

Minutes of the Delaware Tribal Meeting of March 7, 1952
At the Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Chairman: Brought the house to order at 1:25 P.M. and a hearty welcome was extended to all those present. The next order of business, was the electing of a Corresponding Secretary, in the absence of the Regular Tribal Secretary, who has left this area for work elsewhere out of the state.

Chairman: "The House is now open for the nomination of a corresponding Secretary."

Frank Exendine: "I nominate Henry T. Chisholm."

Chairman: "Is there any more nominations."

Lucille Nestell: "I make a motion that all nominations cease."

Grace Taylor: "I second the motion."

Chairman: motion carried. Mr. Henry T. Chisholm is elected corresponding Secretary-by unanimous vote.

Chairman: Next on our program is the adopting or voting on the Resolution for enrollment. This Resolution reads as follows. "That the Delaware Tribe of Indian's of Western Oklahoma, will give the Tribal Council the power to proceed with the tribal roll."

Chairman: Calls for a vote on the Resolution;
The vote was a majority for the resolution, and none opposing it.

Chairman: In securing a Roll., We must first identify ourselves as the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Western Oklahoma and show we are still and existing tribe. Enrollment will be by application, I have those forms here today. The Chairman Myrtle Holder then reads a letter received from Mr. Schifter, regarding suggestions and rules for enrolling members.

Chairman: We have approximantly six hundred members in our enrollment files of this date, But we have many on jobs and in the Army and eleswhere.

And at the phase of the meeting . Mr. Head and Mr. Mc Nickle arrive from the Area Office.

Chairman: Well I see where Mr. Head our superintendent for this area is with us, so we hear from him at this time.

Mr. Head

Madam Chairman: I shall not take to much of your time as I know you have much to carry out,. So I shall talk a little about this matter regarding of enrollment you are to make, I would like for you to have it worded some like this. QUOTE "I wish acceptance into the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Western Oklahoma and further release from my tribal rights I now hold." end of quote; so this is about all I have to say, except I hope you success in acquiring a roll.

Chairman; I thank for your talk Mr. Head: And now we will call on another speaker we have with us today, a Tribal Relations Officer from the Washington Office,. Mr. Mc Nickles.

Madam Chairman;

In regards to your constitution which is in Washington before the Secretary of Interior for approval, which does not keep you from organizing under your own rules, and does not nesslerly have to

be under the Oklahoma Welfare Act, to be recognized as a tribe and not of a affiliated tribe of the Wichitas, your constitution has been held up for the simple reason that you are not a definite identified tribe of Indians and the Secretary has Lawyers checking into this matter of wheather your tribe is tribe of Delawares who are part of the Affiliated bands belonging to the Wichitas or not, as far as the Caddo's they have been recognized as a tribe and I don't see why you can't be, they have allways have been affiliated with the Wichitas at one time; So as far as the roll is concerned I advice you to go right ahead with it and see that any and all Delawares signed this application for enrollment as soon as possible, and those of you who are on other rolls and wish to be put on the Delaware rolls I suggest you see if the Delawares will first accept you, before you relinquish your other rights in the other tribe, as you know that you will have to get a release from the other tribe before coming into the Delaware Tribe of Indians of western Oklahoma,. So thats about all.

Chairman: We thank you very much Mr. Mc Nickle's when I met Mr. Mc Nickle's yesterday I talked with him on many matters, such as leasing, and having a Credit Fund we could use for our own good, and to help better ourselves, as citizens of today. So I suggest if any of you have any personal problems to ask him, now is the time to do it, for he has only a short stay with us and will be going back to Washington, this week. If there is no questions you wish to ask Mr. Mc Nickle's I shall go on to the next thing on our agenda; And that is to nominate a princess for our coming Fair which will be held from August 18 to the 21st. the electing of a princess will be done by secret ballots. Mr. Alfred Hunter, who is Director of the Delaware Tribe, American Indian Exposition. Girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one years. They must have a good personality and not afraid to talk freely, when spoken to, and can mix well in any crowd, so lets not forget to send in any nominations you might have between now and May 15th. They must have there pictures made to publish in the Fair Annual along with there achievements. This about covers our business for this meeting, so if there is nothing else to be discussed, the house is now open for adjournment.

Jack Mc Lain makes the motion we adjourn.

Ferd Butler, seconded it.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT
WITH 100 ATTENDING:

Corresponding Secretary:

Pres.

Henry T. Christensen

Myrtle Halder