

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

MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 1996 MEETING, 9:00 A.M.
Western Hills State Lodge, Wagoner, Oklahoma

Inter-Tribal Council Members Present:

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

Muscogee (Creek) Nation: Chief Perry Beaver, Second Chief George Amerigi, Wilburn Gource, Judge Patrick Moore, and Earl Wheeler.

Cherokee Nation: Chief Joe Byrd, Deputy Chief J. Garland Eagle, Mary Cooksey, Barbara Scott Proxy, for Harold DeMoss, Sam Ed Bush, and Paula Holder.

Chickasaw Nation: Governor Anotubby, Lt. Governor David Brown, Rena Duncan, Kennedy Brown, and Pat Woods.

Choctaw Nation: Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, Proxy, for Chief Roberts, Jack Ferguson, Proxy, for Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, Randle Durant, Rev. Bertram Bobb, and Loyce Bell.

Special Guests: Grace GoodEagle, Chairperson Quapaw Tribe.

Chief Haney called the meeting to order and asked for the roll call, the above named Council members and their respective proxies answered the roll call. Chief Haney recognized that there were 25 members 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.

Chief Haney then asked the tribal leaders for opening remarks and introductions.

After the tribal leaders remarks, Chief Byrd then asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the Indian community's respect for Congressman Mike Synar who died January 9, 1996 after serving in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1978-1993.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Haney presented the minutes of the last meeting and asked for approval.

Terri Springer made a correction to the minutes and moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Rena Duncan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Chief Haney then asked for the Treasurer's report. Terri Springer, Treasurer reported the following:

The beginning cash balance was \$2,943.95 interest earned was \$439.30 for a total of \$3,383.25. Interest earned on the CD's was \$523.70. Stock Dividend interest totaled \$106.54. Total disbursements \$1,423.95. Total amount in checking account \$3,833.44. Total amount in the treasury is \$39,401.91. At the Executive Committee meeting there were approvals of the reimbursement to the Secretary. Mrs. Springer thanked the Council for their time.

Chief Haney then stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the expenses of the Inter-Tribal Council. Eula Doonkeen made the motion to approve the payment of the expenses, Lt. Gov. Brown seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Haney then opened the floor for nominations for the ITC officers. Assistant Chief Pyle nominated Chief Joe Byrd, Jack Ferguson seconded the motion. Gov. Anoatubby moved to cease nominations, Lt. Gov. Brown seconded the motion.

Chief Haney then opened nominations for Vice-President, Assistant Chief Pyle nominated Governor Anoatubby, Jack Ferguson seconded the motion. Chief Haney asked for other nominations, and Assistant Chief Pyle moved to cease nominations, Jack Ferguson seconded the motion.

Chief Byrd then asked the Rev. Bertram Bobb to conduct a ceremonial swearing-in ceremony of the new officers and members of the inter-Tribal Council for the 1996 term. All elected and appointed members of the Inter-Tribal Council for the 1996 term were duly sworn in.

Item #1

Chief Byrd then opened the meeting for presentation of resolutions, and asked Assistant Chief Pyle to present resolution #96-01 Supporting Rural Enterprises. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #2

Chief Byrd then called for the briefing on a resolution supporting the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), #96-02, and introduced Charles Gourd, Cherokee Nation. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #3

Charles Gourd then presented resolution #96-03 supporting NCAI to include NAGPRA at the June, 1996 Tribal Summit in Tulsa, see attached. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #4

Chief Byrd then introduced Jack Ferguson to present the resolution #96-04 in opposition to Sooner Care, and to mandate tribal input into the Sooner Care program. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #5

Chief Byrd then asked Mr. Ferguson to present resolution #96-05 supporting an IHS Contingency Plan. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #6

Chief Byrd then introduced Brian Hendricks, who presented resolution #96-06 requesting Congress to set aside funding for ICW for tribes. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #7

Mr. Hendricks then presented resolution #96-07 which recommends to the state of Oklahoma that the state use the formula developed by HHS for Title IV-B to compute tribal allocations. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #8

Chief Byrd asked Turner Bear and Shelly Allen for the briefing on resolution #96-08, which opposes State Question 669. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #9

Ms. Allen then presented resolution #96-09 in support of restoration of Funding Education (Impact Aid). After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #10

Ms. Allen then presented resolution #96-10 opposing English Only legislation. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted 23 to approve, 2 votes against, and 0 abstentions on the resolution.

Item #11

Ms. Allen then presented resolution #96-11 regarding the consolidation of Vocational and Adult Education and Job Training Programs. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #12

Chief Byrd then introduced Alfreda Doonkeen Woodward, Department Coordinator for the Native American Programs at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center for the Colleges of Dentistry and Medicine. Ms. Woodward briefed the Council on the resolution #96-12 endorsing and supporting the Native American Center of Excellence at OU. After a motion to adopt and a second, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item #13

Chief Byrd introduced Diane Kelley, NCAI Secretary and Rena Duncan, NCAI Area Representative for the update on NCAI activities.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chief Byrd then asked for other new business matters to be brought before the Council. He called on George Tiger, for the Haskell University report. {Mr. Tiger was not in attendance and did not report.}

Chief Byrd then asked for other announcements regarding the next quarterly meetings.

Assistant Chief Pyle announced that April Quarterly meeting of the Council will be hosted by the Choctaw Nation. Gov. Anoatubby announced that the Chickasaw Nation will host the October Quarterly meeting, and Chief Beaver offered to host the July Quarterly meeting.

Chief Byrd then asked for Agency Reports.

Barbara Warner, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission reported on; (1) the nation-wide campaign regarding the English Only legislation, (2) motor fuels tax bill #2208 filed by representative Cotner, (3) joint task force on the collection of child support and the tribal jurisdictional enforcement position, (4) Block Grants, DHS planning, (5) Equal Opportunity Act and Affirmative Action programs, (6) voting records on the Anti-Indian bills how representative voted on these bills, (7) February 14, flag raising event at the state capitol. She thanked the Council for their time.

Pat Woods, Chickasaw Nation and a member of the National Indian Council on Aging and Vice-President reported on the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, she asked that all tribal elderly programs staff stay informed on the progress of the act. She then challenged the Cherokee and Choctaw Nations to provide more senior citizens sites and to not the larger elderly programs of the Chickasaw and Creek Nations which are funded by tribal revenues.

Chief Byrd acknowledge the challenge and commended Ms. Woods on the success of her programs and thanked her for the report.

Chief Byrd then asked for the BIA report, and introduced Jim Fields, Acting Area Director of the Muskogee Area Office.

Mr. Fields reported on; (1) budget operations, (2) federal court's jurisdictional definition of trust property versus restricted Indian land, (3) continuing resolution, (4) compacting and contracting tribes, (5) status of the Area Director's position, (6) trust acquisition process improvements, (7) 638 contracts and grants process, (8) improvements in general business matters, (9) consortium business, (10) McCain Bill, Mr. Fields then thanked the Council for their time.

Chief Byrd thanked Mr. Fields for the report and the other leaders joined in acknowledging the progress of the work accomplished at the Muskogee Area Office since MR. Fields appointment there.

Chief Byrd called on Leta Maupin to announce the door prize numbers.

There being no further business before the Council, Chief Byrd asked Rev. Bertran Bobb for the benediction.

Rev. Bertran Bobb gave the benediction.

Chief Byrd adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Margrett Oberly Kelly
Recording Secretary
Date: April 4, 1996

Minutes approved:

With Corrections:
Joe Byrd – Signed