they would meet with the Tribal Council to give input on the Constitution as regards amendment changes. Ms. Ketchum made the motion, Ms. Holley seconded a motion to set a date for the meeting of the Tribal Council and former chiefs in a Town Hall Meeting, which Mr. Young asked that the motion could be restated to exclude "Town Hall Meeting" so we could meet candidly. The motion was restated, re-seconded and passed 6 yes.

Mr. Young, having placed "Committees" on the agenda, asked that it be stricken.

Chief Brooks said Resolution 2016-04, to Approve Tribal Membership, was left off the agenda. Mr. Young made the motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, and passed 6 Yes.

Adjournment motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Ketchum was passed at 7:46 p.m.

Joe Brooks thanked everyone for their prayers for his family in the loss of his grandson, Riley.