

# Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma

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REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 by the Chairperson. The Business Committee members present were: Wanita Clifford, Tribal Chairperson; Jim Tacker, Vice-Chairman; Sheila Hall, Secretary-Treasurer; and Bill Burch, Councilman. Absent was: Mary Lynn Hillemeier, Councilwoman. Others present were: John Schoemann, Tribal Administrator; Paula Stinnett, Administrative Assistant; and Jenell Downs, Executive Secretary.

MINUTES - The minutes were read and the following corrections were made: Second page, last paragraph, strike the sentence "Unclaimed payments will go to the Scholarship Programs." Last page, first paragraph, should be "; however," instead of ", however,". A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected by Jim Tacker and seconded by Bill Burch. The motion passed with 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

INDIAN COUNTRY RESOLUTION - The use of the words "trust lands" was not in the resolution. It was decided to use two of the paragraphs from the Apache tribal resolution. A motion was made to adopt the resolution, Pott #80-20, opposing state jurisdiction on Indian trust lands, by Bill Burch and seconded by Jim Tacker. The motion passed with 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

MIKE MAHAFFEY, ARCHITECT - Mr. Mahaffey presented his proposed plans to the Business Committee. He asked for their ideas. A general contractor will need to be hired as soon as possible, so he can work with Mr. Mahaffey on the layout of the building. Also, specific financial records will have to be kept to show separation of program monies being used. Mr. Mahaffey told the Business Committee that his usual fee is 8½% of the total cost. However, since he would not be filing reports or overseeing the construction, his fee would be \$12,000. This is the lay-out on both floors. He asked that the Business Committee have the contract drawn up, stating the specifics.

ROY CARTWRIGHT, PRESIDENT, UNION NATIONAL BANK, TULSA - Mr. Cartwright was invited by the Business Committee to present some ideas on investments. His bank is presently involved with 42 tribes. He stated that any time money is set aside it could always be audited and investigated by constituents. When investing, the organization should always know if it is insured and know what it will be worth in a year. The investment must give opportunities for review. If the Tribe draws down on their investment, they will need two accounts (principal account and interest account). This is for audit purposes, and so expenditures will balance to the amount of the interest. It will also give the tribe control over land purchases. The Business Committee expressed their interest in using the money for land acquisition. The land could then be used for industrial development. Mr. Cartwright informed the Business Committee of many industrial development opportunities. All data collected by the Union National Bank is put into a computer. When an industrial development opportunity arises, the bank goes to the computer then informs all interested groups. He expressed the importance of being set up for industrial development. Industries are looking for minority contracts. No organized tribe has anything set up at the present time. The Business Committee is interested in obtaining any kind of

land as long as it can be used for equitable capital. They want the right to borrow, pledge or land purchase with the set aside monies. Mr. Cartwright let the Business Committee know that there was no other tribe as forward thinking as the Citizen Band Potawatomi.

He will be in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 23 and 24. He will discuss the inquiries brought up by the Business Committee concerning land acquisition with the Secretary. After his return he will sit down with his attorneys, CPAs, and others to talk about what needs to be done to set up the right plan. A special meeting will be set up after his return. He will then bring some investment plans for the Business Committee to look over and choose ideas from. The main thing is to have leverage to use the funds for industrial development.

INDIRECT COST VEHICLE - Bids were presented to the Business Committee. However, they suggested that W.T. Nonn be checked for their prices. The Business Committee did give approval to have the lease vehicle listed as a line item for the Indirect Cost budget. Should they decide not to approve the vehicle, the budget could be modified.

SUNDAY BINGO - The Bingo Committee wanted approval to go ahead with bingo on Sunday. The Business Committee agreed to have bingo on Sundays. After two months, the Business Committee would evaluate it and decide if it will continue.

A suggestion was made to have sympathy cards printed to send to families of elderly tribal members who have passed away. Since the Potawatomi Council on Aging has been organized, this would be one way of being informed. Prices for printing are to be checked out.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING - Official Potawatomi Week, as declared by the City of Shawnee, will be June 23-29, 1980. Plans are being made to have events for each day of the week.

The Pow-wow Committee is planning on a three-day pow-wow. This would be contingent upon money available and expenses. Approximate figures for the three-day pow-wow, according to Father Vincent, would be \$2,500-\$3,000.

The Drama would not be planned this year. However, there was discussion on the possibility of video-taping it for presentation at any time.

Deadline for the June issue of the tribal newspaper will be May 1. The issue will be mailed to all enrolled tribal members.

Two tapings are to be scheduled for Voices of the Land. The Business Committee will be informed of the dates.

Also, a Fashion Show and Luncheon will be scheduled as one of the events for the week. Fife Collections and Native American Design Collections have been contacted to present their fashions. The Tribe will choose their own models, and tickets will be sold for the luncheon and Fashion Show.

Paula Stinnett, Administrative Assistant, asked permission from the Business Committee to contact Jim Halsey, International Music Festival, as a possibility of having a concert. He has a number of Native American musicians he works with.

Plans for organizing a gift shop were discussed. It was suggested that bumper stickers, post cards, t-shirts, etc. (all with tribal seal) be purchased and available for Potawatomi Week.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15, 1980, to discuss tribal claims and the constitution with the tribal lawyer.

Meeting adjourned.

*Sheila Orwall*