

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

QUARTERLY MEETING – July 7, 2000

Choctaw Nation Community Center
McAlester, Oklahoma

Chief Greg Pyle called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and welcomed the Council. Roll call was conducted by Recording Secretary Gayla Guillory. A quorum was established with 23 answering roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Cherokee Nation:** Principal Chief Chad Smith, Don Garvin, John Ketcher and Mary Cooksey.
- Choctaw Nation:** Chief Greg Pyle, Ted Dosh proxy for Bob Pate, Loyce Bell, Randle Durant, and Charlie Jones proxy for Rev. Bertram Bobb.
- Creek Nation:** Principal Chief Perry Beaver, Second Chief A. D. Ellis, Wilbur Gouge, and Patrick Moore.
- Seminole Nation:** Principal Chief Jerry Haney, Assistant Chief James Factor, Eula Doonkeen, Toby Wise and Terri Haney.
- Chickasaw Nation:** Kennedy Brown proxy for Governor Bill Anoatubby, Kirk Perry proxy for Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Jeannie Barbour proxy for Donna Hartman, Lisa Brown proxy for Kennedy Brown, and Pat Woods.

Choctaw Nation Tribal Council Member Charlie Jones offered the invocation. Chief Pyle welcomed the Council and guests to McAlester and introduced the Tribal Leaders as follows:

Seminole Nation – Chief Jerry Haney
Cherokee Nation – Principal Chief Chad Smith
Creek Nation - Principal Chief Perry Beaver
Chickasaw Nation – Kennedy Brown

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 6, 2000 MINUTES

A motion was made by Toby Wise to approve the minutes, a second was received by Charlie Jones. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Treasurer's Report – presented by Terri Haney.

Terri Haney presented the treasurer's report with an ending balance of \$42,741.58. Motion was made by Randle Durant to accept, seconded by Eula Doonkeen-. Motion carried.

B. Guests Appearing Before Council

1. Presentation of Student Awards. Each Chief presented awards to two students.
2. Colline Meek – Oklahoma Indian Legal Services. 3 attorneys for the entire state of Oklahoma. Do a lot of probates determining heirs. Agency has suffered budget cutbacks. 15 attorneys are needed to do the work that needs to be done. Wants to meet with each Chief and council member and ask for help to raise funds by contributing to their organization.
3. Leon McCowan – Regional Director of DHHS and Administration of Children and family. Regional HUB Director. Responsible for 22 legislative programs. Their programs provide assistance for children and families.
4. Ronnie Wales – Presentation of Comanche medicine arrow.
5. Wayne Sims – HUD – Indian Community Development Block Grant Program accepted applications in May. Should announce who is funded at the next meeting. 2000 Indian Housing Plans – deadline July 1. Received all of the applications. Will be funded in the near future. \$65 million out of \$98 million go to the Five Civilized Tribes annually. Requirement for annual performance reports for Indian Housing Block Grant Program. Self-Monitoring requirement. Next Southern Plains Indian housing will have training on July 27 in Oklahoma City. HUD recognizes best practices throughout the nation. In our region the Choctaw Homebuyer Advantage Program, the Cherokee nation Rural Rental Housing Home Ownership, and the Cherokee Nation Drug Elimination mini grant were recognized. The Creek Nation received a Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency grant for \$250,000. July 10, Drug Elimination Program application are due.
6. Stan Speaks – acting Regional Director of BIA. \$7 billion needed to be appropriated by Congress annually in order for the Tribes to be brought current for their needs and services. \$5.8 billion short of meeting this goal. Will get some increases for 2001. In the BIA at the central office level there is a new deputy commissioner, Sharon Blackwell. Moving to a new office in Muskogee. They have a 10-year lease with the option of another 10-year lease.
7. Chuck Grimm – Indian Health Services Area Director. Discussing reorganization of the area office in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is the lowest funded area per capita in the Indian Health Service. Lot of positive movement politically. \$50 million additional to Indian Health Services budget. July 19 & 20 follow up meeting to the listening conferences in Washington, DC. August 15- 17 2nd Annual Health Summit. August 22-24 National Indian Health Board Consumer Conference in Montana.
8. Barbara Warner – Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. House Bill 2708 – Sports and Entertainment Bill. Did not come out of conference committee. It would have abolished the Horse Racing Commission and would have brought it under a special agency like 48 other states already have. Oklahoma is one of the last states that does not have this type of umbrella organization. The tribal leaders met with Steve Largent at he Sovereignty Symposium. Getting a lot of feedback.
9. Pat Woods – National Indian Council on Aging. National Conference August 19th-22nd in Duluth, Minnesota. Conference for Indian elders. Expecting 1800 people.
10. Steve Wilson – Chairman of Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging. Asked to attend and be a part of a planning committee in Washington to plan the first administration on aging tribal listening session. All tribal leaders are asked to attend. Older Americans Act passed in 1965. The tribes were first funded in 1980. This is the first opportunity to address concerns for our elderly within the programs and tribes. Tentatively scheduled for August 8th.

C. RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-13:

A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF A NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER FOR HEALTH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH AND SCIENCES CENTER

Resolution No. 13 presented by Chief Chad Smith. Terry Haney made the motion to approve, Mary Cooksey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-14:

A RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE INTER-TRIBAL JUVENILE DETENTION TASK FORCE TO THE INTER-TRIBAL JUVENIL JUSTICE COMMITTEE AND TO SET FORTH SAID COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

Resolution No. 14 presented by Chief Perry Beaver. Eula Doonkeen made the motion to approve, Pat Woods seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-15:

A RESOLUTION FOR THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWER PERMITTING

Resolution No. 15 presented by Chief Greg Pyle. Pat Woods made the motion to approve, James Factor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-16:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE USE OF NAHASDA POPULATION FIGURES FOR PURPOSES OF ALLOCATING INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS FUNDING THROUGH THE TEA-21 NEGOTIATED RULE MAKING PROCESS

Resolution No. 16 presented by Chief Perry Beaver. Terry Haney made the motion to adopt, Toby Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-17:

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF NATIVE LANGUAGES

Resolution No. 17 presented by Chief Chad Smith. Wilbur Gouge made the motion to adopt. Eula Doonkeen seconded. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-18:

A RESOLUTION FOR OPPOSITION TO ENGLISH AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE PETITION DRIVE

Resolution No. 18 presented by Chief Chad Smith. Terry Haney made the motion to adopt, Eula Doonkeen seconded. The motion carried.

Next meeting date set – Creek nation to host October 12th & 13th .

Seminole Nation announced September 8th – 10th for their festival.

Randle Durant reminded everyone of the Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival.

Chief Pyle closed the meeting and Randle Durant gave the benediction.