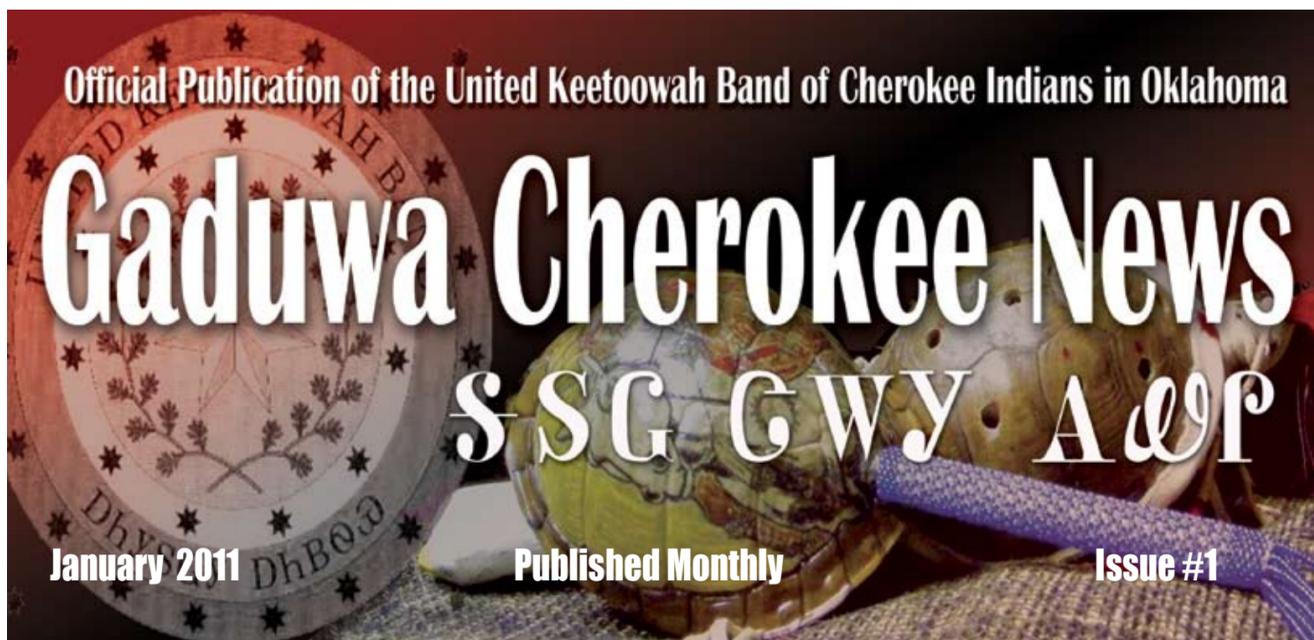


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2010 Year in Review

The year 2010 brought the United Keetoowah Band of the Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma a prosperous year, bringing membership of the tribe to 15,000, the economic impact of the United Keetoowah Band is approximately 240 million dollars, and providing its tribal members with more programs and services. New construction sites were seen on the 76 acre UKB tribal complex, south of Tahlequah which included a Civil Defense station, museum and Community Services Building addition.

A new Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Transit Program was established in January providing transportation for UKB tribal members and the public. UKB also helped the United States Census Bureau in launching their 2010 Census Awareness Campaign. Other services to Keetoowah Cherokee elders and children were given priority by providing them with the continuation of Title VI program, bi-annual Elder Assistance, school clothing vouchers, higher education funding for tribal students as well as providing emergency services for its members.

In the month of March, United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe joined Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Chief Michell Hicks in meeting with Duke Energy President Brett C. Carter and successfully relocating Duke's Tie Station, a power substation planned to be built at Kituwah, the Mother Town of the Cherokee people. Also in March the Keetoowah Cherokees mourned the death of a Cherokee Traditionalist, Hastings Shade.

In early March, half a dozen Keetoowah Cherokee elders were presented with deeds to their homes by the UKB Administration. UKB also hosted the Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce Legislative Focus held in the Jim Proctor Elderly Community Center.

On April 27, 2010 the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma received official announcement from Director, Office of Self-Governance Sharee M. Freeman, Washington, D.C. congratulating the United Keetoowah Band on their approval of Self-Governance. Over 300 children participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt event sponsored by the UKB.

May 18, UKB broke ground on the new John Hair Multi-Purpose Cultural Center Museum on the grounds of the 76 acre tribal complex. The museum is expected to be opened in the spring of 2011. In the May tribal council meeting the UKB tribe received an excellent report on their FY '09 audit report and the Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Veterans Office opened its doors to assist tribal veterans.

Over 100 children from all over the 14 counties ages 8 to 14 years of age, participated in the Day of Champions in June, sponsored by the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. Collegiate, National Football League and NFL players worked with the children to teach them specific skills in strength building, discipline, and



A new sign was placed in front of the United Keetoowah Band Complex which is located just off of west Willis Road. The sign welcomes visitors and tribal members to the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma complex. Photo by Melvin Thomas Jordan

success in life.

Keetoowah Cherokee Elders attended the 4th of July Powwow in Cherokee, N.C. and visited the Mother Town of the Kituwah. The Keetoowah Cherokee Tribal Veterans Office held its first annual Veterans Benefits Day, educating veterans on available services and benefits. The 24th anniversary was celebrated by the Keetoowah Cherokee Casino.

The UKB's first ever Honor Guard held its first public review at the Keetoowah Cherokee Powwow grounds in August. The UKB Honor Guard is available for special events, funerals, powwows and school events by request.

Victory was claimed by the UKB on the September 10, 2010 decision by Bureau of Indian Affairs Assistant Secretary Larry Echo Hawk ending a long and difficult chapter in Keetoowah Cherokee history. Echo Hawk reaffirmed the Keetoowah's ability to obtain and to exercise governmental jurisdiction on its trust land located in the 14 county historic Cherokee areas.

October was a trying time for Keetoowah Cherokee tribal members and administration. UKB tribal members celebrated another successful Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration. At the same time the tribe and its members mourned the passing of Tribal Secretary Liz Littlelaved. In a somber mood, the UKB tribal council held a special meeting to appoint a new Tribal Secretary to fill the vacancy left by Littlelaved. Joyce Hawk, Goingsnake District Representative was appointed as the new Tribal Secretary by the tribal council. William Christie was appointed by the council to fill the seat as Representative for the Goingsnake District. The National Corps of Engineers visited

the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe. UKB came to the aid of 131 families in the Oaks Community by providing them with bottled water when the tribe was informed that an electrical power failure from the community transformer caused the shutdown of Oaks well pumps that feeds water into the community.

Saline District Tribal incumbent Charles Smoke won the election in his district in November, and incumbent Cooweescoowee District Representative Cliff Wofford won the election in that district.

Betty Holcomb, Tahlequah District Representative incumbent, and Tom Duncan candidate for the Flint District, both won their Run-Off election, December 6. An inauguration ceremony will be held for all the newly elected and unopposed District Representatives on January 8 in the Jim Proctor Elderly Community Center.

