

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
ARROWHEAD LODGE, CANADIAN, OKLAHOMA
APRIL 10, 1997
3:00 P.M.**

Call to order was made by Chief Hollis E. Roberts, Choctaw Nation, at 3:15 P.M. on Thursday, April 10, 1997. Meeting was held at the Arrowhead Lodge located in Canadian, Oklahoma.

Present: Chief Hollis E. Roberts, Choctaw Nation
Chief Jerry Haney, Seminole Nation
Chief Joe Byrd, Cherokee Nation
Chief Perry Beaver, Creek Nation
Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation

Others present were Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, Choctaw Nation, Assistant Chief James Factor, Seminole Nation, Lt. Governor David Brown, Chickasaw Nation, Terri Springer, Treasurer for the Inter-Tribal Council and Council Member for the Seminole Nation and Tammie Harris, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Tom Elkins introduced a Resolution to the Executive Committee regarding the Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Superfund (CERCLA) Act and Clean Water Act. This resolution was asked for approval to go before the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes so they can call upon the U.S. Congress to amend the Resource Conservation Recovery Act and to afford Indian Tribes substantially the same treatment as states with respect to all provisions of the Resource Conservation Recovery Act. The Executive Committee moved to have Mr. Elkins present this Resolution to the Inter-Tribal Council on Friday morning, April 11, 1997.

The Executive Committee then called for M. Jeffery Belle of Belle Sports Management. Mr. Belle addressed the Committee regarding sponsorship for racecars where the Tribes would have their individual seals on these cars for promotional purposes. Mr. Belle asked the committee for \$25,000.00. The Committee agreed that this would be the decision of each tribe individually. The Committee had no interest.

Chief Roberts asked all to step outside with the exception of the Executive Committee. The committee then called on Terri Springer for discussion of a bill to the ITC regarding a prayer breakfast in the amount of \$5,600.00 for NICOA. No one in the committee recalled approving payment for this breakfast. Terri will prepare a letter requesting documentation whereas the ITC approved to pay for this breakfast.

Next there was discussion with Terri Springer regarding a bill to ITC for Kim Teehee. All agreed that this invoice would be paid for by the Tribal Alliance for Sovereignty.

Also was discussion that Jeff Rabon be taken off the signature card for the Tribal Alliance for Sovereignty. Governor Bill Anoatubby will replace Mr. Rabon on the Signature Card. Chief Haney made a motion to accept this with Chief Beaver making a second, all agreed. Motion carried. The committee then discussed the treasurer's Federal Account and the Non-Federal Account.

Discussion was then made on Senator Haney regarding his campaign. It was suggested by Chief Roberts that we send the Senator a letter of commitment for %4,000.00, which is the same as cash and that we keep the

money and draw interest. Governor Anoatubby moved that this action be adopted by the committee and Chief Byrd seconded this motion, all agreed. Motion carried that the ITC send a letter of commitment for \$5,000.00.

A report was then given on the Tourism Conference that was held at Arrowhead on February 27 and 28, 1997. Total amount that was earned by this conference was \$6,414.58. The tourism committee is already planning on another conference. Terri Springer set up an account under the ITC and is marked as Tourism. Chief Beaver made a motion to approve this account and this motion was seconded by Governor Anoatubby. Motion carried.

A Resolution was brought to the committee by Terri Springer asking that the ITC endorses and supports the Five Civilized Tribes Museum and Center's fund raising campaign for construction of a new museum. The resolution will be brought before the ITC on Friday morning.

Randy Keyes was not present for the meeting.

Nuchi Nashoba and Bob Glover made a presentation to the Executive Committee regarding positive printing in Newspapers and Television. They are putting together a Public Relations company which will do business with Indian Tribes. The committee suggested that each tribal organization negotiate business with them individually.

Henry Clayton with the NATO (Native American Tribal Organization) would like to offer their services, at no cost to the tribes, for their members in the Metroplex, area that may be experiencing difficulty with child custody or other matters of a legal nature. NATO feels they could be of assistance in extending the jurisdiction arm of tribal legal systems. They also would like to offer the possibility of a unified Economic Development project between the Inter-Tribal and NATO.

Phillip Bread, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, made a presentation to the committee regarding Economic Development. He reported that the department is developing web sites for tribes. He stated that he would be in contact with each tribes Economic Development Directors in the near future.

A Resolution was presented to the committee by Rusty Sossoman of the Choctaw Nation Housing Authority regarding the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996. Governor Anoatubby made a motion to present to the ITC; second by Chief Haney. Motion carried.

Another Resolution was presented to the committee by Mr. Sossoman regarding an Amendment to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996. The committee voted to have the amendment attached to the resolution. A Motion made by Governor Anoatubby to accept; seconded by Chief Haney. Motion carried.

Another Resolution was presented to the committee regarding support of the American Indian Transportation Act of 1997. Governor Haney made a motion; Chief Beaver seconded. Motion carried.

The next Resolution was presented to the committee regarding the ITC support for funding to Tribal Education Departments which are under the authority of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Education. Governor Anoatubby made a motion to take this to the ITC and Chief Beaver seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented to the committee to support JOM funding for FY/95 in the amount of \$24.3 million dollars. Motion was made to bring this resolution to the ITC by Chief Beaver and was seconded by Chief Haney. Motion carried.

Mike Bailey of Choctaw Nation's Jones Academy, Mr. Richard Willard and MR. Greg Anderson addressed the committee regarding Tribally operated schools. Five million dollars will be coming down for the designing and construction of Tribal schools.

Brenda Hampton of the Choctaw Nation then presented a Resolution asking the Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to publish regulations for issuance of Certificated of Degree of Indian Blood. Motion made by Governor Anoatubby and was seconded by Chief Beaver. Motion carried.

Another Resolution was presented to the committee regarding Social Services. Motion was made to table this resolution due to lack of interest. No action was taken.

Elmer Manatowa made a presentation to the committee asking for tribal support through Resolutions to the Congressional Senate Committee or support through a letter campaign, stating environmental problems on Indian lands.

With no further business to discuss, the Executive Committee Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 P.M.