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: John Ketcher proxy for Principal Chief Chad Smith, Harold Demoss, and Mary Cooksey.

Choctaw Nation: Chief Greg Pyle, Fred Bobb proxy for Bob Pate, Loyce Bell, Jack Pate proxy for Randle Durant and Rev. Bertram Bobb.

Creek Nation: Principal Chief Perry Beaver, Helen Chupco proxy for Second Chief A.D. Ellis, Wilbur Gouge, Bill Fife proxy for Robert Hufft and Patrick Moore.

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


Rev. Bertram Bobb offered the invocation. Chief Pyle welcomed the Council and guest to Fountainhead Resort and introduced the Tribal Leaders as follows:

Chickasaw Nation – Governor Bill Anoatubby
Creek nation – Principal Chief Perry Beaver
Seminole Nation – Chief Jerry Haney
Cherokee Nation – John Ketcher

APPROVAL FO THE JANUARY 30, 2001 MINUTES

A motion was made by Glenn Sharpe to approve the minutes, a second was received by Eula Doonkeen. Motion carried unanimously.

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 $43,422.04. Motion was made by Governor Anoatubby to accept, seconded by Toby Wise. Motion carried.

B. Election of Officers
President – Governor Anoatubby nominated Chief Chad Smith. Seconded by Toby Wise. Chief Smith approved unanimously.

Vice-President – Chief Beaver nominated Governor Bill Anoatubby. Seconded by Jack Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer – Governor Anoatubby nominated Terry Haney. Seconded by Chief Pyle. Motion Carried unanimously.

Chaplain – Chief Pyle nominated Bertram Bobb. Seconded by Terri Haney. Motion carried Unanimously.

C. Guests Appearing Before Council
1. Michael Anderson – formerly with Interior Department, now with Monteau, Peebles & Crowell, LLP. Updated the Council on a number of issues, including: nomination of Neal McCaleb for Assistant Secretary, Land in Trust regulations, Land Improvement Act, Energy bill, and upcoming tribal leader forums.

2. Christie Jacobs – Internal Revenue Service – informed the Council of new office set up by IRS to assist minorities. Introduced Ken Vote of the Oklahoma area office.

3. Debra Wilson – Minority Veterans Coordinator, Veterans Administration – presented two proposals – (1) for each tribe to appoint a representative for Veterans Affairs and (2) for the representative to attend Joint Service Officer Training.

D. RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2001-01:
A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED FUNDING FOR THE DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAM GRANTEES UNDER HUD THOUGH INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND / OR TRIBES TO BE RE-INSTATED
Presented by Governor Anoatubby. The motion to approve was made by Governor Anoatubby, seconded by Toby Wise. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-02:
A RESOLUTION URGING DR. TRUJILLO TO DISTRIBUTE THE ADDITIONAL $70 MILLION FOR SPECIAL DIABETES PROJECT INITIATIVE
Presented by Chief Pyle. Governor Anoatubby made the motion to approve, seconded by Jack Pate. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-03:
A RESOLUTION URGING ADOPTION OF FY’2002 HIS BUDGET TO INCLUDE $4.2 BILLION IN NEW FUNDING
Presented by Chief Pyle. Pat Woods made the motion to approve, and Eula Doonkeen seconded. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-04:
A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE OKLAHOMA HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION IN DISTRIBUTING THE VIAL OF LIFE TO ELDERLY TRIBAL MEMBERS
Presented by Chief Haney. Chief Haney made the motion to adopt, Terri Haney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 2001-05:
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF “THE INDIAN TRIBAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2001”
Presented by Governor Anoatubby. Motion to approve was made by Governor Anoatubby, Pat Woods seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-06:
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO CLARIFY ITS INTENT OF TITLE 25 U.S.C., SECTION 450 e2, REGARDING THE USE OF EXCESS CONSTRUCTION FUNDS
Presented by Chief Haney. Motion to approve was made by Chief Haney and seconded by Eula Doonkeen. The motion carried.

E. AGENCY REPORTS:

Bureau of Indian Affairs – Franklin Keel, Acting Area Director. Introduced are superintendents present. Announced 2003 budget meeting. Discussed ongoing trust reform.

Indian Health Service – Chuck Grimm, Area Director – Oklahoma City Area Office. Introduced Steve, Barse, new Public Affairs Specialist for HIS. Reported on Consultation meetings held across the country. Thanked chiefs and their staffs for serving on committees. $180 million still to be given out. Oklahoma could get one-third of that. $100 million added to Contract Health Service budget. 2002 Budget released 10 days ago with $165 million increase.

HUD – Wayne Sims. Introduced Gary Tillotson. Discussed SuperNOFA and the funding opportunities available. CDBG - $500,000 increase in this year’s budget. 2001 Indian Housing Plans due July 1. 2000 Annual Performance report are now past due. IHP training next week in Oklahoma City – April 24-26.

Barbara Warner – Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. Reported on several issues including: the nomination of Neal McCaleb, the upcoming Sovereignty Symposium to be held in June, sales tax issue, Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and Oklahoma Lottery Act.

Next meeting will be held in Durant in July, 2001 and will be hosted by the Choctaw Nation. Chief Pyle adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. and Rev. Bertram Bobb gave the benediction.