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma looks forward to an even better year in 2011. With the growth of tribal membership, construction of a new museum, Self-Governance status and the anticipation of Land in Trust approval, the tribe will continue to grow and provide more and better services for its tribal members.

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Veterans Resources Available in Tahlequah

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has a representative available to assist veterans. Jacob Littlelaved is the UKB Tribal Veterans Representative and his office is located in the UKB Wellness Center, located at the UKB Tribal complex on Keetoowah Circle off of West Willis Road in Tahlequah.

Littlelaved is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 4pm assisting veterans with their claims, filing claims and assisting in social security applications. On Wednesdays and Fridays, Littlelaved is at the Veterans Regional Office filing claims or checking on status of claims.

For assistance, please contact Littlelaved at (918) 772-4384.

Littlelaved is also more than willing to attend UKB community meetings and answer any questions tribal members may have. Littlelaved said he makes monthly reports at UKB council meetings and address any issues or concerns members may have. The UKB Tribal Veterans Representative assists ALL veterans, not just tribal members; this is Chief Wickliffe's policy.

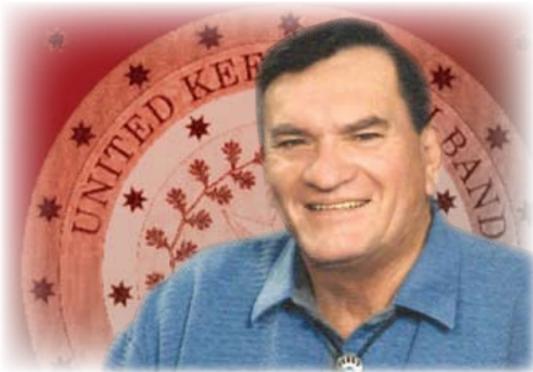
Another source of services for Native American combat veterans is also available in Tahlequah.

Matthew Tiger, readjustment counselor, is available to help with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, other mental health issues dealing with combat, and see families with a combat veteran and help with family bereavement.

Tiger is located in the Human Services department of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma complex outside of Tahlequah on Highway 62.

For more information call Tiger at 1-800-256-0671 ext. 5693 (office), 918-822-2563 (cell) or e-mail him at matthew-tiger@cherokee.org.

A Letter to the UKB People From Chief George Wickliffe



Dear Tribal Members,

The Keetoowah (Nighthawk) has always believed in one Superior Being in Christianity. Our ancestors believed and worshipped God; they always knew him as Yeehoewah, translated in English means the Superior Being.

Please note in the Keetoowah (Nighthawk) Constitution and Bylaws (1889), I. Concerning the Adoption of Christ, September 16, 1936, Buffalo Town, located near the bottom of the constitution, its amendment of the Keetoowah (Nighthawk) Christianity.

KEETOOWAH (Nighthawk) CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (1889)

Here, in Buffalo district, by the chief fire, from the several districts in council assembled, enact according to the seven Great Spirit laws, of the seven, under the seven clans, whereas on April 28, 1859, there was considered and written down in the Cherokee language with Sequoyah's alphabet, the Constitution and bylaws which originated from our forefathers when they used to enjoy the liberty which they had not surrendered. That shall be respected and show the love they had for one another. They met as one at their fire. They smoked the Pipe of Peace to help one another and they held their meeting after, and also provided that we shall continue to amend and affix our bylaws which came down to us from the Keetoowahs far back. When somebody made a talk at a meeting, all as one responded, "wo" (signifying approval). Also they prepared a seal of the society at that time (1876) which is still in existence. There Con-

stitution and Bylaws, still in existence, shall be obeyed. They used to smoke a Pipe of Peace, and that custom shall continue. Also, they had never given it up, and we shall continue their instructions. We shall never give up Keetoowah until all of us join hands and fall to the ground (until we all die). And if anything arises to destroy Keetoowah, we shall all flock together to head it off with all our power.

Whereas, on October 28, 1889, they amended this Constitution providing that we shall continue to amend it, the Chiefs of the Keetoowah approving it. On July 30, 1900, the Keetoowah Council of the seven districts enacted that the Keetoowah Society should be considered as the "Old Treaty People," this restoring the kin clans and placing the seven clan seats around the fires. And they elected chiefs instead of captains.

In August, 1914, the Keetoowahs held a seven-day Council. Each clan elected seven medicine men, and fasted and sat up all night for spiritual information, and who were to look all around and decide where to move, or whether it would be best to move, or stay (in Oklahoma). They decided to remain under the United States Government.

At that time (1914) medicine men discovered that Keetoowah was a religious institution entirely, that the Keetoowah Society with its seven laws was religious. ("Seven laws," so-called because the Council is composed of seven law makers, one from each clan. Seven heavens, seven clans, seven laws, and seven chief fires -- the Cherokee have only one of these.) Therefore, we can see that we will make no mistake in recognizing all these things our forefathers did, so we accept and believe that our forefathers, who lived in the East, the seven Keetoowah medicine men, went to the high peak, prayed and fasted seven days and nights, asking the Great Spirit to give information as to what the future of the Cherokee Indians was to be. On the seventh night, the Great Spirit told them, "You shall be Keetoowahs." This shall be respected by the Keetoowahs. We shall not surrender to anyone, and no one can take Keetoowah away from us. Thus God spoke to us, and it is God's law that the Keetoowah is to be the chief tribe among the American Indians. We must keep God's name for us "Keetoowah" as a holy name and respect it. We shall keep it with all our power. We shall stay independent of all other Indians and factions. Also our clan kin must be respected. This shall be God's law, and it shall be taught to our people at meetings for coming gen-

erations so they will never forget it.

As we see that our forefathers once enjoyed health and prosperity, so shall we lead our people to that end. They grew big and healthy, with good understanding, because they obeyed God's law. God heard their prayers. Therefore, we shall teach our people so that God will hear them. It is plain that they came, united as one, around the fire, smoking. We still have the fire. The Pipe of Peace they used, we still have. We provide now, before we begin to reorganize, that the Chiefs of the seven clans shall smoke the Pipe of Peace; that they shall sit in their clans seats; that the chief medicine men shall prepare the Pipe and tobacco, and if the chief medicine man is not present, then one of the other medicine men shall prepare the Pipe to be smoked. And then the fire keepers shall make the burnt offering. And the fire keepers shall lay four sticks on the altar (four world directions) which shall be burned. Then the Captains shall cause all the members to stand in a square around the altar, the District Chief and his assistant shall stand at the "door" on the west side, and they shall permit only members to pass between them (through the "door") to enter the temple to smoke the Pipe. They shall cause a white smoke to ascend and there shall be four corners around the square and on the east side the Captains shall stand and none but members shall pass through there. If the Captains are not there, the Chiefs shall stand there; all the members, including the women and children with them shall pass through. After they pass through and Captains shall call by the fires, and there shall stand officers such as the council, medicine men, fire keepers, and all other officers shall face the

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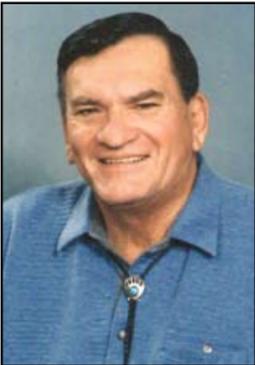
UKB Tahlequah District Social Gathering and Dinner

The Tahlequah District of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma will host a social gathering and meeting on Saturday, January 22 from 1-3 p.m. at the Tahlequah Senior Citizens Center on First Street. Bring a covered dish or dessert. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed. For more information, contact Tahlequah District Representative Betty Holcomb at (918) 822-3805.

