Chief Perry Beaver called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Invocation was given by Reverend Bertram Bobb. Roll call was conducted by Tammi Harris, Recording Secretary. A quorum was established with 25 members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHEROKEE NATION: Deputy Chief Garland Eagle, proxy for Chief Joe Byrd, Harold DeMoss, Paula Holder and Sam Ed Bush.

CHICKASAW NATION: Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor David Brown, Mevelyn Kirkpatrick, proxy for Rena Duncan, Billy McCurdy, proxy for Pat Woods and Kennedy Brown.

CHOCTAW NATION: Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, proxy for Chief Hollis Roberts, Jack Ferguson, proxy for Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, Loyce Bell, Randle Durant and Reverend Bertram Bobb.

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION: Chief Perry Beaver, Second Chief George Almerigi, Wilburn Gouge, Earl Wheeler and Patrick Moore.

SEMINOLE NATION: Chief Jerry Haney, Assistant Chief James Factor, Eula Doonkeen, Toby Wise and Terri Springer.

Welcome was given by Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, Choctaw Nation.

Motion to approve February 14, 1997 Minutes was made by Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, seconded by Toby Wise. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report was given by Terri Springer. Motion to approve report was give by Eula Doonkeen, seconded by Greg Pyle. Motion carried.

Resolution asking the Inter-Tribal Council, to endorse the Five Civilized Tribes Museum Fund Raising Campaign.

Motion to approve by Governor Anoatubby, seconded by Terri Springer. Motion carried.

Eula Doonkeen stressed that only the Five Tribes should have their work put n display at the museum, not outside tribes. Governor Anoatubby suggested that a representative from each tribe be on the museum board.

Resolution asking that the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes call upon the U.S. Congress to amend the Resource Conservation Recovery Act.
Motion to approve by Ed Bush, Toby Wise seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution supporting American Indian Transportation Act of 1997,

Motion to approve by Chief Jerry Haney, seconded by Terri Springer. Motion carried. Resolution was presented to the ITC with no title. Motion to accept Resolution with title made by Chief Haney, seconded by Terri Springer. Motion carried.

Resolution that the Inter-Tribal Council call upon Congress and the Clinton Administration, through this resolution, to take affirmative measures to sufficiently fund Tribal Education Department at the $3 million dollar level.

Motion to approve by Toby Wise, seconded by Mary Cooksey. Motion carried.

Resolution of support for JOM funding level at Fiscal Year 1995 in the amount of $24.3 million.

Motion to approve by Governor Anoatubby, seconded by Eula Doonkeen. Motion carried.

Resolution asking Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to publish Regulations for Issuance of Certificates of Degree of Indian Blood.

Motion to approve by Governor Anoatubby, seconded by Randle Durant. Motion carried.

Resolution for the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996. The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes request that the Clinton Administration’s proposed funding levels under NAHASDA of 1996 be increased by a minimum of $400,000,00 per year. This would raise total funding levels to $885,000,00 per year.

Motion to approve by Assistant Chief Greg Pyle, seconded by Randle Durant. Motion carried.

Resolution for Amendment to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996. The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes request that technical amendments be passed by the U.S. Congress allowing TDHE’s to compete for available funds beyond the restrictions imposed by NAHASDA of 1996.

Motion to approve by Sam Ed Bush, seconded by Toby Wise. Motion carried.

Jim Fields, Bureau of Indian Affairs, made a presentation to the Inter-Tribal Council. He introduced Mr. Bobby Impson, Mr. Larry Mings, Mr. Dennis Wickliff and Mr. Roy Willis.

Wayne Sims of Housing and Urban Development gave a presentation to the Inter-Tribal Council.

Representative from Indian Health Services gave a presentation to the Inter-Tribal Council.

Mr. Phillip Bread, Director of Tribal Assistance, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, gave a presentation to the Inter-Tribal Council.

Next meeting will be hosted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Meeting will be held on July 10 & 11, 1997. Site for meeting is tentatively set for Fountainhead Resort in Eufaula.
Benediction was given by Reverend Bertram Bobb.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.