The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

QUARTERLY MEETING – January 15, 1999
TAHLEQUAH, OK

Chief Perry Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with invocation by Reverend Bertram Bobb, Choctaw Nation. Roll call was conducted by Leta Burwell, Recording Secretary. A quorum was established with 24 present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cherokee Nation: Chief Joe Byrd, Mary Cooksey, Sam Ed Bush, and Paula Holder.

Choctaw Nation: Chief Greg Pyle, Rev. Bertram Bobb, Randle Durant, Loyce Bell, and Bob Tate proxy for Assistant Chief Mike Bailey.

Creek Nation: Chief Perry Beaver, Second Chief George Almerigi, Patrick Moore, Bill Fife and Ken Childers.

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


Nomination of the 1999 ITC Officers was received to recommended Chief Haney as President, Joe Byrd as Vice-President, and Reverend Bertram Bobb as the Chaplain. Motion was made by Chief Greg Pyle to accept those nominated, seconded by Rena Duncan. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes for October 1998 by Toby Wise, seconded by Eula Doonkeen. Corrections to the minutes on page 2, motion to approve Resolution regarding Oklahoma Rural Systematic Initiative was made by Ken Childers. Motion amended to approve minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Terri Haney presented the report for January, 1999 reporting the ending checkbook balance at $5,678.11 and the two CD’s totaled $35,568.47 with an ending amount in Treasury at $41,246.58. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Toby Wise, seconded by Eula Doonkeen. Motion carried. Chief Pyle noted the oversight of the Treasurer’s appointment and made a motion to approve Terri Haney as the Treasurer’s for 1999 and seconded by Rena Duncan. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 99-01:
Resolution of Endorsement and Support of the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education hosting the 30th Annual National Indian Education Association in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on October 17-21, 1999. Motion to Approve was made by Chief Beaver, seconded by Terri Haney. Motion carried.
Resolution No. 99-02:
Resolution to Support Funding for the Choctaw Nation Hospital.
Chief Pyle presented this resolution and made the motion to approve, seconded by Terri Haney. Second Chief Almerigi made motion to amend the Resolution to add the wording to specify what funding agency being addressed and add “to the whole federal government and IHS.” The motion to amend was seconded by Ken Childers. Motion to approve as amended carried.

Resolution No. 99-03:
Resolution Recommending the U.S. Congress allow Indian Reservation Road’s Funding to be used as the Non-Federal Matching Share towards the Repair or Replacement of Bridges Funded under 23 U.S.C. 144.
A motion to approve was received by Mary Cooksey and seconded by Paula Holder. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 99-04:
Resolution for Support for the 2nd Inter-Tribal Native American Youth Conference.
A motion was received to approve by Chief Beaver, seconded by Rena Duncan and carried.

Letter of Support – Re: The NAGPRA Policy Statement and Southeast Summit
Alan Emarthle presented Letters of Support of a position document for the purposes of implementing the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to be disseminated to various Federal, State agencies, and Southeastern Indian Tribes with the intent to be recognized as some of the legitimate descendants and to convey our agreed upon positions in the implementation of cultural preservation laws, motion to approve was made by Eula Doonkeen, seconded by Ken Childers and motion carried.

Letter of Support – Re: Request for Funding Support
A verbal motion was made to approve $1,000 for the reception hosted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. Motion was made by Chief Beaver, seconded by Jefferson Keel.

Resolution No. 99-05:
Resolution of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes Declaring and Affirming Support to the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma for the Purposes of Consultation with Canaveral National Seashore, Florida and the Proposed Development of Seminole Rest.
Resolution was presented by Alan Emarthle (Seminole Nation). Motion was received to approve the NAGPRA Resolution, by Eula Doonkeen and seconded by Rena Duncan, motion carried.

Resolution No. 99-06:
Resolution of Endorsement and Support of Oklahoma State University Office of Library Services Project to Post Indian Affairs Laws and Treaties of the Five Civilized Tribes on the World Wide Web.
Charles Gourd addressed the Council to report the address to the OSU Library WWW.library.OKState.EDU/KAPPLER. A motion was made by Chief Byrd, seconded by Toby Wise, and motion carried.

Agency Reports:

Bureau of Indian Affairs report was presented by Jim Fields, Area Director for the Muskogee Area Office.

Indian Health Service report was given by Mr. Max Tahsuda.

Housing and Urban Development report was given by Mr. Wayne Sims.
Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. Barbara Warner was not available for this meeting, but it was reported she would mail out her information.

NCAI report was presented by Ms. Diane Kelley. Booklets were distributed to the ITC Council.

USDA report was presented by Mr. Charles Head.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 8th and 9th at Arrowhead Lodge with Choctaw Nation hosting.

Chief Haney expressed a desire to bring back the 47 Act in the near future and looks forward to the coming year as President of Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Benediction was given by Reverend Bertram Bobb.