Correction: In the December issue of the Gaduwa Cherokee News, in the story "UKB member awarded Purple Heart", an individual was quoted as saying that "she had trouble getting the people in the office to do anything." This statement made was incorrect and taken out of context. The staff of the Gaduwa Cherokee News apologizes for this error.

In fact, Million, a national service officer for the Order of the Purple Heart and the VA office in Muskogee were very helpful to Mr. Charley Hardbarger. His disability claim was successfully processed and Hardbarger received a disability rating of 100 percent within one month of the Muskogee office's filing of the claim. The Gaduwa Cherokee News salutes Charley Hardbarger and men like him who sacrifice so much to serve our country.

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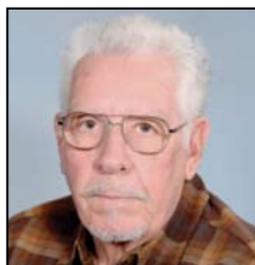
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UKB Council Approves Ad Hoc Committee

A lengthy discussion over allowing relinquished Keetoowah Cherokee tribal members to return to UKB ensued during the December 4, tribal council meeting.

Many UKB tribal members relinquish their membership thinking they will receive better services from other tribes only to be given numerous reasons why they are denied services from those tribes once they have relinquished from UKB. Many of the tribal members are coerced to relinquish then left out there with no services and the United Keetoowah Band cannot help them.

Once they relinquish from the United Keetoowah Band they are not allowed to return to the tribe. Under UKB Enrollment, Section 18 Reinstatement of Membership: Once a member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma relinquishes his or her membership with the Band, as an adult, he/she shall not be eligible for reinstatement as a member of the UKB.

Assistant Chief Charles Locust requested that an Ad Hoc committee be formed to create strict criteria to be chaired by the Tribal Secretary

with the involvement of enrollment. "I think we have to let our people have a chance to return to the United Keetoowah Band. Too many of them are coerced to relinquish from our tribe. Once they leave our tribe they can't come back," stated Assistant Chief Locust.

Assistant Locust entertained a motion to form an Ad Hoc committee, it was seconded and the council voted 10-2 to approve the formation of the committee.

Another motion was made to have the Tribal Secretary chair the enrollment department and Ad Hoc committee. The motion was seconded and the council voted, the motion was unanimously approved.

In other council business, Flint District Representative Woodrow Proctor addressed the council in regards to a bronze plaque which hung in the former Keetoowah Room of the Cherokee Restaurant. Councilman Proctor requested to the UKB Administration to correspond with CNO in regards to having the plaque returned to the tribe to display in the tribe's new museum. A motion was made,

seconded and the council approved the motion.

In New Business, council discussed to vote to approve Joyce Hawk, UKB Tribal Secretary to be the primary signatory for the Indian Preference Letters with Ella Mae Worley, UKB Tribal Treasurer, as alternate signature. Council voted to approve this resolution.

Council made a motion to enter into executive session, which was unanimously approved. After deliberating for 20 minutes council returned to make a motion to return to regular session again with a unanimous vote of approval.

A motion was made to approve a resolution authorizing approval for an execution of a Tobacco Compact with the State of Oklahoma, the motion was seconded. The council voted to approve the motion.

The next UKB tribal council will be January 8, 2010 in the UKB Community Services Building, following the 10 a.m. Inauguration ceremony of the newly elected tribal council, which will be held in the Jim Proctor Elder Community Center at the UKB Tribal Complex in Tahlequah.

From The Chief

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fire. Then the Pipe shall be smoked seven puffs for each person. The Chiefs shall make preparation for medicine to smoked; Chief shall smoke first and hand to another person and turn once around to the north, and all the balance shall do the same. The districts shall prepare in every meeting their fires for their smokes the same as our grandparents had taught the Keetoowahs to do.

If at any time anything occurs to destroy our Government, we are to use all efforts to stop such a threat to our Government, for that reason, we shall continue to keep on as it is written, from now on. For that reason they knew the old law which God made, the law which existed, which we are using, that was the purpose in carrying on the seven laws which belong to God. We, the Keetoowahs, cannot change the laws now and it is plain they have laid down wampum belts of our forefathers, which we can remember and understand and carry on in our Keetoowah Society. And in politics which our United States Government has two parties, Keetoowah Society shall not join in either party; each individual shall have a right to vote for anyone who he may think would be more beneficial, but it is to be understood that we shall not pass upon an act in any way against the Constitution of the United States.

We shall not have two kinds of religion, only Keetoowah religion, which we worship God, and we shall all be loyal to that. If any person shall join any other religious denomination, he shall forfeit his membership to our Keetoowah Society, or if he should join other society which is opposed to our Keetoowah Society, and it is proved that he had, the Captains shall call upon him in a friendly way and ask him if he had done so. They shall endeavor to elevate him if he had done so. They shall endeavor to elevate him back to Keetoowah Society for humanity's sake and, if he refuses, the Chiefs shall call upon the council, and they in turn shall notify the secretary with a written notice to erase his name, and the secretary shall make out a written notice notifying the person that his name had been erased.

We further declare from now on that all new members that become a member of Keetoowah Society, District Chiefs shall file a written application for them. Then the Chiefs of the seven medicine men shall consider the application around their respective fires. If, when duly examined, he passes unanimously by all seven who approved the application, they shall then notify the chief that he had been accepted, or not, as the case may be. And if the district does not have seven medicine men, the Chiefs of the Society considers the application and if they approve him, then the application shall be turned back to the district to where the application came from with a notice of their decision. If he is accepted, he shall come to the Fire to be initiated. They shall stand where there are four corners, all members including women and children. The Principal Chiefs shall attend and stand on the east side. Second Chiefs shall stand on the west side and the Captain shall lead him through, and the second Chief shall accept him. The Chief then shall lead him toward the fire. Then the fire keeper shall accept him. Then the Captain shall lead him toward the Principal Chief, bring him to where he stood and shall be accepted there and instruct him. He shall prove that he had joined of his own accord, and after his

acceptance then the Captains shall lead him seven times around the fire and then he shall be shown to his clansman seat. He shall then be placed among all the members standing and they shall all shake his hand accepting him as a member. His application shall state where his clan is, his age, showing he is not a member of any religious denomination. After his acceptance, the secretary shall write his name, if he has any children or just a wife; he shall enroll them giving their age, their clan, showing they were not members of any other religious denomination.

