

MINUTES
INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
QUARTERLY MEETING – Friday, July 12, 2002
DURANT, OKLAHOMA

CALL TO ORDER: Principal Chief Chad Smith called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and asked Reverend Bertram Bobb to lead us in the invocation.

INVOCATION: Rev. Bertram Bobb

CHEROKEE NATION: Principal Chief Chad Smith, Deputy Chief Hastings Shade, Mary Cooksey, Don Garvin and John Ketcher.

CHICKASAW NATION: Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Dean McManus, Kennedy Brown and Pat Woods.

CHOCTAW NATION: Chief Greg Pyle, Assistant Chief Mike Bailey, Loyce Bell, Randle Durant, and Rev. Bertram Bobb.

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION: Principal Chief Perry Beaver, Second Chief A.D. Ellis, Wilbur Gouge, Thomas Yahola (proxy for Patrick Moore).

SEMINOLE NATION: Principal Chief Jerry Haney, Assistant Chief James Factor, Eula Doonkeen, Terri Haney, and Glen Sharpe.

ROLL CALL: Gina Sourjohn, Recording Secretary called the roll. A quorum was established.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Principal Chief Chad welcomed everyone to the quarterly meeting and thanked everyone for the hospitality of the Choctaw Nation and Co-Host, the Chickasaw Nation. The next meeting is anticipated to be hosted by the Muscogee Creek Nation October 10 and 11, 2002. Notice will be given of that meeting

Chickasaw Nation: Governor Anoatubby gave welcome and greetings from the Great Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation. A Nation known for its bravery and more especially for its intrepid warriors; never known to have lost a battle. Also, known for its dynamic women. Thanked Choctaw Nation and Chief Pyle for providing a place and taking the lead for this Inter-Tribal Council Meeting. They plan to host several meetings in 2003 and hopefully at that time will have a new motel constructed. Introduced the Inter-Tribal Council, several legislators and recognized all Chickasaws and Chickasaw employees. The Chickasaw Nation has under construction a Wellness Center located in Ada, received and started with ICDBG grant, a \$5 million dollar project with added monies. Also, on I-35 construction a new hotel and conference center. Where, hopefully, the Chickasaw Nation will have the ITC in 2003. The Chickasaw Nation has broken ground on the construction of a chocolate factory.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation: Chief Beaver thanked the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations for being such gracious hosts. Creek Nation will host the next Inter-Tribal Council Meeting and will probably be in the Tulsa area. Addressed his appreciation for Governor Anoatubby working on the Tax Reform and all the time he has put into it. Introduced Council and all Creek Nation employees as well as all Creek members. Projects working on is the BIA building by Sept 1., another HUD building should be finished by August. Another project trying to work on is developing the Mackey Sand Bar in Tulsa and will have their own hotel/convention center. Discussed and encouraged everyone to register and get out to vote. Be an Indian nations force in Oklahoma. Discussed economic development and education.

Seminole Nation: Chief Haney thanked the Choctaw's and Chickasaw's for their hospitality. Discussed the situation at the Seminole Tribe. Recognized Jeanette Hanna, tribal member and Regional Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Introduced the council for the Inter-Tribal Council. Discussed getting the vote out.

Choctaw Nation: Chief Pyle thanked Governor Anoatubby for all his hard work and efforts. Introduced Inter-Tribal Council, all Choctaw tribal members, Councilpersons Charlie Jones, Charlotte Jackson and Ted Dosh. Discussed Economic development with ten (10) Travel plazas, with three (3) under constructions; Poteau, Atoka, Stringtown (restaurant), Independent living Centers and HUD grants which allow them to be so successful. Also, introduced council: Kenny Bryant, Speaker, and Jack Halton, Clayton.

