

TRIBAL MANAGER REPORT FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY MARCH 10, 2014

BIA 638 – We are still awaiting word from the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office in Muskogee that our funds for Aid To Tribal Government are available. Their office is waiting on Central Office in Washington DC to transfer some \$285K so a 638 contract can be signed. We are in weekly contact with the Muskogee Office.

BIA FTT Caney – our application is still in the hands of the Muskogee Office though I am in communication with the BLM Surveyor in Anadarko who is reviewing our property's legal description for compliance with regulations.

HUD - The Cherokee Nation and the Delaware Tribe signed an implementation agreement to transfer authority to directly contract with HUD for our Indian Housing Block Grant funds starting with FY2014. We are amending the FY2014 Indian Housing Plan based on direction received this past week from HUD Office of Native American Programs. The total amount of that grant will be \$576,437. The amended Indian Housing Plan will be submitted by March 14.

HOUSING – Cherokee Nation conducted an audit of the housing funds and wrote an annual performance report under our current sub-recipient agreement. We should receive the written results sometime before the end of the month. On February 11 I attended a hearing of the Washington County Tax Correction Board and was able to get The Lodges placed on the tax-exempt roll along with our other rental properties.

OPERATIONS – The dining hall has been painted and prepped for installation of the veterans photos. We appear to be on target for a completion date of March 31. We also just installed new videoconference equipment in the dining hall and the social services conference room. The Forsythe Hall rental policy and procedures is now in place and is being managed by Bruce Martin. We are reviewing current security measures on our campus and are developing a new plan to safeguard the employees and all documents of the tribe.

On February 21 the Tribe was visited by two individuals from the National Museum of the American Indian for consultation with tribal leaders, scholars, and community members. Their consultation was for a planned 2016 exhibit called Native New York: Where Nations Rise. The exhibit will be at the NMAI New York City facility and feature an exhibit about the Lenape during pre-contact and post-contact colonial era times.

And finally I have been working with Chief Pechonick on issues regarding trust fund settlements; petitioning the BIA for a service and jurisdictional area in Kansas; and political diplomacy issues with the state, national, and tribal leaders in Kansas. We continue to meet daily for briefings and meetings with business, government, and community leaders.

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