The names of all the members of Keetoowah Society shall be kept by the districts; the secretary shall keep in his original book the names of all the members in the district; only Indians shall be members of this Keetoowah Society. Officers shall be appointed just the same way as enrolling the members. The Captains, caller, speaker, and Chief may appoint them. There shall be so many of the Officers of the Society and the districts as are designated by the following:

1. Chief and Assistant Chief
2. Medicine Men consisting of Seven Clans, Seven in number
3. Council, Consisting of Seven Clans, Seven in number
4. Treasurer of the Society
5. Secretary of the Society
6. Interpreter
7. Keetoowah Speaker, who interprets the purpose of the Keetoowah Society (He shall be an executive to the Chief)

The District Officers:

1. District Chief and Assistant District Chief
2. Council, Seven in Number, Members of Seven Clans
3. Medicine Men, Seven in Number, Members of Seven Clans
4. Treasurer
5. Captains, to be designated in number by Chiefs
6. Three Fire Keepers
7. Secretary

All officers who had been designated when they become seventy years old, he shall retire from office. No person shall be eligible who is not an Indian or speaks the Cherokee language.

Duties of the Principal Chief:

1. He shall have power to decide all questions arising under their society.
2. He shall call annual meetings every year at the large fire, second Monday in September.
3. He shall be the head of the whole society.

The second Chief shall join in deciding questions pertaining to Keetoowah Society, such as instructions to the council or medicine men. To consider anything, both Chief and Vice-Chief must recommend it to the council at the annual council meeting. The Chiefs shall open the meeting by ascending the white smoke. The medicine Chief shall distribute the medicine to the members.

Any act passed by the council, the Chiefs shall refer it to the medicine Chief to be considered by his cabinet. If they find a mistake, then the bill be returned back for correction. Any act passed by both council and medicine board, then Chief shall consider the bill. If they find a mistake, then the bill shall be returned to the medicine board for correction. Any act passed by the council and medicine

board, the Chiefs shall approve and have signed by their secretary. If the secretary is absent, the Chiefs shall appoint one to act at this one meeting, and also any of members of council or medicine board, the Chief shall appoint someone eligible for their place. The Principal Chief shall be the custodian of all records of the Keetoowah Society.

Duties of the Vice-Chief

At the annual meetings or at special council meeting, if the Chief is absent so he can't attend the meetings, the Vice-Chief shall go ahead with the work to be done at the meeting. Any act passed during the meeting, the Chief shall consider the resolutions. If he finds them correct, then he can approve them. Or if the Chief dies or resigns or is expelled or moved from office, the Vice-Chief shall become Chief temporarily until the Chief is properly elected. Then Vice-Chief shall cause one to be elected.

The Chiefs shall be empowered for them to appoint someone eligible as a spokesman who shall have a right and a voice in any consideration concerning the Society. He shall be a well posted up and experienced man, able to explain the bylaws and constitution and to aid the Chiefs in any way.

And at the annual council or meetings before adjourning, the Chiefs and the spokesman or someone designated shall make talks to the people and each one afterward makes a talk, then all as one respond, "wo" as appreciation. In adjourning all the members must stand around the fire in a square, women and children included. The Chiefs shall perform their duties by announcements and good advice to the members. After they are through, then all shake hands as our forefathers used to do. The town or district council or meeting shall do the same. And before adjourning the Chiefs shall recommend to the medicine board to consider the place or town or district to meet again next year. The place must be unanimously agreed upon. The Chiefs of the Society, thirty days before the annual council, shall give a written notice to the district Chiefs asking them to correct some means for the benefit of the grand council Also the district Chiefs shall prepare a written report to the grand council meeting as to how their district fire is progressing. Whether increased or decreased in number of membership. They shall make their report to the council and the Chiefs. They may turn the money over to the Chief directly. The secretary shall make a record of it.

It is further provided that any act or resolution shall be unanimously passed when the act or resolution is up to the Chiefs to consider. The spokesman shall have a voice in considering the same. In approving any act of councils, resolutions, the secretary shall sign with the Chiefs, and there shall be a seal provided. The seal shall be stamped on all Chiefs' approvals, and also on the correspondence. It shall be further provided that if there is any important matter before the Chiefs, they may call a special council any time and they may call the medicine board together. It shall be further provided that every year the Chiefs and the spokesman and the medicine board must visit all the fires and explain to the members about how the Keetoowah Society is getting along. However, if the Chiefs see fit to postpone the visits, they shall have the power to, and the medicine Chief shall distribute the medicine to the members, and also give them a spirit treatment at the water. The members must make a little donation to the medicine board to show their appreciation.

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UKB Executive Director of Tribal Operations Tim Good Voice, standing left; and Federal Programs Director Bryan Shade, standing right; watch as Chief Wickliffe, seated left; and David Lindsey, seated right; with the Master's Transportation Inc., finalizes the purchase transaction for the transit busses.



Members of the National Corps of Engineers visited and toured the Keetoowah Cherokee tribe in November. The UKB hosted the Corps of Engineers members with a reception and tour of the tribal complex. Pictured is Albert Shade, Indian bow maker and craftsman, as he shows his handcrafted arrows to members of the Corps.



United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees Chief George Wickliffe meets with Duke Energy President Brett C. Carter during a hearing at the Eastern Band of Cherokees Council house. Special Photo by Eastern Band of Cherokees Lynne Harlan.



The United Keetoowah Band presented housing deeds to tribal elders in March. Elders receiving their housing deeds were front row, left to right, Susie Riddle, Molly Washington and Ora Owl. Back row, left to right, family members of Geneva Proctor, UKB Assistant Chief Charles Locust, Go Back Sanders, Nathan Christie, and UKB Chief George Wickliffe.



Over 300 youths participated in this year's UKB Annual Easter Egg Hunt, on the grounds of the Keetoowah Cherokee Complex just south of Tahlequah. Three thousand plastic Easter eggs were filled with candy and great prizes were given the lucky children who found the Chief's and Assistant Chief's eggs in each age category.



The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma received official announcement from the Director, Office of Self-Governance Sheree M. Freeman, Washington, D. C. on April 27, 2010 congratulating the United Keetoowah Band on their approval to Self-Governance.



Sherri Mouse, United Keetoowah Band tribal member and Henry Lee Doublehead Child Development Center employee, paints the finishing touches on an outside window pane to her new home built by volunteers of the Habitat for Humanity Program.



Dustin Perry, Assistant Strength Coach Washington Redskins, works with UKB youth in their strength skills during the camp. Coaches from across the nation attended the camp teaching health, fitness, discipline and respect during the one-day, "Day of Champions" camp, sponsored by the United Keetoowah Band.

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Keetoowah Cherokee elders visited the Kituwah Mound, Mother Town of the Cherokees, near Bryson City, N.C. Pictured with the elders is Cherokee Historian Thomas Belt, far left, along with a couple of Eastern Band Cherokee tribal members.



