

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

Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 1996 MEETING, 3:00 P.M.
HELD IN ARROWHEAD RESORT HOTEL, CANADIAN, OKLAHOMA

Executive Committee Members Present:

Cherokee Nation: Principal Chief Joy Byrd, President
Chickasaw Nation: Governor Anoatubby, Vice-President, Lt. Governor David Brown
Choctaw Nation: Chief Hollis Roberts, Assistant Chief Greg Pyle
Muscogee (Creek) Nation: Chief Perry Beaver
Seminole Nation: Chief Jerry Haney, Assistant Chief James Factor

Chief Byrd called the meeting to order, gave an invocation and asked for the roll call, the above named Executive Committee members answered the roll call. Chief Byrd recognized that there were 5 members the Committee present and announced a quorum and declared that all business conducted today will be official. He then welcomed the members and guests of the Inter-Tribal Council.

OLD BUSINESS: Item A:

Chief Byrd then asked for the Treasurer's report.

The beginning cash balance was \$3,833.44 interest earned was \$74.49 for a total of \$3,907.93. Interest earned on the CD's was \$425.46. Stock Dividend interest totaled \$99.66. Total disbursements \$282.32. Total amount in checking account \$4,445.73. Total amount in the treasury is \$40,014.20. At the Executive Committee meeting there were approvals of four requests for reimbursement, one to the Secretary, one for reimbursement for the January banquet, one for Congressional breakfast in Washington, D.C. and on request for a reception for NCAI. Mrs. Springer thanked the Council for their time.

Discussion was held concerning the NCAI reception. Chief Byrd stated that Chief Beaver, Creek Nation has offered to be the Host Tribe and the ITC has agreed to support. Chief Beaver agreed.

Gov. Anoatubby moved to allow the Executive Committee to support the reception for as much as \$2,000. Chief Haney seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve.

Chief Byrd then asked the Council for consideration of the other requests for reimbursement.

Chief Roberts moved to approve the other requests for reimbursement, LT. Gov. Brown seconded the motion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve.

Chief Byrd then asked for other business. Terri Springer then asked if the Committee wanted a report on the Tribal Alliance for Sovereignty.

Ms. Springer then noted that there is \$90,895.99 in the treasury.

Chief Roberts wanted to know where the \$90,000 came from and asked for a breakdown.

Ms. Springer indicated that \$50,000 was from the Creek Nation, other contributions have been made by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations.

Chief Haney added that the Seminole Nation has contributed \$25,000 and will continue to add \$5,000 per payment.

Ms. Springer then added that she has had request for payment of a safe deposit box, consultant fees, and other expenses, however since the Alliance continues to be an Inter-Tribal Council governed organization, that the Council will have to approve payment of these requests.

Chief Haney added that the Alliance needed to amend their incorporation papers and file them with the Seminole Nation.

Discussion was held concerning the Tribal Alliance for Sovereignty.

Jeff Rabon added that all was needed was for the Chiefs to sign the incorporation document so that it could be filed.

Gov. Anoatubby asked the Chiefs to sign after amendments were made. The Chiefs agreed. Gov. Anoatubby moved to have the Treasurer continue to handle the Tribal Alliance for Sovereignty bookkeeping function. Chief Roberts seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Chief Roberts then made a motion to provide for surety bonds for the officers of the Tribal Alliance for Sovereignty. Gov. Anoatubby seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve.

Discussion was held concerning the expenses of the Tribal Alliance for Sovereignty, \$77.00 for safe deposit box and \$3,000 for a Consultant fee for Lynn White.

Item B:

Chief Byrd then asked for any reports.

Chief Roberts stated that there were too many committee reports, however any proposed resolutions which would be presented to the Council on Friday should be reviewed by the Executive Committee on Thursday.

Gov. Anoatubby added that the Inter-Tribal Council actually had standing committees with chairmen elected and that the Executive Committee should rely on these Chairmen for the presentation of resolutions.

Chief Byrd added that a resolution committee could refer these final proposed resolutions to the Executive Committee and that this could be done in thirty minutes or less.

Chief Byrd then asked for comments on the HUD Block Grants.

Chief Roberts suggested that Wayne Sims, Administrator of the HUD office in Okla. City be invited to the next meeting. He added that Dr. Harry, HIS, BIA Area Director, and all others who administer programs that affect the Tribes should be invited to the next quarterly meeting.

Item C:

Chief Byrd asked for discussion regarding the Fuel Tax Issue.

Chief Roberts added that work is underway and scheduled in the near future, however we are encouraged to write letters to the Oklahoma legislature.

Item D:

Chief Byrd then asked for discussion regarding the '47 Act.

Gov. Anoatubby stated that he was concerned about the progress of the legislation.

Chief Byrd added that Charles Blackwell is working on moving the '47 Act legislation.

Chief Haney added that if there is a \$1,500 cap on the fee for this work the Committee needs to review this matter.

Chief Byrd stated that this amount was probably too low and should be increased to \$10,000 and review the agreement.

Chief Roberts added that a special session would have to be held in thirty days to address this matter after the agreement had been reviewed.

The Committee discussed their meeting in Washington, D.C. Chief Roberts suggested that this effort be postponed until the '47 Act legislation is introduced. The Committee Agreed.

New Business: Item 1:

Chief Byrd asked the Committee for discussion concerning the re-appointment of Regina Revard, Creek Nation tribal member to the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services Board.

Chief Beaver state that he felt this would be a good re-appointment, and the Muscogee Nation would support Regina Revard. The Committee Agreed.

Item 2:

Chief Byrd then asked for any reports from the Economic Development Committee. Chief Roberts introduced Wilma Robinson, Choctaw Nation Economic Development Office.

Ms. Robinson gave a briefing regarding presentations by Don England (tribal economic dev), Sharon Hopkins (re: 401 K Plans), and Carol P. Hiatt (Horizons Financial Group). She added that Tommy Harris made a presentation on mission and goals for Tribal Economic Development.

Chief Byrd thanked Ms. Robinson for the work of the Economic Development Committee.

Item 3:

Chief Haney discussed a request from Mike Haney to represent the Inter-Tribal Council as a representative to the National Repatriation Youth Committee. Motion to Gov. Anoatubby, second by Chief Haney to appoint Mike Haney to the Board. The Committee voted unanimously to approve.

Item 4:

Chief Byrd then introduced Cheanna Davis, Creek Nation to present the second resolution.

Cheanna Davis presented Support for adoption of a “Comprehensive Federal Indian Education policy Statement.”

Chief Beaver moved to approve, Chief Roberts seconded the motion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve.

Item 5:

Chief Byrd then introduced Jim Fields, Acting Area Director BIA. Mr. Fields reported on the status of the Area Director’s position at the Muskogee Area Office. He also added that currently there are twenty-six tribes in the self-governance program, and the BIA is locating

short fall monies. He added that the BIA budget will be \$9 Billion which will ultimately be an increase.

Chief Roberts mentioned that the Tribes were looking at airplanes in the federal surplus property program. Mr. Fields then discussed recent developments in the surplus property program.

Chief Roberts then mentioned the BIA Forestry program and asked that attention be focused on this program.

Chief Byrd then asked Mr. Fields about the “Native American Very Special Arts Festival”, and whether or not the BIA was funding this program. Cheanna Davis stated she would present this resolution. Therefore, Chief Byrd thanked Mr. Fields for this report.

Item 6:

Chief Byrd then recognized Cheanna Davis. Ms. Davis reported on the Very Special Arts Festival request of \$500. Discussion was held.

Chief Byrd asked Ms. Davis to contact each individual tribe for financial support.

Item 7:

Chief Byrd then asked Cheanna Davis to present the third resolution.

Cheanna Davis then presented Support for Continuation of Funding for the “National Advisory Council for Indian Education.”

Motion was made by Chief Beaver, and seconded by Gov. Anoatubby to approve the resolution. The Committee voted unanimously to approve.

Item 8:

Chief Roberts presented a resolution regarding the consolidation of the Facilities Management function for Tribal schools. Discussion was held concerning the function of the Facilities Management offices. The Committee agreed to recommend the resolution. Chief Byrd asked for other business of the Committee. There being no further business, Chief Byrd closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Margrett Oberly Kelley
Date

Minutes approved:

With Corrections:
Signed