## TRIBAL MANAGER REPORT FROM CURTIS ZUNIGHA FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 5, 2014

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - 638 Aid to Tribal Government (ATG) contract fully funded for 2014
  - Additional funds/contracts have been requested to support:
    - Tribal court system
    - Higher education grants
    - Records management
  - Eastern Oklahoma Regional Director announced the Delaware Tribe to be placed under the supervision of the Miami, OK agency (Paul Yates, Superintendent) in the next 30 days
- <u>Fee-to-Trust Application</u>
  - Tribe to submit an amended fee-to-trust application using the new legal description
- <u>Tribal Operations</u>
  - DFMS and the Title 6 staff worked with the Delaware War Mothers, Elders Committee, and Veterans Committee to unveil the new Veterans Wall of Honor
  - Special thanks to Judge Randall for his hard work to mount the photos on the wall
  - Delaware Indian News April issue went out without a hitch; special thanks to Greg Brown, Editor for his outstanding work
  - Tribal website continues to be maintained on a weekly basis (by Greg) and we also disseminate information through the tribal Facebook page facilitated by Chris Miller
  - Vickie Bratton hired as Director of the Housing Program
    - Working closely with the housing staff to get a handle on all current housing operations.
    - Dealing with many issues from the regular (waiting list, vacancy list, work orders, Indian Housing Plan) to the unusual (evictions and a grievance, selling property that has been unoccupied or unused for over three years).
    - Vickie's experience and dedication to the tribe should make her a valuable asset to the program.
    - Two Housing employees got married in the last month: Lacey Harris is now Lacey Sousa and Walter Dye also got married. Congratulations to both!
  - Three jobs advertised: Accountant (an entry level job)—posting expired on May 2; interviews begin shortly; Title 6 Director closes on May 7; and IT Director closes on May 14. Should have announcements by next TC meeting on those replacements.
  - A new periodic newsletter with current news information been developed as a supplement to the quarterly DIN.
  - Discussions with Cy Hughes, Election Board Chair, indicate she will meet with
    - Tribal Council in a workshop to further clarify or amend the election regulations and all support issues (office, budget, forms, voter lists, mailbox and phone, etc.)
    - All election information will prepared by June 15 to be published in the July DIN.