Officials from the Veterans Affairs, National Cemeteries, State of Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs and Disabled American Veterans were on hand to answer questions and provide vital information on health care and benefits to veterans at the UKB Tribal Veterans Office sponsored event.



The Keetoowah Cherokee Casino celebrated its 24th Anniversary. Established as one of the first bingo halls in the state of Oklahoma, later adding Class II electronic games, the UKB tribe is grateful for having a casino establishment such as this.



Adjutant Norman "Hominy" Littledave, Air Force veteran and Jacob Littledave, Marine Corps veteran and a three Purple Heart recipient, stand at attention as they salute along with other UKB Honor Guards during a special ceremony held at the Keetoowah Cherokee powwow grounds.



United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe reads a decision from Assistant Secretary Larry Echo Hawk on his decision on UKB's land-in-trust application to the district representatives during the September Council meeting. "It's a big victory for the United Keetoowah Band...", stated Chief Wickliffe.



Al Midkiff, Regional AIAM Program Director for the Kansas City Region, presented United Keetoowah Band Chief George Wickliffe a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Census Bureau. The Bureau recognized the UKB as a valued partner in raising awareness of and inspiring participation in the 2010 Census.



Attending Royalty was on hand to congratulate the new Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, Vera Rooster, and Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee, Martha McCarter.



Joyce Hawk takes oath of office from UKB Justice Lynn Burris for her appointment for Tribal Secretary, during the Special Meeting held Tuesday, October 26.



Royalty from all tribes attended last year's Gathering of Nations in New Mexico. Pictured with several tribal royalties are 2009 Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Victoria Proctor, third from right; and 2009 Junior Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Alyssia Jones, far right.



UKB maintenance worker, Adam Chuculate, helps an Oaks resident load bottled water into their vehicle during a water shortage due to a electrical failure to the community water pump system leaving Oaks community without water.

From The Chief

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The Chiefs, in talking to the members through the night performance, must instruct the members or all present that they must take care of all belongings and property that are on the ground, and if anyone should find it there on the ground, they must turn it over to the Chiefs and they shall announce to the people that so-and-so has been found so that the owner can come and the same can be turned over to him. Also they must advise everyone present on the ground against intoxicating liquors, against gambling with such as cards or marbles, pitching of rocks or horse shoes, and shooting corn stalks. All this must be strictly forbidden around the fires, and it shall be further forbidden to mix the fiddle dance with anything which is done for the Keetoowah purpose. It is provided further that, if possible, meats shall be provided for the Keetoowah council to distribute to each of the camp fires of the members.

Duties of the Medicine Men

The duties of the medicine men are to work for peace and for the sake of humanity; to work in favor of the Great Spirit; to guide the Chiefs spiritually all around them, and to guide the Keetoowah Government to the surroundings. If they see anything, then they shall report to the Chiefs and whatever the Chiefs may recommend to them they shall take it into spiritual consideration for the best interest of the government and its members.

Duties of the Council

The Chiefs may recommend any law to be enacted upon or passed, and in passing upon any act, it shall be passed unanimously, then forwarded to the Chiefs. They then present it before the medicine board for spiritual consideration. If they approve of such act, then with the Chief's approval and the attending of this Secretary with the official seal, it shall become law.

Duties of the Treasurer

He shall be custodian of all monies belonging to the Society. He shall keep a record of all collections and expenditures of all monies. He must do all business through the Chief. He shall receipt to the Chief all monies received. When the Council appropriates money for any purpose, he shall pay the amount demanded and make a record as to what it is for. At every annual council he must make a report of all monies received and expanded by him, as well as how much he has on hand. After the council hears his report, a record must be made by the secretary of its approval of the treasurer's acts. The treasurer must be bonded by two good and responsible men who will be responsible for his acts if he should misuse the money in some way. His bondsmen shall have the right to look into his records at any time. If they should find where he has misappropriated the funds, they shall make an immediate report to the Chief, who shall take charge of the office and the funds until the council meeting. The Chief then shall summon the treasurer before the council, who will demand that he make an accounting. If they should find anywhere he has misappropriated the Keetoowah funds, then the treasurer and his bondsmen shall satisfy the Chief and Council by replacing the money or amount misused.

Duties of the Secretary

He shall have charge of the Societies procedures records of all the meetings, annual councils, and the roll of all members, and all funds appropriated by the council; he must record and how such funds were used. He shall act for the council meetings and be empowered to deputize as many as necessary to assist him during the meeting.

Duties of Spokesman

He shall assist the Chiefs in discussing any question arising in regard to the Keetoowah Society. He shall be a member of the cabinet. He shall have a voice in considering any resolution drawn up by the secretary, or records that come up to the Chiefs to consider. He shall study the constitution and bylaws and understand them so that any time that any question may come up, he may be able to answer.

Duties of the Interpreter

He shall speak both Cherokee and English

well so that he can translate the records and correspondence, interpret from Cherokee into English, and interpret English into Cherokee.

Duties of the Captains (Mangers of the District Fires)

They shall be under the direction of the district Chiefs and shall be their servants. Any orders given by the Chiefs to the Captains to do or manage, such as a "working" or at a council meeting, if directed duly to do anything, they must do so. Any enforcement of the Government, such as announcement, if any of the members are sick, it shall be the Captain's duty to assist in any way they can, if the patient so desires, and if any member should die, they shall cause all the neighbors to gather at the place, and if the family haven't provisions enough on hand or are unable to get any, they shall cause to be collected enough to carry through until the funeral is over with, and they shall notify the district Chiefs to come and take charge of the funeral with the Captains. They shall select seven men to handle the corpse. Before carrying it to the grave, they shall take white cloth strips tied over their shoulders and down across their chests. When all are ready to go, the Chiefs or Captains or some selected person may make talks when they arrive with the corpse at the cemetery. Before opening the coffin they must have talks by someone who may be chosen. Then after the talks the coffin shall be opened for anyone to see the corpse for the last time. When the corpse is lowered down into the grave, the Chiefs or Captains may announce to perform as our forefathers practiced; each one taking a handful of dirt and throwing it in to bid farewell for the last time. The relatives go first, then the clan kin. After the funeral the managers announce or cause for all the neighbors to collect themselves the next day where the death took place, the men clean the yard and get wood and water for the women to clean the clothes, floors, and chairs. Then all leave.

It shall be further provided every year we shall meet at our beloved ones' graves and have memorial services and decorate the graves; and before the decoration day we shall clean up the graves.

Duties of Fire Keepers

When the Chiefs set the time to meet at the square ground, they shall notify the chief fire keeper to make a fire on the morning of the meeting to be held, and the fire must be started with flint rock and sponge. When the meeting is in session or the worship being held, the fire keepers must keep up the fire. They shall be the ones to feed the fire. In feeding the fire they must pray for a Blessing, then the Chiefs do the same. They ask a Blessing and any one of the members may also, who wish to do so. When the chiefs decide what to get for the burnt offering, the fire keepers must try and get it.

Duties of the District Chiefs

They shall be under the direction of the Principal Chiefs. The council resolutions or laws passed, the sub-Chiefs shall enforce them. They shall superintend their districts, and they must hold or call meetings at the square ground often. Every month the fire keepers must make the burnt offerings at the fire and they shall cause the medi-

cine men to prepare medicine to distribute to the members there by the fireside.

It shall be understood that the purpose of the meetings at the square ground is to hold the ceremonials, sing the Great Spirit songs, and call on Him in prayer through the fire. A pole must be set up, about the yard for the ball play at the chief fire. An artificial fish must be placed at the end of the pole on top and a round ball must be placed on top of the poles at the balance of the fires. The men shall have pole sticks and the women shall play with their hands. They shall draw a line from the pole in any direction and for any length which they wish. When they hit the ball or fish, it will count seven scores, and there will be a mark half way up the pole and when they hit above the mark it will count two scores. They will not mark scores until they hit twice. On one side of the line the men will mark their scores on their side and on the other side of the line, the women will make record of their scores. Before hoisting up the ball or beginning to play ball, the Chiefs or Captains shall talk advising them to be careful with one another and not get mad. On the seventh game they must have a feast on the square ground. Whatever the Chiefs decide to get to make soup for the feast, they shall try and get it. Also they will announce what they will get to make bread with. As soon as the ball is hoisted up they must yell, when having a love feast they must all eat together. The Chiefs, just before eating shall instruct the people. Every member, before eating, must take a little of each kind of food, which is to be eaten, and throw it on the ground. The food must be laid on the mother earth's breast.

The Election of Officers

Each clan shall choose its medicine man to represent it, also one council man. In electing Chiefs, the seven clans will nominate as many men as they think would make good chiefs. Then the medicine council will spiritually choose one, unanimously.

The Interpreter

The Chiefs shall have the power to select one for the purpose, who shall guide us in our government which our Heavenly Father has granted us and bestowed upon us as an elder brother of the race, the seven-law religion. Those which have obeyed and went accordingly shall win here on earth as well as in heaven.

It shall be further provided that Sequoyah, the Cherokee alphabet inventor, shall be highly regarded as essential on July 19, the Keetoowah day, and birthday of our late Chief, Red Bird Smith. The annual celebration shall have a memorial serious service for them. All the time it is true we haven't got the correct date of Sequoyah's birth. Also it shall be further provided that the chiefs shall cause each district to raise home-grown tobacco for medicine.

It is further provided, that if any of the officers are suspected of doing wrong, the Chiefs or the Captains shall summon him to appear before them by the fire side. They shall talk to him. If he had made mistake for the sake of humanity in a kind way, they must handle him to restore him to his duties, for him to do right. If they cannot reason with him to do right, then the Chiefs shall

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United Keetoowah Title VI Nutrition Menu Jan. 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Closed for Holiday 	4 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Caesar Salad Dessert	5 Brown Beans Hominy Galley Chips Cornbread	6 Shepherds Pie Broccoli Poppers Breadsticks Salad & Dessert	7 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
10 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Tom/zucchini Texas Toast	11 Beef Stew Hominy Cornbread Crackers Salad	12 Super Baked Potatoes w/Fixins Asparagus Cheese Biscuits	13 Tuna Casserole Cauliflower Hot Rolls Salad & Dessert	14 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
17 Closed for MLK Day 	18 White Beans w/ Ham Turnip Greens Galley Chips Cornbread Salad	19 Chicken Corn Chowder Sweet Potatoes Breadsticks Salad	20 Beer Battered Cod Rice Pilaf Corn Hushpuppies	21 Brunch Served from 10:30-12:00
24 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Tomato Soup Salad & Dessert	25 Boiled Cabbage w/ Kielbasa Black-eyed Peas Texas Toast	26 Chicken Pot Pie Rice Broccoli Salad Jell-o Rolls	27 Cultural Day & January B-days 	28 Closed For Cleaning 
31 Taco Salad Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salad & Dessert				

UKB Regular November Council Meeting Minutes

**UKB Regular Monthly Council Meeting
At the UKB Community Services Building
November 6, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

I. Call to order by Chief George Wickliffe

II. Invocation: Sammy Still

III. Roll Call: 8 + Chief answered Roll Call (Sacks absent)

IV. Chief's Address

- Spoke of all the negotiations we have with Washington. It is very important that we make decisions quickly so as not to cause delay in those negotiations. Council stood by and followed the Constitution. We did the right thing.

- I issued an executive order as far as signatures go, due to the loss of Liz Littledeave. The tribe is moving forward. We needed important documents signed by certain individuals so I issued the order. We were then told that we needed to send a resolution with current signatories. So I called a special/emergency Council meeting. I am allowed to do this according to our Constitution. We met and made our decision, Council voted on it. We did this so we could keep the tribe operating properly.

(C. Wofford and J. Hansen arrived at 10:10 AM)

- Today we will appoint a replacement for the Goingsnake District Council position. There are individuals who have contacted us and said they are interested in the position. We invited them to come and present themselves to Council today.

- We will do a secret ballot vote. We will provide paper for Council and a box in which votes will be placed. We have Election Board members here. They will count the votes. The person with the most votes will take the Goingsnake Council seat. This person will be sworn in today and immediately join Council.

- So we will now allow those individuals who are interested in the vacant Council seat to introduce themselves to Council.

Donna Shockley:

Her home is in the middle of the Goingsnake district.

She has worked hand-in-hand with UKB. She has volunteered out at the round house with some of the court cases.

She has worked with Joyce and Woodrow in the Stilwell office.

She gave each Council member a copy of her résumé and a brief synopsis of her current project.

She has a Bachelor's degree in social work and is currently getting her Master's in criminal justice.

Sharon Collins:

Lives in Stilwell

She has been a member for 5-6 years

She knows Joyce and Woodrow

She has kept up with events within the tribe.

She just wants to help our people.

Lawrence Panther:

I am in my second year at NSU

I speak fluent Cherokee

I believe in the UKB traditions.

I believe we need to educate our younger generations in our culture and teach them our language.

I believe in helping all UKB members.

Willie Christie:

I previously ran against Joyce Hawk for the Goingsnake district Council seat.

I like helping every kind of UKB member.

I used to help set up the FEMA trailers and I loved to see the elders' faces and hear their gratitude. It brings me joy to be able to help our people.

Marcella Foreman:

Lives in Oaks

Worked closely with Joyce

She is a cultural specialist.

She has organized fundraisers to help people.

She just wanted to do her part to help the tribe.

Joyce Hawk:

Presented another individual who was not present.

Sonya Cochran asked for her name to be presented for vote.

Chief Wickliffe:

The names on the board will be voted on by Council.

Lets bring in the paper and box for our secret ballot vote.

Norma Jimerson from the Election Board and Bryan Shade, Federal Programs Director, will count the votes for us.

