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**IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CHENA BUILDING  
MARCH 29, 2014  
10:00 A.M.  
MINUTES**

**Officers Present:**

Gary Pratt, Chairman  
Bobby Walkup, Vice- Chairman  
Lisa Switch, Treasurer  
Leslie Tanyan, Secretary

**Tribal Members/Guest Present:**

Tribal Members (see attached list)

Chairman Pratt called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Secretary Tanyan performed roll call and all officers are present except for Councilperson Lincoln (excused). There are 38 General Council members present.

Chairman Pratt declared a quorum present to conduct official business.

Jake BigSoldier gave the invocation.

**Chairman Pratt- Update**

Chairman Pratt updated the council on the future distribution payments. A payment of \$500 was approved for April, August and December 2014. Distribution payments come from non-gaming monies and are being allocated for the next two years to ensure payments for tribal members. Updates on the travel plaza, casinos, land purchases and land in to trust were discussed.

**Issues regarding former Chairman Christie Modlin-**

Discussion concerning alleged allegations- no proof was offered to substantiate allegations.

**Issues regarding former Police Chief- Robert Fields Jr.**

Discussion concerning alleged allegations- no proof was offered to substantiate allegations.

**Issues regarding Acting Tribal Administrator/ Assistant Police Chief-Lori Stropes**

Discussion concerning alleged allegations- no proof was offered to substantiate allegations.

**Issues regarding Tribal Police Criminal Investigator- Scott Stropes**

Discussion concerning alleged allegations- no proof was offered to substantiate allegations.

**Vice-Chairman Bobby Walkup, Treasurer Lisa Yellowfish aka Lisa Switch, Secretary Leslie Tanyan and Councilperson Renee Lincoln-**

Discussion concerning the credit card usage and salaries of the Business Committee.

**Tribal Judge Phil Lujan**

Discussion ensued concerning Phil Lujan, court cases and how the judges are appointed.

**Tribal Attorney David McCullough**

Discussion ensued concerning the tribal attorney and his appointment which is clarified in the Iowa Tribe Constitution Article V, Section 2 Powers.

**Tribal Employees- Philip Cravatt, Ken Knight, Rose Malone, Marie Tubbs, Bernice Armstrong-**

Discussion ensued concerning ITO employees. No proof offered to substantiate allegations.

**Meeting Specifics**

**A. Employee Handbook-** Bill Murray, tribal member, would like for verbiage to be included in the handbook that protects tribal members employee from being fired when they voice their complaints.

**B. Salaries**

- i. Business Committee- discussion item. Salaries discussed earlier in the meeting.
- ii. Tribal Administrator/ Assistant Tribal Police Chief- Due to employee privacy rights this could not be divulged.

**C. Credit Cards- Receipts & Accountability-** Discussion item. An audit was done on the credit cards and there were no findings of misuse. A yearly audit will be done every year and the Business Committee must review and approve expenditures.

**D. Pension Plan-** Discussion item. There is no pension plan in place for Business Committee members. Once you have finished your term you are done. The Iowa Tribe does pay their portion of Social Security because this amount is not paid into Social Security.

**E. College Tuition paid to the Business Committee-** Discussion item. The Business Committee has a line item in the budget for training. Each Business Committee member is allocated a certain amount for the year to use for training and conferences. No college tuition has been paid for any of the Business Committee Members.

**Transaction of Other Business that may be presented-**

Russell Deer stated that the Storm Shelter Program was open to everyone and not just families. Tribal member need to fill out the paperwork.

Michael Rowe would like more information on the RAP. Information is located on the website.

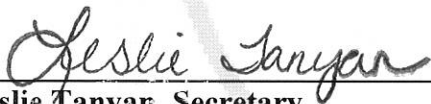
Bernadette Huber spoke to the structure of the positions at the casino.

Ada White spoke to the expectations of tribal members and the treatment of tribal member employees by tribal members.

With there being no further business Ada White motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lori Switch. Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

**We, Gary Pratt, Chairman of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and Leslie Tanyan, Secretary of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above are minutes of a duly called Special General Council Meeting held on March 29, 2014 at the Chena Building and were approved at the General Council meeting held on June 7, 2014 by a vote of 20 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent and 0 abstention.**



**Leslie Tanyan, Secretary  
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma**



**Gary Pratt, Chairman  
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma**