

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

Organized February 03, 1950

Quarterly Meeting

**Host: Cherokee Nation
Friday, February 14, 1997 Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Western Hills Lodge, Wagoner, Oklahoma**

MINUTES

INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cherokee Nation: Principal Chief Joe Byrd, Harold DeMoss, Paula Holder, Sam Ed Bush, Bill Baker and Mary Cooksey.

Chickasaw Nation: Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor David Brown, Proxy for Rena Duncan, Pat Woods and Kennedy Brown.

Seminole Nation: Principal Chief Jerry Haney, Assistant Chief James Factor, Eula Donkeen, Toby Wise and Terri Springer.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation: Principal Chief Perry Beaver, Proxy Second Chief George Almerigi, Wilburn Gouge, Earl Wheeler and Patrick Moore.

Choctaw Nation: Proxy for Chief Hollis Roberts, Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, Loyce Bell, Randle Durant and Reverend Bertram Bobb.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Principal Chief Byrd called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and extended a welcome to the Five Civilized Tribes to Western Hills Lodge. Invocations were conducted by Reverend Bertram Bobb. Roll call was conducted by Tammi Harris, Choctaw Nation. A quorum was established with 24 of 25 members present.

Further welcome and introduction was extended to members and guests including Barbara Warner from Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission; Jim Fields, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Director; Dennis Wickliffe, Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance; and Dale Keel of Indian Health Services.

The officers nominated for the 1997 year were Chief Hollis Roberts as President; Principal Chief Perry Beaver as Vice-President; and Terry Springer as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion to select this group as officers was made by Governor Bill Anoatubby, seconded by Principal Chief Jerry Haney, Seminole Nation. Motion carried 23 for, 0 against, 1 abstention. Chief Byrd then announced the swearing in ceremony would be conducted at a later time. The meeting proceedings were turned over to Principal Chief Beaver, Vice-President.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to approve the Minute of October 11, 1996 was made by Chief Joe Byrd, seconded by ITC Council Randle Durant. Motion carried with 23 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A copy of the treasurer's report was provided to the Council. Following a brief overview the following action was taken. Motion to approve the FY 1997 First Quarter Treasurer's report as presented was made by Governor Bill Anoatubby, seconded by Assistant Chief Greg Pyle. Motion carried with 23 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Asking Congress to Fully Fund Transportation and Safety Programs

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby respectfully requests the Congress of the United States of America to become more engaged in this important public safety issue and to help tribes by providing desperately needed resources during the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, and appropriations to other federal agency programs, and thereby preserve life and prevent injuries among the Native American population.

Motion to approve was made by Governor Bill Anoatubby, seconded by Cherokee Council Member Mary Cooksey. Motion carried with 23 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

Resolution to Establish Sole and Exclusive Rights to all Human Remains, Associate Funerary Objects and so-called Culturally Unidentifiable Remains and Objects.

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby states that all culturally unidentifiable human remains, associated funerary objects; and other archaeological artifacts are the sole and exclusive property of the individual member nation in whose ancestral lands the archaeological work was conducted or, in the instance of multiple culturally affiliated ancestral lands, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act committee of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, will be the authority to determine such affiliation.

Motion to approve was made by Governor Bill Anoatubby, seconded by Assistant Chief Greg Pyle. Motion carried with 23 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

Resolution to support Contracting of the Facilities Management Program Pertaining to Indian Schools

The Inter-Tribal Council supports the contracting of all education facility management functions to be administered and be under the direction of the four schools and their corresponding tribes.

Motion to approve was made by Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, seconded by Principal Chief Joe Byrd. Motion carried with 23 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

It was requested that each tribe request from their administrative bodies a separate tribal resolution on the above subject.

Resolution on the Remains that were Unearthed in an Excavation at Murray State University, Wickliffe Kentucky

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes acknowledges the Chickasaw Nation as the designated nation to develop the proper protocol, procedures, and ceremony under which the reburial will take place.

Motion to approve was made by Governor Bill Anoatubby, seconded by Chickasaw Nation Council Member Pat Woods. Motion carried with 23 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

Resolution to Discontinue Classroom Use of Remains Housed at the University of Alabama

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes does request that all further studies and classroom use of Native American remains at the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama Museum of Natural History cease immediately.

Motion to approve was made by Governor Bill Anoatubby, seconded by Cherokee Nation Council Member Sam Ed Bush. Motion carried with 23 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

Resolution supporting the Position of Associate Commissioner for American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Aging as mandated by the Older Americans Act

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes calls upon the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, Assistant Secretary on Aging and the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs to retain its position and its mandates in the current Act.

Motion to approve was made by Chickasaw Nation Council Member Pat Woods, seconded by Assistant Chief Greg Pyle. Motion carried with 23 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

Resolution Supporting 25 CFR, Part 273, JOM Regulations in their Present Form

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes supports 25 CFR, Part 273, JOM Regulation in their present form and rejects the reinvention of Bureau of Indian Affairs regulations through rewriting or elimination in Tribal Consultation, United States Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs/Office of Indian Education Programs, May 1996, in its entirety. Be it further resolved, that Indian Education Committee authority under 25, CFR, not be rewritten or reinvented as proposed in the May 1996 Consultations.

Motion to approve was made by Cherokee Nation Council Member Paula Holder, seconded by Cherokee Nation Council Member Sam Ed Bush. Motion carried with 23 for, 0 against and 1 abstention.

STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCY REPORTS:

Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission report given by Barbara Warner. (See printed report)

Major points included legislative information on tax commission, smoke shops, motor fuels, tribal block granting, housing bills, English only bills, and various others as printed in report.

U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs report given by Jim Fields.

Major points included resignation of Ada Deer, and her temporary transfer to the National Indian Gaming Commission, Candidates being considered for the vacant Assistant Secretary position, FY 1998 BIA Budget, all other issues available for further discussion as needed by each tribe.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development representative not available.

Indian Health Services report given by Dale Keel.

Major points included expected visit from Dr. Harry during April, FY 1999 HIS Budget, MOA, and general health care issues/concerns.

Assistant Chief Greg Pyle noted the importance of further discussions for self governance tribes to meet with Dr. Trujillo based on funding.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting dates are as follows:

- April 10-11, 1997 – Choctaw Nation host tribe;
- June 10-11, 1997 – Creek Nation host tribe;
- October 09-10, 1997 – Chickasaw Nation host tribe; and
- January 08-10, 1998 – Seminole Nation host tribe.

BENEDICTION/ADJOURNMENT:

The benediction was conducted by Reverend Bobb.

Motion to adjourn was made by Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, seconded by Chief Joe Byrd. Motion carried.