Round 1 results:

Donna Shockley – 2

Sharon Collins – 2

Lawrence Panther – 1

Willie Christie – 3

Marcella Foreman – 0

Sonya Cochran – 2

Chief Wickliffe:

Okay we will now vote on those individuals who received 2 and 3 votes.

Round 2 results:

Donna Shockley – 3

Sharon Collins – 2

Willie Christie – 4

Sonya Cochran – 1

Chief Wickliffe:

Okay we will now vote on the two individuals who received 3 and 4 votes.

Final results:

Donna Shockley – 4

Willie Christie – 6

Chief Wickliffe:

Willie Christie has received the most votes from Council.

Council will now make a motion to approve the results of the secret ballot vote and appoint him as the Goingsnake district representative.

Willie Christie:

Announced he worked part time with the Natural Resources department.

Since he had been voted in the Council seat he wishes to resign from his part time job with the UKB, effective immediately, so that he can take his place with Council today.

MOTION by Charles Locust to accept Willie Christie as the Goingsnake District Representative in accordance with the results of the secret ballot vote of Council; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

Chief Wickliffe:

Willie Christie will now be sworn in as the Goingsnake District Representative. We do have one of our judges here for this.

Willie will also take the oath again in January because the Goingsnake District was unopposed.

Barry Dotson:

Stood and thanked everyone for organizing the secret ballot vote and operating it properly.

V. Approval of the minutes for the month of October 2010 (Regular and Special Meetings)

1. MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to approve the Regular Council minutes of October 9, 2010; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

2. MOTION by Ella Mae Worley to approve the Special Council minutes of October 26, 2010; SECONDED by Jerry Hansen; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

VI. Presentations -

1. Rick Glory:

I need a resolution for our Control Schedule in the Roads Department. I need this by November 22, 2010.

This is a yearly resolution.

Charles Locust:

Asked how Council goes about getting a road put on our roads priority list and how often can we add roads.

Rick Glory:

All you have to do is submit the name of the road and verification as to why it needs improvement.

We can add all through the year. The due date is March of each year. All Council needs to do is contact me.

Woodrow Proctor:

Does Council have the authority to change the priority list of roads?

Rick Glory:

Yes Council can change the list, by vote of Council.

Rick discussed the roads that will tie into our own roads down by Federal Programs. There is a school being built across from our Civil Defense Station. The city will build a road that will tie into our road.

MOTION by Woodrow Proctor to approve the five (5) year (2011-2015) T.I.P. presented by UKB Roads Department which includes the following projects: West Willis Road, Green Country Extension North, Louie Griffin Circle (Proposed Road) and the Museum Parking Lot; SECONDED by Cliff Wofford; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

2. Hominy Littledeave and Jacob Littledeave:

Spoke about the Veteran Program
Hominy thanked Council for allowing the veterans to have an office to serve from.

Jacob Littledeave introduced himself to Council and shared his background.

There were approximately 150 veterans and family members at the annual veteran's banquet this year.

They announced a few events upcoming for the UKB Honor Guard.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We do have positions on the Honor Guard available if you know any veterans who are interested.

Our annual luncheon was a big success. We had an enormous response from agencies. Claims were filed that very same day.

We will be happy to attend your district meetings. Call us if you have any questions.

3. Barry Dotson:

Asked if Council could be provided with a list of individuals, sorted according to district, who have been given assistance. He said he does not know who is being given assistance.

Chief Wickliffe:

We have to abide by confidentiality laws/rules.

We can't risk any lists being copied and distributed.

It would be possible for Council members to come into the office and look at specifics according to his/her districts.

Betty Holcomb:

Asked about Cheryl Sequichie's report. She said there was a list of people who visited with Cheryl about assistance.

Joyce Hawk:

Clarified that the list of names was basically a sign-in sheet. Those people came in to talk to Cheryl about assistance. There are not dollar amounts or any indication that those individuals received assistance.

VII. Reports to Council

1. Enrollment Report: Joyce Hawk

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to accept and approve 22 new applicants for UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

MOTION by Cliff Wofford to acknowledge and honor 9 membership relinquishments from UKB tribal enrollment; SECONDED by Barbara Girty; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

DISCUSSION:

Woodrow Proctor:

• Discussed the policies regarding assistance and exclusive members. We have people who are dual enrolled. How do we resolve this? I'm just making sure our exclusive members are not being cheated out of assistance by those who are dual enrolled.

Chief Wickliffe:

• Those individuals who are dual enrolled do not get services.
• We have policies specifically outlined.
• These policies were approved by the Muskogee Regional office.
• We talked to Artman about these issues.
• We must follow the policies exactly.
• We are communicating with CNO enrollment office so we can verify if questionable individuals are dual enrolled.

Charles Locust:

• We've talked to Artman regarding exclusive membership.
• The government was trying to make sure tribes were not double dipping from federal funds.
• They didn't want the same people to go back and forth from tribe to tribe and get services from both tribes. They were trying to make it fair for everyone. This is why we started doing exclusive membership.
• The hard part is that CNO allows dual enrollment and lets people go back and forth.
• We are already ahead of the game when it comes to duplicating services. We do not allow it. We have been abiding by the exclusive membership rules for many years now.

Chief Wickliffe:

• We don't allow dual enrollment. We don't allow individuals to come back once they have relinquished. If an individual is dual enrolled they do not receive services.

Joyce Hawk:

• We have contacts at different agencies, including our own, who provide the same services. We are able to pick up the phone and call these agencies and determine if individuals are dual enrolled or if they have received the same services we provide. We are trying to tighten our belts by communicating with other agencies.

Bryan Shade:

• Agreed with and elaborated on what Charles Locust and Joyce Hawk said.

• One thing we've done to try to protect the resources we have for our people is scheduling home visits with tribal members. We send a representative from our office as well as request a representative from CNO's office. This keeps people from telling one agency one thing and telling another agency something different.

Charles Smoke:

• Asked if those people who did relinquish from UKB because they couldn't get services from UKB or because they were promised certain things from other tribes would be allowed to return.

Chief Wickliffe:

• We have no provision for individuals to come back once they have relinquished.

2. Elder Applications: Joyce Hawk

- Presented each Council member with elder assistance applications and a calendar

VIII. Public Forum

1. Donna Shockley: commented regarding the dual enrollment issue. She gave Council a suggestion as how to resolve the issue.

2. Robert Whitekiller: announced the Elder Luncheon would be on the third Saturday of November.

3. Woodrow Proctor: Asked about FEMA trailers. People are asking why the trailers aren't being moved out faster.

Bryan Shade: These are now GSA's responsibility. FEMA assigned GSA to distribute them.

Home visits are being completed to determine the needs of individuals.

Housing staff are looking through applications to determine who has the greatest need.

We have to follow the NAHASDA guidelines since NAHASDA funds were used to procure the trailers.

We have approximately 7-8 trailers left.

We are assigning these trailers to those individuals who are most needy.

Charles Locust:

Housing is currently being evaluated.

