

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

Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES OF JULY 12, 1996 MEETING, 9:00 A.M.
HELD IN FOUNTAINHEAD RESORT HOTEL, EUFAULA, OKLAHOMA

Inter-Tribal Council Members Present:

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

Chickasaw Nation: Governor Anoatubby, Lt. Governor David Brown, Rena Duncan, Billy McCurdy Proxy for Kennedy Brown, and Pat Woods.

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

Muscogee (Creek) Nation: Chief Perry Beaver, Second Chief George Almerigi, Earl Wheeler, Patrick Moore and (Wilburn Gouge {arrived after roll call; however his vote is included in the vote for resolutions}).

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

Chief Byrd 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 Byrd recognized that there were 24 members of 25 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.

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS:

Chief Byrd asked Jim Quetone to read the accomplishments and personal goals for the following students receiving awards: Justin Earley, and Sarah Batt Cherokee Nation tribal members, who were the honorees for Cherokee Nation.

Governor Anoatubby read the accomplishments and personal goals for the following students receiving awards: Tonya Pollock and Tyler Mullins, Chickasaw Nation tribal members who were the honorees for the Chickasaw Nation.

Chief Beaver asked Ken Tayola to read the accomplishments and personal goals for the following students receiving awards: Seneca Smith and Amanda Epperson Muscogee nation tribal members who were the honorees for the Muscogee Nation.

Assistant Chief Pyle read the accomplishments and personal goals for the following students receiving awards: Patricia Sescik, and Ryan Brown, Choctaw Nation tribal members who were the honorees for the Choctaw Nation.

Chief Haney read the accomplishments and personal goals for the following students receiving awards: Kimberly Strayhorn, and Marcia Ann Billie, Seminole Nation tribal members who where the honorees for the Seminole Nation.

OLD BUSINESS: Item A:

Chief Byrd presented the minutes of the last meeting. Randal Durant moved to approve the minutes. Rena Duncan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the council.

Item B:

Chief Byrd then asked for the Treasurer's report.

Terri Springer, Treasurer reported the following:

The beginning cash balance was \$3,833.44 interest earned was \$74.49 for a total of \$3,907.93. Interest earned on the CD's was \$425.46. Stock Dividend interest totaled \$99.66. Total disbursements \$282.32. Total amount in checking account \$4,445.73. Total amount in the treasury is \$40,014.20. At the Executive Committee meeting there were approvals for four requests for reimbursement, one to the Secretary, one for reimbursement for the January banquet, one for the Congressional breakfast in Washington, D.C. and one request for a reception for NCAI. Mrs. Springer thanked the Council for their time.

Assistant Chief Pyle moved to approve the other requests for reimbursement, Loyce Bell seconded the motion, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Gov. Anoatubby moved to accept the treasurer's report, Assistant Chief Pyle seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

New Business: Item 1:

Chief Byrd then presented a resolution opposing the Istook amendment, which would adversely affect the tribes ability to take lands to be placed in to trust. Chief Haney moved to approve the resolution, Terri Springer seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item 2:

Chief Byrd then asked Joan Hill, Cherokee/Muskogee Nation tribal member and artist to present the first resolution.

Ms. Hill presented Resolution #96-18 which will supports the continuation of the Indian Arts and crafts Board. She then read the resolution, stating that this was very important to the Tribes in regard to Artist and Crafts persons and their products.

Eula Doonkeen stated that as an artist herself she was very aware of the importance of this resolution and urged its support. Ms. Doonkeen then moved to approve the resolution as presented. Rena Duncan seconded the motion, the Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Item 3:

Chief Byrd then introduced Charles Gourd, Cherokee Nation to present a resolution requiring all federal land managing agencies to formally acknowledge the cultural property rights of ITC member nations through the development of comprehensive tribal American Cultural resources, #96-19.

Assistant Chief Pyle moved to approve, Mary Cooksey seconded the motion, the Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item 4:

Chief Byrd then asked Cheanna Davis to present the third resolution.

Cheanna Davis then presented a resolution opposing FY 97. House Interior Appropriations regarding Indian Education issues.

Governor Anoatubby moved to approve, Paula Holder seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item 5:

Gov. Anoatubby then introduced a resolution approving Pat Woods to the National Indian Council on Aging, and moved to approve the resolution, Assistant Chief Pyle seconded the motion.

Item 6:

Edwin Marshall then presented a resolution in opposition to the Child Care provisions contained in H. R. 3507.

Eula Doonkeen moved to approve, Pat Woods seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item 7:

Chief Byrd then presented a resolution providing support for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trails, #96-23. Gov. Anoatubby moved to approve, Rena Duncan seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

Item 8:

Chief Byrd then presented a resolution opposing the Istook amendment, which would adversely affect the tribes ability to take lands to be placed in to trust. Chief Haney moved to approve the resolution, Terri Springer seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

New Business:

Chief Byrd then called for new business and asked for a report from the Jim Fields, Muskogee Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Fields then introduced Dennis Wickliffe, Self-Governance Specialist and the following Superintendents: Jimmy Gibson, Okmulgee, Roy Willis, Wewoka Agency, Larry Means, Talihina Agency, Trail Glory, Chickasaw Agency. Mr. Fields then reported on Muskogee Area Office business.

Chief Byrd then introduced Randy Grinnell, Indian Health Service. Mr. Grinnell gave his report and thanked the Council for their time and concluded his remarks.

Chief Byrd then introduced Bluford Miller, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Office of Rural Economic and Community Development.

Mr. Miller discussed Dept. of Agriculture, Rural Water Development, FHA financed home construction, and other programs. He concluded his report and thanked the Council for their time.

Chief Byrd then introduced Wayne Sims, Area Director HUD.

Mr. Sims presented an award to the Cherokee Nation for their participation in passing tribal housing codes and participating in the new HUD program for financing housing.

Chief Byrd thanked the representative from the federal agencies for their reports.

Chief Byrd asked for other business of the Council.

Barbara Warner, Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission provided the Council with a report on State matters.

Connie Fox, Self-Determination specialist in the Area Education Office of the BIA reported on education matters.

Gov. Anoatubby announced that the Chickasaw Nation would host the next Inter-Tribal Council Quarterly meeting, October 10th and 11th, 1996.

There being no further business, Chief Byrd closed the meeting and asked Rev. Bertram Bobb for the benediction. Rev. Bertram Bobb gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted:

Margrett Oberly Kelley

Date

Minutes approved:

with corrections:

signed