Cherokee Nation: Chief Smith introduced Deputy Chief Hastings Shade, the Cherokee council members, and all Cherokees and Cherokee Nation employees. Discussed getting the Vote Out, how critical it is to get registered and getting our voice heard. Also, extended an invitation to everyone August 31st to attend the Cherokee National Holiday, Labor Day weekend to celebrate with us.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Terri Haney to approve the April 12, 2002 minutes, Second by Glen Sharpe. Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Terry Haney gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Governor Anoatubby to approve, Second by Eula Doonkeen. Motion approved.
2. **AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**
Louie LeFlore 2002 - \$650.00 – Ms. Stacy Manard – Tulsa, Oklahoma
Other Recipients:
Cherokee Nation
Sasha Blackfox
Shilo Roberts

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma:

Leo Perry

Tiffany Miller

Chickasaw Nation:

Cody Crites

Kimberly Johnson

Muscogee Creek Nation:

Jonathan Hartley

Elsa Frazier

3. GUESTS RECOGNIZED: None

4. RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2002-11: A Resolution to Establish a Committee within the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes for the Purposes of Addressing Issues Regarding the Trail of Tears National Historical Trail. Presented by Jeanie Barver. Motion by Glen Sharpe, Second by Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Resolution 2002-12: A Resolution of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes Indication of Support for the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority. Presented by Nathan Hard. Motion by Governor Bill Anoatubby, Second by Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel. Motion carries.

Resolution 2002-13: A Resolution in Support of the Creation of a Website and Purchase of the Domain Name for the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. Presented by Chief Chad Smith. Motion by Eula Doonkeen, Second by Terri Haney. Motion carries.

5. AGENCY REPORTS:

HUD- Wayne Simms

Reported on requirements in the Federal Register. Grace Bidder, Edwards, Russell, Robert Carlile, Jefferson Keel, Marvin Jones are on the negotiating rules making committee which will evaluate the formula used for ICBG. Summarized applications submitted by each tribe for Sec. 41 Loan Guarantee Applications. This region spent in excess of \$285 million NAHASDA funds.

IHS – Max Tahusda

Discussed Dr. Chuck Grimm's contributions to a work group in Alaska. Director Michael Trujillo has stepped down. The Acting Deputy Director will be Mike Lincoln. A new Deputy Director has been hired in Oklahoma City, Dale Keel (Chickasaw). Federal Disparity Index (FDI) will replace Level of Needs Funded (LNF). Discussed funding received in

the Oklahoma area and provisions to those with the most need. Alcohol related funds were pro rated and disrupted last year. This year working on program and options on formula. Monies could triple. Contract Health care received \$4.6 million year. \$2.6 million went to the Five Tribes; not including Claremore IHS and W.W. Hastings IHS

OIAC- Barbara Warner

Reported on the current Legislative session and issues that may affect tribes. She had concerns with the following bills: #26-02 Prison, #27-902 Gaming, #28-02 Compacts and Native American Taxation. The Five Civilized Tribes represent 25% of the U.S. Indian population and 76% of the Oklahoma Indian population. Handed out the Quarter I, Oklahoma Indian Nations Report - July, 2002. Discussed Gaming and the desire of track racing going to Class II. Gave a legislative synopsis of this year's session. She anticipates a 15% budget cut. Announced a new newsletter, reported that this year's poster with tribal leader's photos will be pocket-sized and will have a pictorial of all tribes with contact information. They want to do a handbook and perhaps a brochure.

BIA – Jeanette Hanna, Reg. Director

Ms. Hanna (Seminole) will begin her duties full-time as of this week. Discussed the fact that it had been seven (7) years since the Muskogee Area Office had a Regional Director in the Eastern Oklahoma Region. This was her first Inter-Tribal Council meeting. Introduced BIA staff: Traile Glory, Chickasaw; Gloria Spybuck, Wewoka; Larry Means, Talihina; and Floyd Waters. Discussed the retirement of Sharon Blackwell. Discussed the completion of the new BIA building in Muskogee. She also discussed her work in D.C. on the FY 2004 budget process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tribal Holidays/Festivals: Cherokee Nation – Labor Day Weekend
Chickasaw Nation – 10/5/2002

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Rev. Bertram Bobb