We are looking at some of the things we are practicing to make sure they follow our current guidelines. We are trying to determine if changes need to be made.

LENGTHY DISCUSSION:

Talked about previous housing issues and how we lost our funding due to mismanagement of a previous administration.

Discussed what we had to do to get our funding back.

IX. Unfinished Business – NONE

X. New Business

1. NCAI Resolution – Elizabeth Bird

MOTION by Charles Locust to approve the UKB membership in and the delegate and alternates for tribal voting in the National Congress of America Indians (NCAI) Meetings; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).
LENGTHY DISCUSSION: regarding Jerry Hansen's personal, family issue.

2. Elder Survey – Rebecca Dreadfulwater

MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve and authorize participation in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders," which is done every three (3) years; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

3. Title VI Grant, Part A & Part C – Rebecca Dreadfulwater
MOTION by Jerry Hansen to approve the submission of an application authorizing participation in Title VI, Part A or Part C or Title VI, Part A and Part C for the grant period of April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014; SECONDED by Willie Christie; VOTE: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions (Sacks absent).

4. Christmas Gift Cards: Betty Holcomb

Media asked about the dates and locations

Joyce Hawk:

Explained the process of gift card distribution

Asked Council to write dates/locations/times for gift card distribution

No vote was necessary for this agenda item, we just need to give the media department a calendar of dates/times/locations.

I am passing a December calendar for each Council member to write their dates/times/locations on.

XI. Announcements

XII. Benediction: Jerry Hansen

XIII. Adjourn:

MOTION by Charles Locust; SECONDED by Charles Smoke; Approve by affirmation: 1:00 PM

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recommend to the council to suspend him from office. The council, by resolution, may suspend him or put him out of office, notifying him with a note written by the secretary. The secretary shall hand the notice to him in person. After the first offense, if his conduct seems to be reformed, he can fill another position. Each fire or square ground shall be a district and the district officers should live there. In short of any of the grand officers, the Chiefs can temporarily fill the position.

It shall be the duties of the district Chiefs to see that Sequoyah's alphabet be taught at the square grounds. They shall appoint someone to teach, then the teacher can pick a time when to have a school.

And when a child is born, the Chiefs shall be notified at once, then they shall have the medicine men go with them to visit the child and make medicine for blessing. The fire keeper shall build a fire at the square ground and ask the Great Spirit to bless the child so it can grow and be a wise and useful person.

Of the bylaws and constitution, as soon as passed by the council and approved by the Chiefs, shall become law. Any member who should have a falling-out or difficulty, or anyone who may get out of order, making bad talks and threatening the Chiefs and Captains must give him good talks and kindness and settle the matter for him.

(Signed) Alex Deerinwater, Chairman of Council
(Signed) Osie Hogshooter, Secretary

Approved by the Chiefs

(Signed) Sam Smith, Principal Chief
(Signed) William Rogers, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Osie Hogshooter, Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

I. Concerning the Adoption of Christ, September 16, 1936, Buffalo Town

Today, Keetoowah Society of the several town, seven clan council assembled, hereby amend its constitution so that from now on it shall be this way: Whereas, since we find Jesus Christ was born here on earth, the son of God. He shall be accepted by the Keetoowahs. But he shall not

be accepted completely according to the Bible. But whereas John the Baptist, has said when he was baptizing some of his followers, "It's true I'm going to baptize you with water now. There's one coming after me who is mightier than I am. I'm not even worthy to bear his shoes. When he comes, he will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and the FIRE." We see furthermore, when Christ came, when he went into Solomon's temple, he found the money exchangers there inside the temple and he drove them out. They had several kinds of animals and birds there for sale, to be used for sacrifice in the fire. He told them, "This is not for to make money. It's for the Lord's work." Also he told them, "I didn't come here to destroy the law. I come here to fulfill it." Therefore, we, the Indians (Keetoowahs) have the FIRE, and the Holy Ghost was given us, and we can see that the taking in of our new members and the escorting of them around the FIRE seven times represents the FIRE Baptism. (Since Christ baptized by fire, he was therefore essentially a Keetoowah, and so he should be accepted in Keetoowah religion.)

(Signed) Sam Smith, Principal Chief
(Signed) John R. Smith, Asst. Chief
(Signed) William Rogers, Vice-Chief
(Signed) John Johnston, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Dave Bush, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Tom Smith, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Stoke Smith, Vice-Chief

Attested by (Signed) Adam Hendricks, Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSITUTION

II. Concerning the Establishment of Cooperative Farm Groups, Buffalo Town, September 15, 1936

We, the seven clan council of the Keetoowah Society assembled, here by the chief fire, enact or amend as follows: Here before was enacted a resolution which shall be fully enforced (done in 1935). Each community of the Keetoowah Society, even if there are just four families, shall organize a club, which shall appoint two leaders, also a secretary, to plant as much as three acres in a crop, to put in corn for bread purposes, or other crops which they may agree on to plant. In each community they must enroll every family, their ages and clan also. Any member who lives too far to come to the work, if he is well physically, shall pay \$2.00 to his nearest club, and shall then have the right to collect from the crop. He must be a man at the age of twenty-one before they can col-

lect from him. The money he pays to the farming club must be used there by the club to buy seed, repair plows, or for any expense in making the crop. If they have any money left, these leaders must keep it, to be written down by the secretary and treasurer. The members of the club then must be used in the manner which they agree upon themselves. It shall belong to those who have worked and made it. And if any of it is sold, one-tenth of the money must be turned over to the Keetoowah Society for the benefit of the entire member of the Society. If any of the members shall not obey this resolution, any of the members of the town council shall investigate, and if it proves out that they have violated this resolution, then they report this to the Chiefs of the society. The Chiefs shall investigate again. If they find them guilty of this, the Chiefs and secretary must sign their names with the Keetoowah seal to a paper. They shall then be notified in writing that they have been expelled. The clubs of several communities shall make a report to the general council every year, how it is prospering.

Approved by:

(Signed) Sam Smith, Principal Chief
(Signed) John R. Smith, Asst. Chief
(Signed) Will Rogers, Vice-Chief
(Signed) John Johnson, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Dave Bush, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Tom Smith, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Stoke Smith, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Adams Hendricks, Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSITUTION

III. Concerning Officers, Buffalo Town March 12, 1932

We, the seven clan council assembled, by the original organization of Keetoowah, hereby enact: Whereas, the law specifies that an officer can't hold but one office, it shall be hereby amended to withdraw that law.

Approved by:

(Signed) Sam Smith, Principal Chief
(Signed) John R. Smith, Asst. Chief
(Signed) William Rogers, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Lincoln Towie, Vice-Chief
(Signed) John Johnson, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Tom Smith, Vice-Chief
(Signed) Stoke Smith, Vice-Chief
(Signed) John R. Smith, Temporary Clerk

Legal Notice

If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA, You Could Receive Benefits from a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

What does the Settlement provide?

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys' fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

Track A – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

Track B – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys' fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

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